

Undergraduate Board of Governors' Representative Report

Meeting of December 9th

Greetings Council,

The last Board of Governors meeting was held December 9th. In this meeting important issues were discussed: tuition increase, parking rates, residential rates, and lastly but not least the reappointment of Don Hickey.

We received a presentation from the administration outlining our financial situation and a comparison of tuition from other universities, a presentation from on the behalf of Rory Tighe targeting mental health implications and a presentation from Roy Courtland (GSA).

Tuition did rise by the consumer price index, but there was constructive discussion from the governors concerning mental health of students and empathy of financial situations. Rory and I voted against the proposal, and Roy abstained. With the passing of the proposal, effective September 1st tuition will rise by 1.45% (~74.40\$). Also differential fee and market were applied to certain programs in law, business, medicine, engineering, pharmaceuticals and graduate studies (1.43-1.45%).

Residential rates increased across the board by 1.66% and parking rates up to and including the cost of living at 1.66%.

Don Hickey was reappointed as Vice President Facilities and Operations, a Folio article at the bottom of this report has the official news release.

Also notably in the Board Finance and Property report was the functional renaming of Civil Engineering Building (CEB) to the South Academic Building (SAB).

-Raphael Lepage Fortin

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