



ACADEMIC POLICY COMMITTEE
Minutes of Meeting

Date: Thursday April 9, 2026
Time: 9:00am-10:30am
Location: Room 209 Assumption Hall and via MS Teams

PRESENT: Nadia Azar, Isabelle Barrette-Ng (Chair), Hisham Barkarat Juliet Bushi, Geoff Callaghan Saveena Chawla, Eahab Elsaid, Muharem Kianieff, Erika Kustra, Adam Mulcaster, Kristina Nikolova, Gina Pittman, Jessica Raffoul, Chitra Rangan, Jacqueline Stagner, Dora Strelkova.

ABSENT: Nivithan Karalasingam (regrets).

IN ATTENDANCE: Edward Cruz (item 5.2), Marie Campagna and Rachel McRae (Item 5.1); Alison Zilli (Associate University Secretary).

1 Approval of Agenda

MOTION: That the agenda be approved.

Adam Mulcaster/Erika Kustra
CARRIED

2 Minutes of meeting of February 11, 2026

MOTION: That the minutes of the meeting of February 11, 2026, be approved.

Nadia Azar/Dora Str
CARRIED

3 Business arising from the minutes

Nothing to report.

4 Outstanding business

Nothing to report.

Item for Information

5 Reports/New Business

5.1 Tuition and Ancillary Fees 2026-2027

(See documents APC260409-5.1 and APC260409-5.1a for more details.)

NOTED:

- A presentation on the proposed 2026-2027 tuition and compulsory fees proposal was provided.
- The new three-year provincial tuition framework allows for up to 2% annual tuition fee increases.
- Increase to tuition for domestic out-of-province students are allowed up to a maximum of 5%.
- The maximum portion of OSAP funding provided as grants is reduced to 25% (down from 85%), with 75% provided as loans.
- International student fees continue to be deregulated, the University has continued with the international tuition fee guarantee, locking international tuition fees as of the student’s admission to the program.
- The compulsory ancillary fees for 2026-2027 include CPI increases, student organization fee changes, and cost-recovery course fees.

- The proposed tuition adjustments were informed by a review of sector comparator data from the Council of Ontario Universities (COU) tuition fee survey for domestic fees, and based on an assessment of international student and market demand for international fees.

AGREED:

- Noting the constraints under which the University is operating, including current provincial and federal regulations and geo-political issues that are significantly negatively impacting revenue growth, APC supports pursuing the allowable domestic tuition fee increases, as well as the proposed international tuition fee increases.
- APC also supports the recommended increases to the compulsory ancillary fees.

5.2 Nursing – English Language Requirements – Revisions

(See document APC260409-5.2 for more details.)

MOTION: That the proposed English Language Proficiency Requirement for International Applicants to Nursing's undergraduate programs be approved.

Juliet Bushi/Adam Mulcaster

NOTED:

- The proposed revision will ensure that international applicants meet the English language proficiency requirements set by the College of Nurses of Ontario.
- Currently, very few international students are admitted into the Nursing program unless they have completed high school in Ontario.
- Despite living in Canada for years, some international students continue to struggle with their English language and comprehension skills which has becoming increasingly evident in clinical settings, raising public safety concerns.
- A concern was raised about fairness for international students who completed high school in Canada but are still required to take additional English tests as it a financial and emotional burden for students. It was suggested that consideration be given to an alternative method such as requiring students to take a mandatory English course.
- In response to the concerns raised, it was stressed that public safety cannot be compromised due to cost concerns.

CARRIED

6 Question period/Other business/Open Discussion

Updates were provided on the work of the APC Subcommittees for Academic Integrity and the Calculation of Averages.

7 Adjournment

MOTION: That the meeting be adjourned.

Erika Kustra/Adam Mulcaster

CARRIED