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## BOARD SCHEDULE

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**TOPIC: NEW STUDENT FEES**

**ISSUE:**

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### **PURPOSE**

The purpose of this report is to seek the adoption of two new student fees.

### **DISCUSSION**

Universities apply student fees to cover the cost of services to students. There are a number of other public post-secondary institutions evaluating/proposing new fees at this time.

Capilano University is proposing two new student fees to begin in the Fall of 2015 that will better serve students' needs, enhance the students' experience and support student success:

#### **Student Technology Fee (\$45 per term)**

A Student Technology Fee (STF) will deliver improved internet and network services, and expand student access to and use of learning technologies.

Most students come to university with at least two network-enabled devices (e.g. smartphones, tablets, laptops, etc.). This increase in usage has put a substantial burden on Capilano University's network infrastructure. Revenue generated by the STF will lead to significant improvements in internet connectivity; support the acquisition of service from BC Net, and the ongoing maintenance costs associated with this new provider. Improvements include:

- A five-fold increase in network performance and increased reliability
- A stable network for videoconferencing between campuses, supporting remote regional access
- Access to offsite, low-cost data storage for students, staff, and the university as a whole
- Expanded access to course materials, assignments, support services, and collaboration sites
- Greater capacity for accessing library services and resources, on campuses and off
- Technical support for students to make the best use of Capilano's network resources
- The ability to stream high-definition video to classrooms without impact on other campus users

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Learning technologies continue to influence educational innovation, from online peer support initiatives to smart classrooms and remote collaboration. The proposed STF will also provide students with access to a wide variety of systems and devices, including:

- Expanded printing services from colour printers to wireless connectivity
- Real-time remote support for library and other student services
- Smart boards to facilitate group learning and peer collaboration
- Student use of ipads, laptops, tablets, and other portable devices
- Technical support for students using learning technologies in and out of class

## Student Services Fee (\$50 per term)

A Student Services Fee will provide the resources to offer new services and improve and enhance existing services for all students, including:

- Accessibility and disability services for students with identified learning needs
- Business, industry, and community liaison services to enhance student engagement
- Career services that assist students in preparing for and achieving employment
- Community outreach for students committed to becoming change makers
- Counselling and support services to help students during challenging and stressful times
- Learning portfolio services to provide students with a direct connection from school to work
- Student experience services to help maintain a safe and supportive campus environment
- Wellness services that contribute to the overall health and wellbeing of the community

## UNIVERSITY FEES COMPARISON

### Fees per Term:

|                                 |                 |
|---------------------------------|-----------------|
| <b>Capilano University</b>      | <b>\$ 53.00</b> |
| Royal Roads University          | \$ 98.00        |
| University of Victoria          | \$161.00        |
| Vancouver Island University     | \$163.81        |
| University of BC                | \$204.96        |
| Simon Fraser University         | \$227.40        |
| Emily Carr University           | \$265.20        |
| Kwantlen Polytechnic            | \$275.21        |
| University of the Fraser Valley | \$402.00        |
| University of Northern BC       | \$444.00        |
| Thompson Rivers University      | \$657.90        |

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## **SUMMARY**

Capilano University currently has the lowest student fees of any post-secondary institution in British Columbia. The proposed new fees will enable the University to improve existing services and add important new services, to enhance the student experience and contribute to student success.

## **SUGGESTED MOTION:**

THAT beginning Fall Term 2015, a new student technology fee of \$45 per term is adopted,

AND THAT beginning Fall Term 2015, a new student services fee of \$50 per term be adopted.