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## New graduation user fees added to rising tuition and ancillary fees

McMaster University's Board of Governors approved two new user fees related to graduation at its meeting on June 14.

The hood and gown which graduating degree students wear at convocation, previously provided without charge, will now cost \$40 to rent for the two-hour ceremony. The fee is the second highest in Ontario, according to a survey of institutions conducted by MAPS.

Grads who do not attend the ceremony and want their degree mailed to them will now be assessed a new \$25 fee.

"I appreciate the University's financial constraints, however, the wrong message is being sent to new grads when the celebration of their academic success includes being hit with one last user fee," said MAPS executive director Sam Minniti.

"The way this and two previous related proposals came forward underscores the problem with no student representation on the University Fees Committee," he added.

Tuition and other ancillary fees for 2007-08 have also been approved by the Board of Governors.

Tuition fees for undergraduate degree students will rise in September by four to eight percent.

Increases will vary from 4.5 percent for first-year students in most programs, to eight per cent for first-year students in professional and graduate programs. The increases, as a weighted average among students in various academic programmes, will be just below the government-set maximum of five percent.

Tuition fees charged to students in Level II and above will increase by 4%.

Thirty percent of the tuition increases will be reserved for student bursaries. In addition, the programs administered by the Student Financial Aid and Scholarships office include four bursary funds established by MAPS. The most recent of these, in 2006, was a \$250,000 bursary endowment by MAPS that will be matched by the provincial government.

Further information about tuition and supplementary fees for 2007-08 is available on the Student Accounts website at [www.mcmaster.ca/bms/finance/student/](http://www.mcmaster.ca/bms/finance/student/).

### Modest increase to ancillary fees

Ancillary fees paid by part-time students will increase by just under 1%, rising from \$10.39 to \$10.49 per academic unit.

The Athletics & Recreation Activity Fee and the Administrative Services Fee will each rise by 1.8%. The MAPS membership fee remains \$5 per unit and has not increased since 2001.

### CCE fees also to rise

On March 1, the Board of Governors approved fee increases for courses offered by the Centre for Continuing Education (CCE). Increases range from 2.2 to 3.1 percent.

CCE does not receive operating funding from, and its fees are not regulated by, the provincial government. The University operates CCE on a cost-recovery basis.

## In Memoriam

### Walter C. Pohl (1951-2007)

It is with sadness that MAPS notes the passing, on July 30, of Walter Pohl. A member of MAPS' board of directors from 1999 to 2005, he was also president from 2002 to 2004. Walter was a graduate of CCE's Addiction Studies programme (1999) and was continuing his studies as a part-time student working toward a Bachelor of Arts.

## Anna Marinelli leads the MAPS board in 2007-2008

Anna Marinelli, a part-time student in English, has been elected MAPS president for 2007-08. Recently retired from Dofasco after 31 years of service, she is eager to spend more time pursuing her degree and leading MAPS' advocacy agenda.

"I'm looking forward to continuing the important work MAPS does on behalf of its members," says Marinelli. "Course availability, financial aid, and implementing the MAPS-MSU membership transferability agreement are on our agenda for the coming year."

A member of the MAPS board since 2002, she has also served on the MAPS executive committee for four years, including two years as vice-president (internal) and one year as each vice-president (external) and as treasurer.



MAPS other officers for 2007-08 are: Allan Wong, vice-president (internal); Kyra Machèn, vice-president (external); Michael Westcott, treasurer; Vicki Hartley, executive councilor; and Dave Moore, past president.

"Anna will lead a strong executive positioned to build on the significant progress made over the last year in advocacy, membership communication, and internal capacity," said MAPS executive director, Sam Minniti.

In addition to the six-member executive committee, the other members of the 2007-08 MAPS board are Alex Alvarez, Carole Armstrong, Lynn Beyer, Simon DeAbreu, Min-Ju Evans, Darlene Hayward, Rabia Khan, Joseph McGuire, Rose O'Connor, Eric Siu and Sean Spratt.



### Dr. Suzanne Crosta New dean of Humanities

Suzanne Crosta has been appointed dean of the Faculty of Humanities. A two-time graduate of McMaster, Crosta returned to the University as an assistant professor in the Department of French in 1990 after completing her PhD at the University of Toronto. She became associate dean in 2002. Dr. Crosta's appointment as dean continues through June 30, 2010.

