



## MEMORANDUM

Date: November 19, 2025

To: Board of Governors

From: Dr. Airini, President & Vice Chancellor

Re: Notice of Motion: 2026/27 Domestic Tuition and Other Fees Increase

Attachment(s): Domestic Tuition and Fees Schedule

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### Executive Summary:

This agenda item is being presented to the Board of Governors **FOR INFORMATION**.

**Key Take-Aways for the Board:** The purpose of this memo is to provide **notice of motion** that a decision item will be brought to the next board meeting to request an increase in tuition and other fees for domestic students as described below.

If approved, the proposed increase would be effective starting Fall 2026 for the 2026/27 academic year.

**Background:** Thompson Rivers University (TRU) reviews tuition and other fees annually. The BC Government declared in 2007 that domestic tuition and other fees may be increased by a maximum of 2% per annum. To Administration's knowledge, as a practice, every university in BC increases their fees by the maximum permissible. Administration is not aware of any deviations from this practice.

**Discussion:** Administration is recommending that domestic tuition and other fees be increased by 2% (the maximum allowable by the BC Government) for the 2026/27 academic year.

- **Risks:**

- The risk to not increasing tuition and other fees is that PSEFS does not allow Universities to "catch up" if they decide not to increase rates each year. If the institution decides to forgo its annual increase, that increase is lost in perpetuity.
- There is no competitive disadvantage to increasing tuition and other fees.

- **Budgetary Implications:**
  - The proposed increase for domestic tuition and other fees will help to offset inflationary costs at the University. The increase does not cover the full cost of inflation and other program delivery cost changes anticipated for fiscal year 2026/27.
- **Consultation:**
  - A notice of motion in this matter was presented to the Budget Committee of Senate (BCOS) on November 4, 2025. A request for decision will be presented to BCOS on December 9, 2025.
  - The proposal will be brought to Senate on November 24, 2025 meeting of Senate for information purposes.
- **Communications Desirable:**
  - TRU is committed to promptly and accurately informing our student community about upcoming tuition fee increases. Our approach is centred on proactive communication and collaboration with key departments such as Enrolment Services and Future Students.
  - We are dedicated to ensuring that students receive comprehensive information through various channels, allowing them to plan effectively and access necessary support. Our aim is to maintain trust and openness with our students by ensuring they are well-informed.
  - Specific communication tactics include:
    - *Collaboration Between Enrolment Services / Future Students* — These departments work together to ensure a unified and informed approach in conveying fee changes to future students, using various methods and channels to reach students as needed.
    - *Website Communication* — TRU uses website technology to convey tuition information to students, especially future students looking to study at TRU. These websites are updated as soon as tuition increases are approved. These websites include tuition calculators to assist students in assessing real costs associated with their studies:
      - <https://www.tru.ca/current/enrolment-services/tuition.html>
      - <https://www.tru.ca/future/tuition/costs.html>
      - <https://www.tru.ca/future/tuition/details.html>
      - <https://www.tru.ca/current/enrolment-services/tuition/graduate-tuition-calculation.html>
    - *Support Services and Financial Aid Information* — The Student Awards and Financial Aid Department provides information to students about tuition and available financial support and aid to help them navigate educational costs, including fee increases.

**Recommendation(s):** Administration is not making a recommendation to the board at this time and is providing this memo as a **notice of motion**.

**Motion:**

*RESOLVED that the Board of Governors approve an increase of 2% to domestic tuition and other fees effective starting Fall 2026 for the 2026/27 academic year.*



# THOMPSON RIVERS UNIVERSITY

## Domestic Tuition & Fees Schedule

### CAMPUS RATES (Kamloops and Williams Lake)

#### Mandatory Fees charged at time of registration (Domestic & International)

Fee Description	2025-26 Rate	Proposed Increase	2026-27 Rate
Ancillary - per credit	\$10.13	2%	\$10.33
Athletic and Recreation - per credit	\$4.27	2%	\$4.35
Building Levy - per credit	\$5.73	2%	\$5.84
Comprehensive University Enhancement Fund - per credit	\$6.92	2%	\$7.05
Lab fee - per course (if applicable)	\$23.95	2%	\$24.42
Materials fee - per week (if applicable)	\$5.37	2%	\$5.47
Tool tag - per course (if applicable)	\$2.88	2%	\$2.93

