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Context / Reason

The Executive Board annually sets the following tuition fees:

1. The institutional tuition fees for students who do not meet the degree or nationality requirement for statutory tuition fees (WHW Art. 7.46 section 2);
2. The rate of the increased statutory tuition fee for study programmes with the special characteristic of small-scale and intensive education (WHW Art. 6.7 Sections 1 and 2). At EUR, this only applies to EUC;
3. The fee for the premaster programs (WHW Art. 7.57i). These fees are based on the statutory fee and will therefore be determined once OCW has determined the statutory fees for 23-24.

The increase of the institutional tuition fees usually follows the annual percentage increase of the statutory tuition fees, which is based on inflation. However, for the academic year 2023-2024, the Executive Board (EB) followed the advice of the internal Institutional Fee Committee, that proposed a new tuition fee regime.

Jurisdiction UC / Question to the UC

The UC has the right to advice on the institutional fees for all public funded programmes (WHW 9.33a, sub b).

Short Summary

Last year, the EB installed an internal committee with the task to explore whether it is possible to have a more comprehensive policy when it comes to setting the institutional tuition fees, instead of only looking at the inflation. For instance, by taking market value of our programmes into account, or, when looking at our great variety of fees, becoming more uniform. The committee did research, came up with points of advice, and then proposed new tuition fees for 23-24 (enclosed). All deans have been asked to react to the proposal, their wishes/recommendations are combined with the committee's advice, and this resulted in the EB decision below.

Summary advice Institutional Fee Committee

- Compared to similar programmes in the Netherlands and abroad, the EUR institutional tuition fees are on the low side. The committee proposes to price the EUR programmes more in line with the market and thus improve our market position. In two steps, first by making the fees equal to those of similar courses (approx. +2/3%), and then by increasing them based on the expected inflation (+5%).

- The EUR has a wide variety of institutional fees. The committee proposes a clustering per discipline and divides the fees into 4 groups. This results in a more uniform overview.
- To avoid unpleasant surprises for current students, the Committee proposes a transitional arrangement in 23-24. Students who were already enrolled in the same study programme in that academic year will pay the old, not increased, rate in 23-24. This requires manual work and adjustments in Osiris.
- The Committee notes that there is no EUR policy on waivering of tuition fees for students from lower socio-economic classes. Faculties each have their own agreements for this. The committee intends to find out whether EUR agreements can be made, because they would like the price increase on the one hand to go hand in hand with increasing the number of scholarships on the other.
- Faculties were asked to respond to the committee's proposals. Appendix 3 shows which faculties agree with the proposals and which do not. Briefly summarised: ESSB, ESPHIL, ESHCC, ESHPM, ESL and RSM follow the advice, EUC, ESE and EMC do not and propose a lower increase.

Both the advice of the committee and the wishes of the deans were met. This resulted in the following EB decisions (12 May 2022):

The EB decides to:

1. Adopt the advice of the Institutional Tuition Fee Committee and increase the non-EEA fees 23-24 for ESSB, ESPHIL (excl. Research master), ESHCC, ESHPM, ESL and RSM accordingly.
2. Adopt the requests from the Deans EUC, ESE and EMC and to increase the non-EEA fees accordingly.
3. Adopt a transitional arrangement ('overgangsregeling') for the duration of one year for the non-EEA tuition fees in 23-24: students who were already enrolled for the same study programme before 23-24 will pay the old, not increased, tuition fee.
4. Increase the EEA institutional fees of all schools for 2023-2024 with 1.9%, following the price development of the statutory fee.
5. Establish a 'waiver policy committee' that investigates whether, and in what way, an EUR-wide waiver/scholarship policy can be developed for non-EEA students.

Follow-up process

1. The University Council gives formal advice.
2. The new rates will be communicated to the students via the website.
3. Relevant faculties, departments and support staff will be informed.
4. Application systems will be updated.

Specifics

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Documents to be attached

Appendix 1 – Advice Institutional Fee Committee
 Appendix 2 – Proposed fees 2023-2024
 Appendix 3 – Request ESE
 Appendix 4 – Request ESHCC

Appendix 5 – Request ESSB
Appendix 6 – Request ESL
Appendix 7 – Request EMC