### Spring Convocation

## Alexis Hughes receives Graham Medal

Alexis Hughes began her studies in the Faculty of Social Sciences as a mature student. She recalls the help that she received from a member of the communications team in the Office of the Registrar, who told her everything she had to do to choose her first course and to register. The open, friendly help was typical of Alexis' experience as an undergraduate at McMaster.

Alexis graduated in June with a Bachelor of Arts in Psychology. She was named to the Dean's Honours List at each review and graduated with distinction with an overall average of 10.9 on a 12 point scale. Her standing earned her The Graham Medal, which was presented by the chancellor at convocation.

The Graham Medal was established in 1982, on the occasion of faculty member Jack Graham's retirement, to recognize his 32 years of outstanding contributions to the Faculty of Social Sciences and McMaster University. It is awarded annually to a student in the Faculty's graduating class who, on the basis of scholarship, is judged to be an outstanding member of the class, and who has completed his or her program primarily as a part-time student.

### University Governance

## BoG and Senate need student reps

In October, undergraduate students will elect new representatives on important university decision-making bodies.

One representative will be elected from each Engineering and Science to serve on the University's Senate. In addition, one student will be elected to serve on the Board of Governors. Decisions on the allocation of resources by the University (by the Board of Governors) and academic programs (Senate) are critical to the quality of the educational experience.

Both part-time and full-time undergraduate students are eligible to stand as candidates. All positions are for two-year terms. The nomination period is in September. Polls will be granted in late October. For more information, contact the University Secretariat (210 Gilmour Hall, Web: [www.mcmaster.ca/univsec](http://www.mcmaster.ca/univsec). Email: [univsec@mcmaster.ca](mailto:univsec@mcmaster.ca)).

## MAPS and MSU implement transferability

MAPS and the McMaster Students Union (MSU) have agreed to implement limited two-way membership transferability, effective September 2007.

The agreement was approved in principle by the MAPS board of directors and MSU's Student Representative Assembly in March 2006 and finalized in July 2007. Implementation was delayed by the MSU until the University agreed to administer fee adjustments related to most membership transfers.

"We're very pleased to be moving forward on this file so that we may address a number of longstanding policy issues," said MAPS president Anna Marinelli.

"Under the agreement, course load will continue to be the main determinant for membership in the two student governments, but there are provisions for transferability under a limited number of circumstances," added MSU president Ryan Moran.

Students eligible to apply for membership transfer will have until September 30 to submit their application. Once processed, the transfer will be permanent for the remainder of a student's studies at McMaster University regardless of the number of courses taken in an academic session.

Further information is available from the MAPS and MSU offices.

## McMaster names new chancellor



Lynton "Red" Wilson, 67, has been named the 17th chancellor of McMaster University for a three-year term beginning September 1.

The appointment was made by Senate on recommendation of a search committee struck to recommend a successor to chancellor Mel Hawkrigg, who retired on August 31 after nine years as the ceremonial head of the University.

A McMaster graduate with an Honours BA in economics (1962) and an MA in international economics from Cornell University, Wilson is chairman of CAE Inc. and a founding co-chairman of the Historical Foundation of Canada.

His distinguished career spans both public service and the private sector, including appointments as Ontario Deputy Minister of Industry and Tourism; president, CEO and chairman of Redpath Industries Ltd; president, CEO and chairman of BCE Inc., and chairman of the board of Nortel Networks Corporation.

Wilson's service at McMaster, both before and after graduation, is also distinguished.

As an undergraduate, he was a high profile and popular student leader. He was president of the Political Economy Club and founding president of Whidden Hall. In his senior

year, he was admitted to the McMaster Honour Society.

As an alumnus, Wilson served as chair of the \$128 million *Changing Tomorrow Today* fundraising campaign (1999-2002) and is one of the McMaster's most generous benefactors. An officer of the Order of Canada (1997), he also holds honorary degrees from six universities, including McMaster (1995).

Dr. Wilson will be formally installed as chancellor at Fall Convocation on November 16.

## Transferability eligibility at a glance

### From MAPS to the MSU:

- A degree student who is registered with the Centre for Student Development (CSD) as having a disability and, based on written confirmation from CSD, is restricted to less than 18 units in each fall/winter academic session; or
- A degree student registered fewer than 18 units in a fall/winter academic session, who: (a) in a previous fall/winter academic session was registered as a member of the MSU, and (b) is registered in less than 18 units to complete his/her degree at the next convocation.