*Fees billed per credit, per month or per week depending on program of study.*

#### Campus Tuition (Canadian citizens and permanent residents)

Classification	2025-26 Rate	Proposed Increase	2026-27 Rate
<b>Undergraduate</b>			
Academic - per credit	\$161.87	2%	\$165.10
Career Technical - per credit	\$151.45	2%	\$154.47
Vocational - per month	\$454.60	2%	\$463.69
Apprenticeship - per week	\$103.08	2%	\$105.14
<b>Juris Doctor - Law</b>			
Year 1 courses - per credit	\$615.72	2%	\$628.03
Year 2 & 3 courses - per credit	\$738.87	2%	\$753.64
<b>Graduate*</b>			
Tuition - per credit	\$651.70	2%	\$664.73
Extension rate - per semester	\$692.61	2%	\$706.46

*\* Actual rates depend on program/course taken; averages shown above*

## **OPEN LEARNING RATES**

### **Mandatory Fees charged at time of registration (Domestic & International)**

<b>Fee Description</b>	<b>2025-26 Rate</b>	<b>Proposed Increase</b>	<b>2026-27 Rate</b>
Course administration fee - per course	\$109.16	2%	\$111.34
Course extension - per course	\$116.32	2%	\$118.64
Lab fee - per course	varied	2%	varied
Technology fee - per credit	\$7.19	2%	\$7.33
Out-of-province non-resident fee - per credit (Students outside BC or Yukon)	\$36.36	2%	\$37.08

### **Miscellaneous Fees (Domestic & International)**

<b>Fee Description</b>	<b>2025-26 Rate</b>	<b>Proposed Increase</b>	<b>2026-27 Rate</b>
Program plans			
Per certificate/diploma	\$38.99	2%	\$39.76
Per degree	\$147.99	2%	\$150.94
Program reactivation	\$72.61	2%	\$74.06
Transcript Assessment			
BC documents	\$57.78	2%	\$58.93
Out-of-province documents	\$108.94	2%	\$111.11

### **Tuition (Canadian citizens and permanent residents)**

<b>Classification</b>	<b>2025-26 Rate</b>	<b>Proposed Increase</b>	<b>2026-27 Rate</b>
<b>Undergraduate*</b>			
Academic - per credit	\$179.46	2%	\$183.04
<b>University Preparation/Adult Basic Education***</b>			
Non-BC resident - per credit	\$216.64	2%	\$220.97
<b>Graduate*</b>			
Tuition - per credit	\$633.36	2%	\$646.02

\* Actual rates depend on program/course taken; averages shown above

\*\*\* University Prep level courses offered tuition free for residents of BC and Yukon, mandatory fees apply

## **DOMESTIC COMMON RATES (Campus and Open Learning)**

### **Application & Other Miscellaneous Fees**

<b>Fee Description</b>	<b>2025-26 Rate</b>	<b>Proposed Increase</b>	<b>2026-27 Rate</b>
<b>Domestic Application Fees</b>			
Graduate, undergraduate & university preparation	\$33.56	2%	\$34.23
Juris Doctor - Law	\$129.30	2%	\$131.88
<b>Miscellaneous Fees (Domestic &amp; International)</b>			
Duplicate credential	\$76.14	2%	\$77.66
Duplicate form	\$6.66	2%	\$6.79
Formal grade appeal	\$33.58	2%	\$34.25
Official transcript	\$10.38	2%	\$10.58
Reinstatement - Campus	\$201.74	2%	\$205.77

**Note:**

- Tuition and fee rates above may vary within \$0.01-\$0.05 once finalized
- Tuition and fee increases are approved on an annual basis, but the effective date varies.
- Campus based tuition and fee increases take effect August 1, 2026.
- Open Learning based tuition and fee increases take effect September 1, 2026 (some fees take effect October 1, 2026).