



MEMORANDUM

Date: November 19, 2025

To: Board of Governors

From: Dr. Airini, President & Vice Chancellor

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

Attachment(s): International Tuition and Fees Schedule

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 of Governors meeting to request an increase in tuition and other fees for international 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. International tuition fee increases in recent years have reflected inflationary pressures and the need to sustain quality programming and support services for international students.

In Fall 2025, TRU implemented the Guaranteed International Tuition Model (GTM), becoming the first post-secondary institution in British Columbia to provide guaranteed, predictable tuition rates for international students during their entire period of studies.

Under this model:

- New international students are guaranteed that their tuition fee will not increase for the duration of their program, plus one additional year, providing cost certainty and transparency.
- Each new intake of international students begins their studies at a set tuition rate established annually by the Board of Governors. That rate becomes the guaranteed tuition rate for the duration of their program.

- Continuing international students who entered TRU prior to Fall 2025 (before the implementation of the Guaranteed Tuition Model), and any programs exempted from the model, continue to receive annual inflationary adjustments as approved by the Board.

Discussion: Administration is recommending that international tuition and other fees be increased by 3% for new international students for the 2026/27 academic year, as well as for international students in programs excluded from the Guaranteed Tuition Model, consistent with projected inflation and the university's financial planning assumptions.

The proposed 3% increase establishes the guaranteed tuition rate for the new international student intake. Once set, this rate will remain unchanged for the intended duration of each student's program, plus one year, in alignment with TRU's commitment to tuition transparency and predictability.

In arriving at this recommendation, Administration considered the following:

- Inflationary pressures on operational costs. As of September 2025, Canada's Consumer Price Index (CPI) increased to 2.4% year over year from 1.9% in August 2025;
- Canada's Core Inflation Rate, which excludes eight of the more volatile components in CPI, increased to 2.8% year over year in September 2025, up from 2.6% in August 2025.
- Increased recruitment challenges due to Canada's brand damage caused by the federal government's numerous policy changes;
- Comparability with other post-secondary institutions in B.C. and nationally;
- Predictability and fairness under the Guaranteed Tuition Model; and
- Institutional sustainability and the ability to maintain student services and infrastructure.

- **Risks:**

- Administration considered potential risks related to the proposed increase, including:
 - Enrolment: The inflationary adjustment of 3% increase is not expected to have a significant negative impact on international enrolments.
 - Financial: The adjustment supports operating cost increases and reduces budgetary pressure.
 - Reputational: The increase keeps TRU's tuition levels aligned with comparable institutions, sustaining TRU's reputation for value and quality.
 - Policy alignment: The increase remains consistent with government expectations for tuition transparency and predictability.

- **Budgetary Implications:**

- The proposed increase for international 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 brought to the November 4th Budget Committee of Senate (BCOS) meeting to advise that a decision item will be brought to the December 9th BCOS meeting.

- The proposed increase will be brought to the November 24th meeting of Senate for information purposes.

- **Communications Desirable**

- TRU is committed to promptly and accurately informing our international student community about upcoming tuition and other fees increases. Our approach is centred on proactive communication and collaboration with key departments such as TRU World and Enrolment Services.
- 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 TRU World and Enrolment Services* — These departments work together to ensure a unified and informed approach in conveying fee changes to future and existing students. TRU World engages directly with students already studying at TRU, while international recruitment partners share information with prospective students.
 - *Timely Notification* — Current international students are typically contacted via email to inform them of significant changes to tuition rates.
 - *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.
<https://www.tru.ca/truworld/future-students/fees.html>

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 to international tuition and other fees by 3% for new international students effective starting Fall 2026 for the 2026/27 academic year, as well as for international students in programs excluded from the Guaranteed Tuition Model, consistent with projected inflation and the university's financial planning assumptions.



THOMPSON RIVERS UNIVERSITY

International Tuition & Fees Schedule

CAMPUS RATES (Kamloops and Williams Lake)

Mandatory Fees (charged at time of registration)

Fee Description	2025-26 Rate	Proposed Increase	2026-27 Rate
International Student Activity Fee - per semester	\$87.09	3%	\$89.70

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

Campus Tuition - Classic rates

Classification	2025-26 Rate	Proposed Increase	2026-27 Rate
Undergraduate			
Academic, ESAL and University Prep – per credit	\$760.53	3%	\$783.34
Post-baccalaureate, Co-op - per credit	\$760.53	3%	\$783.34
Vocational & Apprenticeship - per week*	\$661.33	3%	\$681.16
Juris Doctor - Law			
Year 1 courses - per credit	\$1,284.31	3%	\$1,322.83
Year 2 & 3 courses - per credit	\$1,541.18	3%	\$1,587.41
Graduate*			
Tuition - per credit	\$1,157.05	3%	\$1,191.76
Extension rate - per semester	\$1,301.61	3%	\$1,340.65

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

Campus Tuition - Guarantee Tuition Model

Cohort – 2025

Classification	Rate
Undergraduate	
Academic and University Prep – per credit	\$849.13
Post-baccalaureate, Co-op and courses billed on a per credit basis - per credit	\$849.13
Juris Doctor - Law	
Year 1 courses - per credit	\$1,433.94
Year 2 & 3 courses - per credit	\$1,720.74
Graduate**	
Tuition - per credit	\$1,331.92
Extension rate - per semester	\$1,301.61

*** GTM applies to qualifying graduate courses, actual rates depend on program/course taken; averages shown*

Cohort – 2026

Classification	2025-26 Rate	Proposed Increase	2026-27 Rate
Undergraduate			
Academic and University Prep – per credit	\$849.13	3%	\$874.60
Post-baccalaureate, Co-op - per credit	\$849.13	3%	\$874.60
Juris Doctor - Law			
Year 1 courses - per credit	\$1,433.94	3%	\$1,476.95
Year 2 & 3 courses - per credit	\$1,720.74	3%	\$1,772.36
Graduate**			
Tuition - per credit	\$1,331.92	3%	\$1,371.87
Extension rate - per semester	\$1,301.61	3%	\$1,340.65

*** GTM only applies to qualifying graduate courses, actual rates depend on program/course taken; averages shown*

OPEN LEARNING RATES

Tuition

Classification	2025-26 Rate	Proposed Increase	2026-27 Rate
Undergraduate*			
Academic - per credit	\$499.67	3%	\$514.66
University Preparation			
University Prep/Adult Basic Education - per credit	\$499.67	3%	\$514.66
Graduate*			
Tuition - per credit	\$1,075.34	3%	\$1,107.60

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

COMMON RATES (Campus and Open Learning)

Application & Other Miscellaneous Fees

Fee Description	2025-26 Rate	Proposed Increase	2026-27 Rate
International Application Fees			
Graduate, undergraduate & university preparation	\$100.00	-	\$100.00
Juris Doctor - Law	\$180.70	3%	\$186.12

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).

See Domestic Rate Schedule(s) for fees that apply to both Domestic and International Registrations.