### From the MSU to MAPS:

- A degree student who: (a) in a previous fall/winter academic session was a member of MAPS and (b) will register in more than 17 units to complete her/his degree at the next Spring Convocation; or
- A degree student who: (a) in a previous fall/winter academic session was a member of MAPS and (b) is registered in 18-20 units in the fall/winter academic session.

## MAPS Board of Directors for 2007-08



*Alex Alvarez*



*Carole Armstrong*



*Lynn Beyer*



*Simon DeAbreu*

**Alex Alvarez** (Philosophy II, director since 2006) is a systems administrator with Career Services at McMaster.

**Carole Armstrong** (Social Sciences I, director since 2001) was MAPS' president from 2004 to 2006. An office administrator with the Hamilton-Wentworth District School Board and a licensed pilot, she has an interest in expanding distance education. Carole received the Gwen George Medal and an Ontario Volunteer Service Award in 2006 for her work with MAPS.

**Lynn Beyer** (Psychology III, director since March) has a commitment to lifelong learning. She seeks to make the McMaster experience as rich and illuminating an experience for others as it has been for her.

**Simon DeAbreu** (Communications and Theatre & Film Studies, director since March) seeks to aid and empower students to support a more democratically engaged citizenry. He is the current president of OPIRG-McMaster.

**Min-Ju Evans** (Nursing II, director since 2005) has an interest in raising awareness and expanding financial aid for part-time students.

**Vicki Hartley** (Honours History II, director since 2006) is a volunteer Exchange Students Mentor. Her interests include ensuring programmes and services are equitably available to part-time students. Vicki is a member of this year's MAPS executive committee and awards committee.

**Darlene Hayward** (Sociology II, director since March) is an academic advisor in the Faculty of Humanities whose background includes service in the Office of the Registrar at McMaster and instruction and curriculum development at Niagara College.

**Rabia Khan** (Honours Psychology and Neuroscience IV, director since March) is a part-time student representative on the Senate Committee on Student Affairs and a former president of the McMaster Inter-Residence Council.

**Kyra Machèn** (Life Sciences '07, director since March) has served in a number of leadership roles at McMaster: Charity Ball chair and vice-president (education) of the McMaster Students Union and treasurer of the Ontario Undergraduate Student Alliance.



*Min-Ju Evans*



*Vicki Hartley*



*Darlene Hayward*



*Rabia Khan*



*Kyra Machèn*



*Joseph McGuire*



*Dave Moore*



*Rose O'Connor*

**Anna Marinelli** (English Literature II, director since 2002). MAPS' president this year, she retired last year after 31 years with Do-fasco. She has previously served four terms as a member of MAPS' executive committee. – see page two for profile and photo.

**Joseph McGuire** (Political Science, director since March) works for McMaster Security and Parking Services, where he is also a union steward and a former member of the CAW negotiating team. Joseph received the MAPS Centennial Award in 2006.

**Dave Moore** (Political Science '00, director since 1996) is a manager with the Ontario Ministry of Education. He is MAPS' past president and has been a leader in student and alumni affairs at McMaster since 1982. In 2006, he received the Rudy Heinzl Award of Excellence for contribution to the quality of student life, and the Ontario Volunteer Service Award for a decade of service to MAPS.

**Rose O'Connor** (Gerontology IV, director since 2004) is a retiree and former MAPS treasurer (2004-05). She is a member of the McMaster Gerontology Association and of Hamilton Cares, a health advocacy group.

**Eric Siu** (Honours Biology and Psychology IV, director since 2006) represents Science students on the University Senate. His interests include increasing awareness of MAPS among summer students and university governance.

**Sean Spratt** (CCE – Human Resources '06, director since 2004) works at the Liquor Control Board of Ontario and was MAPS' treasurer last year. He enjoys using the skills and insights developed as a part-time student to give back to the community.

**Michael Westcott** (English '06, director since March) is MAPS' treasurer this year. He is a public and government relations professional whose interests at MAPS include developing more ways to provide relevant, value added services and products that will enhance the learning experience for part-time students.

**Allan Wong** (CCE-Management Studies, director since March) is this year's vice-president (internal). A graduate of George Brown College in Chef Training, he works at *Creation X* in the student centre.



