

OFFICE OF THE VICE-PRESIDENT, ACADEMIC AND PROVOST

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ATTENTION: Senate

FROM: Jon Driver, Vice-President, Academic & Provost

RE: Clarification of Senate Question Period Response

DATE: February 23, 2009

At the Senate meeting of February 2, 2009 there was a question about the cancellation of the tuition waivers for senior citizens. In my response I pointed out that a bursary program has been established to provide financial support for senior citizens who cannot afford tuition. In response to a follow-up question about the bursary, I replied that the eligibility criteria were the same as for other students. This was incorrect, and I would like to provide the correct answer.

To be eligible, a student must:

1. Currently be enrolled or be enrolling in an undergraduate degree program, and be registered in the Certificate for Senior Citizens program.
2. Be enrolled in fewer than 9 units of normally-graded credit courses for the term. (Audit courses are not eligible.)
3. Meet the Low Income Cut Off (currently a net income of \$21,666 or less for a single person and \$26,972 or less for those who are married or common-law).
4. Be in good academic standing (if a returning student) with a minimum 2.00 CGPA.

A total of \$8,000 has been allocated to students from this fund over the past two semesters.

As part of the application process, applicants are also evaluated for other

possible sources of financial aid funding for part-time students (internal and external).

For the Fall 2008 term, 3 of the applicants (based on their financial need) were eligible for Canada Study Grants of varying amounts or grants for students with permanent disabilities (non-repayable government funding). The total support provided from this external support was \$4,735.

For the Spring 2009 term, 2 of the applicants (based on their financial need) were eligible for Canada Study Grants of varying amounts or grants for students with permanent disabilities (non-repayable government funding). The total support provided from this external support was \$2,400.

So in total \$7,135 of external funding was made available to students.