

CHAIR APPROVED BUT NOT CONFIRMED BY THE COMMITTEE

**Finance Committee MINUTES| PART B**  
**18 September 2024**  
**HYBRID | Council Meeting Room and via Zoom**  
**08.00am to 10.00am**



<p><b>11. Domestic Student Fees 2025 and International Student Fees 2026</b></p>	<p>Professor Freshwater made an introductory statement and spoke about the context for fee setting this year. Considerations include the TEC funding mechanism and maximum fee limit, University cost increases and the increasing living costs for students which are impacting the student experience. Professor Freshwater noted the importance of a clear communication plan to support the introduction of tuition fee increases and accommodation fee increases.</p> <p>Mr Bluett presented the paper. The paper considers financial sustainability, while also recognising the cost-of-living pressures and other aspects of the student experience. The 6% AMFM still awaits government confirmation, expected in October, in time for the scheduled Council meeting. The proposed resolution acknowledges this conditionality. The Committee noted that the proposal to increase tuition fees to the maximum level allowed will still result in cumulative fee increases since 2020 being well below inflation.</p> <p>It was noted that the paper is best understood when considered in view of both financial aspects and how management is addressing broader issues, with a careful evaluation of the overall impact on the student body to maintain a comprehensive perspective.</p>	<p><b>RESOLVED (Chair   Hala Barakat)</b> that Finance Committee recommends to Council that the Council:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) RECEIVES the contents of this report.</li> <li>(ii) APPROVES the attached Domestic Fees Schedule for 2025 subject to Government confirmation of AMFM.</li> <li>(iii) APPROVES the attached International Fees Schedule for 2026 including the ELA Fee Schedule.</li> <li>(iv) AUTHORISES the Vice-Chancellor to assign any new programmes, including Government (DQ7+) funded micro-credentials, or programmes becoming newly available to international students in 2026, to an appropriate band to enable offers to be made during the recruitment cycle, and report these decisions back to Council.</li> <li>(v) AUTHORISES the Vice-Chancellor to set fees for non-Government (DQ7+) funded Micro-credentials and for University programmes delivered</li> </ul>
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	<p>Referring to 'Graph 2: Domestic Fees per Domestic EFTS, it was suggested to include a sentence indicating that the "raw" percentage fee increases reflect both the actual per-fee increase by university and the shift in the volume mix of courses.</p> <p>It was also noted that the gap between cumulative domestic tuition revenue increases and cumulative CPI increases since 2020 provided a compelling rationale for the 2025 fee increase proposal. However, the Committee asked that Council also be provided inflation rates for the University's major cost categories, and it was agreed to add further information to the final paper for Council.</p> <p>It was noted that in 'Graph 1: CPI vs SAC+AMFM Trend', the dotted line includes the 4% temporary funding boost provided by TEC for 2024-2025 noting this reverses in 2026. The Committee suggested clarification is added to highlight the 4% funding drop in 2026 in the graph for clarity.</p> <p>The importance of diversifying the international student market beyond its current main dependency on China was noted. The 5% increase in international fees for 2026 has been derived by reflecting a combination of factors, as detailed in the paper.</p> <p>While noting 'Graph 6: International Fee Rate Movement', it was suggested to create a graph for international fees, similar to the domestic fee graph, which provides comparative trends over the past few years.</p>	<p>offshore subject to such fees being reported to the Council meeting immediately following.</p> <p>(vi) APPROVES the Compulsory Student Services Fee at \$9.24 per point (GST inclusive) a 4% increase and the associated changes to the student fee schedule A.</p> <p>(vii) APPROVES the attached Other Fees Schedule for 2025.</p>
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**The meeting moved into a Public Excluded session at 08.05 am.**

**The meeting closed at 9.20 am.**

**Approved as a true and correct record.**

**Rob McDonald, Chair**

**Date:**

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