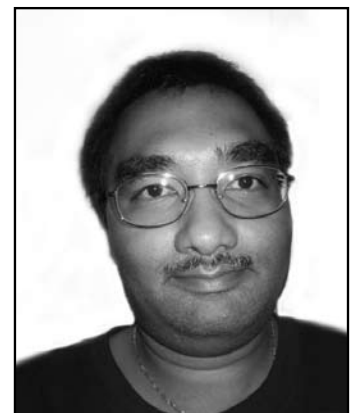
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# HIGHLIGHTS OF THE REPORT OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING – MARCH 6, 2007

## Major Activities in 2006-07

**ADVOCACY** – MAPS engages the University in strategic planning and service delivery discussions. Advocacy is a key component of MAPS' mission – to improve the quality of students' McMaster experience. Highlights in our representation agenda include:

- McMaster's strategic plan
- Course availability
- Student financial aid
- Non-tuition [ancillary] fees
- Students in University governance

**AWARDS** – MAPS recognizes academic excellence and commitment to the quality of part-time studies at its annual awards dinner (November 24, 2006). Major award recipients included:

- Martin W. Johns Award – Dale Schenk
- MAPS Gold Medal – Maria D'Elia
- Gwen George Medal – Carole Armstrong
- Centennial Awards – Joseph McGuire, Nalini Rao
- MAPS/CCE Awards of Excellence – Lynn Anson-Cartwright, Amitov Aptekar, Joseph Ferenca, Erin Laende, David Lindsay, Ashley Mascarenhas, Trishana Nayiager, and Georgina Oliver.

In addition, Dave Moore and Carole Armstrong, received the Ontario Volunteer Service Award from the Ontario Ministry of Citizenship in recognition of their 10 and 5 years of service, respectively, as members of the MAPS board.

**COMMUNICATION** with our members continues to be a priority. Our popular calendar-handbook was mailed to members in

September, and three issues of *The Link*, MAPS' newsletter, have been mailed to the members since our last AGM.

**UNIVERSITY REVIEW OF ANCILLARY FEES** – MAPS led a coalition of student groups to oppose the University's proposal to change assessment of ancillary fees that would have increased fees payable by part-time students by 84%. The University deferred consideration of reforms pending resolution of its budget deficit.

**STUDENT FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE** – MAPS supports students' pursuit of part-time studies through its bursary programme, administered through the Student Financial Aid & Scholarship Office. From 1988 to 2006, MAPS made contributions totalling \$650,000 (\$550,000 of which was matched by the provincial government) to bursary endowments at McMaster. The income from these funds provided over \$40,000 to our members in 2006.

In November 2006, MAPS announced its gift of \$250,000 to endow the Mel and Marilyn Hawkrigg Bursaries for Part-Time Studies. The fund was named in honour of McMaster's retiring chancellor who has been an outspoken supporter of part-time studies.

**MEMBERSHIP TRANSFERABILITY** – In March 2006, the governing bodies of both MAPS and the McMaster Students Union (MSU) approved a protocol for limited membership transferability between the two organizations. In August 2006, the MSU decided not to implement the agreement without McMaster University administering transfers. (NOTE: Since the AGM, MAPS and the MSU have finalized an agreement which will take effect in September 2007.)

### Financial Statements

The Association's audited financial statements were presented. MAPS has held its membership fee to \$5 per academic unit since 2001.

### Board of Directors & Staff

The contribution of retiring board members was acknowledged: Denise Ellis, Noor Nizam, Gizela Oliveira, David Rennie, Ken Seville, Nathan Shaw, and George Zrinscak.

The Board also gratefully acknowledged the contribution of MAPS' staff: Sam Minniti (executive director), Josephine Taylor (office administrator), and part-time office administrative staff Alexa Huang and Kim Pastrak.

The full *Report of the Board of Directors and Audited Financial Statements* are posted on MAPS' website: [www.mcmaster.ca/maps/documents.htm](http://www.mcmaster.ca/maps/documents.htm)

## Who are MAPS members?

**Undergraduate degree students enrolled in 17 units or less in an academic session are members of MAPS, including summer session students who were members of the McMaster Students Union in the preceding winter session.**

**All students enrolled in courses through the Centre for Continuing Education are members of MAPS.**

## New from the Centre for Continuing Education

### New Assistant Director

Lisa Boniface joined the Centre for Continuing Education (CCE) as assistant director on May 14. In her new role she will lead certificate and diploma programs. The position was created in response to the increasing demand for continuing education courses and the need to be responsive to market demands.

