

## OPERATING POLICY 1.2.3 – TUITION TASK FORCE

### 1 PURPOSE

- 1.1 To investigate both the tuition breakdown and structure at McMaster University.
- 1.2 To investigate the variety, financial assistance options available to students attending McMaster University;
- 1.3 To work towards fulfilling the principle that all students who are willing and qualified should be able to access and excel in university regardless of socioeconomic background.
- 1.4 To take on advocacy initiatives related to tuition, ancillary fees, and student financial assistance affecting students at McMaster University
- 1.5 To identify, plan, and complete various other initiatives to engage with students, the university, and the province on tuition, including, but not limited to, campaigns, meetings, and strategies to reevaluate the tuition framework.

### 2 MEMBERS

2.1 The Committee will be composed of:

- 2.1.1 The MSU Vice President Education;
- 2.1.2 The MSU President;
- 2.1.3 The MSU Vice President Finance;
- 2.1.4 The SRA External Affairs Commissioner;
- 2.1.5 Three (3) members of the SRA;
- 2.1.6 Three (3) non-SRA MSU members;

Including the following official observers, who will be non-voting members:

- 2.1.7 The MSU Advocacy Coordinator;
- 2.1.8 The MSU University Affairs Commissioner;
- 2.1.9 The MSU Federal and Provincial Research Assistant;
- 2.1.10 The MSU University Affairs Research Assistant

2.2 The Committee will consult with various MSU and McMaster bodies, including but not limited to McMaster Board of Governors, McMaster Finance and Fees

Committees, and relevant MSU clubs to solicit perspectives on financial aid and accessibility at McMaster.

2.3 The VP Education will be the chair of the Committee:

2.3.1 The Chair will be responsible for booking meeting rooms, assigning action items, and distributing meeting minutes.

2.3.2 The Chair will serve as the point contact for the committee.

2.4 As with all MSU committees while not in closed session, anyone that is interested in being a part of the Working Group may do so as a nonvoting but may otherwise be a fully participating member

### 3 OPERATING PARAMETERS

3.1 The committee shall submit 3 written reports to update the SRA yearly about the findings of the committee, one to be released in the summer term, one to be in the fall term, and one to be released in the winter term.

3.2 The committee is encouraged to take action based on the interests of the committee members, the general student population, and the relevant work being done in the wider post-secondary sector