A growing number of university graduates are enrolling in diploma programs to enhance their degrees. These programs focus on professional education that aligns directly with specific careers to improve a student's hiring potential in a competitive job market.

Students can receive degree credit for certificate and diploma programs. The CCE also offers a variety of personal and professional development courses, workshops and corporate training.

Prior to joining CCE, Lisa served as the manager of Career Services at McMaster University for five years and has served as chair of the McMaster United Way Campaign. She invites you to contact her at 905-525-9140 ext 26941 or [bonifac@mcmaster.ca](mailto:bonifac@mcmaster.ca)

### Diploma in Management Studies by Distance

CCE is pleased to announce that all five core courses under the diploma in Management Studies - General are now available in both lecture and distance formats:

- Marketing
- Business Administration I
- Introductory Financial Accounting
- Communications
- Human Resources Management

### Advanced standing at Athabasca University

The following CCE programs have been approved for advanced standing toward degrees at Athabasca University: Addictions Education, Family Mediation.

### Advance Standing for Business Programs

Did you know that after completion of a CCE Diploma, you can apply for advanced standing in degree programs at McMaster? Add a diploma in Management Studies to your resume as a first step, and then continue your studies to earn a degree. CCE business programs include:



*CCE director Tracey Taylor-O'Reilly and new assistant director Lisa Boniface at McMaster's Downtown Centre, home of the Centre for Continuing Education. Photo: Susan Bubak/Office of Public Relations.*

- Accounting
- Human Resources Management
- Management Studies – General or concentrations in Project Management, IT Project Management, Business Analysis or Sourcing Management
- Marketing – New in 2008 (pending approval)

**Students may now register for fall term at [mcmastercce.com](http://mcmastercce.com).**

## Maclean's university blog has a MAPS connection



*Macleans.ca*, the online counterpart to Maclean's magazine, has named second year political science student Joey Coleman and MAPS executive director Sam Minniti to be members of the new *Maclean's* university panel.

"We assembled a diverse group of people who know about universities and the issues they face, says Erin Millar, university editor at *Maclean's*.

"Our panel will include students, student politicians and journalists, researchers, faculty members, bloggers, and employees of universities to provide a wide range of knowledge and perspectives."

Coleman, a former MAPS member, was selected because he is one of the most well-known bloggers in the country.

"I used to read Joey's blog to keep me up to date with what was happening on university campuses when I was in school," Miller explains.

Minniti's experience was the key to his selection. He has been at McMaster for a decade, studying, serving as a student leader, and working – first for the University and in his current role for MAPS since late 2005.

Members of the *Maclean's* panel are contributing to an ongoing discussion about the issues and events affecting universities across Canada. Check out the new *Maclean's* university page at: [www.macleans.ca/university](http://www.macleans.ca/university)

*With files from The Silhouette.*

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#### MAPS Board of Directors

**President:** Anna Marinelli

**Vice-President (Internal):** Allan Wong

**Vice-President (External):** Kyra Machèn

**Treasurer:** Michael Westcott

**Executive Councillor:** Vicki Hartley

**Past-President:** Dave Moore

**Directors:** Alex Alvarez, Carole Armstrong, Lynn Beyer, Simon DeAbreu, Min-Ju Evans, Darlene Hayward, Rabia Khan, Joseph McGuire, Rose O'Connor, Eric Siu, Sean Spratt



## CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

### Martin W. Johns Award

MAPS' premiere award, it recognizes exceptional commitment to advancing the interests of part-time students through service such as:

- Teaching or administration; this may include increasing the accessibility of faculty or staff to part-time students;
- Service in university and/or student association governance;
- Promoting the interests of part-time studies with the community at large.

Part-time students (degree and certificate), alumni, faculty, instructors, and staff are eligible to be nominated.

### Centennial Award

One award for each degree students and CCE students is presented to students who have overcome particularly adverse circumstances in order to attend university and/or who have demonstrated outstanding achievement or commitment in activities distinct from university studies.

### Gwen George Medal

The medal is awarded to a part-time student who has completed at least Level I of any program and who has achieved notable academic standing and has demonstrated qualities of leadership and service to McMaster University and/or the Hamilton-Wentworth, surrounding or world communities.

### MAPS Instructor Award

The award recognizes excellence by instructors of certificate and diploma courses.

### Deadline – September 30, 2007

For further information and nomination forms, please see: <http://www.mcmaster.ca/maps/awards.htm>