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Tuition and ancillary fees set for 2006-07

Undergraduate degree tuition fees will rise in September by four to eight percent. The 2006-07 fee schedules were approved by McMaster's board of governors on May 4.

The increases are the maximum permitted and come after the provincial government ended a two-year tuition freeze. Tuition will rise by 4.5 percent for first-year students in most programs, and up to eight percent for first-year students in professional and graduate programs. The increases, as a weighted average among students in various academic programmes, will be lower than the maximum of five percent set by the government.

The tuition fees charged to students in Level II and above will increase by 4 percent.

McMaster's average tuition fee increases of 4.39 percent in 2006/07 and 4.95 percent in 2007/08 will help address basic cost increases over the next two years. The additional revenue will not, however, cover all the anticipated cost increases for salaries, utilities, libraries and other expenses faced by the University.

"Our goal is to improve quality and accessibility but the reality is that even with the tuition increases we won't be able to make real progress on either front," said University president Peter George.

The provincial government has announced a \$6.2 billion multi-year investment in higher education, but much of that is targeted to program expansion, not the increasing cost pressures institutions face to maintain existing facilities and programmes.

Thirty percent of the tuition increases will be reserved for student bursaries. More than 4000 bursaries were allocated in 2005-06 totalling approximately \$7.5 million. Across the University, \$5.9 million was allocated and paid out through McMaster's awards programs to undergraduate students for the same period.

The programs administered by the Student Financial Aid and Scholarships office include three bursary funds established by

MAPS. The most recent of these was a \$250,000 bursary endowment gift by MAPS, matched by the provincial government in 2004.

Further information about degree studies tuition and supplementary fees for 2006/07 is available on the Student Accounts website at www.mcmaster.ca/bms/finance/student/.

CCE fees also to rise

The board of governors also approved fee increases for courses offered by the Centre for Continuing Education (CCE). Most increases are in the range of 3.8 percent to 8.7 percent, though the 3-unit Metallurgy course fee will rise by 35.4 percent to \$467.

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.

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MAPS leaders recognized



MAPS president Dave Moore and past-president Carole Armstrong received the *Ontario Volunteer Service Award* at a ceremony in Hamilton on May 17. They were recognized for 10 and 5 years of service to MAPS, respectively.

Student-alumni activist Dave Moore is MAPS' president for 2006-07

Dave Moore wears a variety of hats in his daily life: public servant, part-time student, MAPS president, and alumni volunteer. With a B.A. in Political Science [2000] and now returning to part-time studies through CCE, he is keenly aware of the challenges faced by people who combine work, family and part-time studies.

"There's a misconception that part-time students are the same as full-time students," he says. "It's true we have many common interests in terms of the quality of education we seek, but our demographics and our needs in terms of access and services are different."

Dave stresses the importance of MAPS' work as an advocate – keeping the needs and perspective of part-time students in front of University decision-makers.

"Course availability is more fundamental than having choice," he explains. "It comes down to whether required courses are offered to accommodate part-time students."

As president, his priorities for the coming year include working in partnership with other campus stakeholders and strengthening MAPS' communications with its members.



Now in his 11th term on the MAPS board, he also serves on the student centre's board of management, is senior advisor to the Inter-Residence Council, and leads a branch of the McMaster Alumni Association. The pace is hectic, particularly when he lives and works in Toronto where he is a program manager with the Ontario Ministry of Education.

Dave's commitment to student advocacy was recently recognized by the McMaster Students Union (MSU). On March 29, he received the *Rudy Heinzl Award of Excellence* from the MSU for outstanding contribution that improves the lives of McMaster students (pictured with former dean of student affairs Rudy Heinzl).

An advertisement for Jostens. At the top is the Jostens logo in a stylized font. Below it are two photographs: one showing a group of three young women smiling, and another showing a young woman in a graduation gown and cap. At the bottom, there is text providing information about graduation portraits and a website URL.

For information about your Graduation Portraits and to book your appointment, go to: www.jostens4mcmaster.com

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Modest increase to ancillary fees

Ancillary fees paid by part-time students will increase by just over 1 percent, rising from 10.28 to 10.39 per academic unit.

The Athletics & Recreation Activity Fee and the Administrative Services Fee will each rise by 2.2 percent. The MAPS membership fee (\$5) has not increased since 2001.

The last issue of *The Link* reported on a University proposal to increase part-time student ancillary fees by 84 percent. Under provincial government policy, consent of student governments is required for ancillary fee increases. MAPS joined with McMaster's other senior order student governments (Graduate Students Association, MBA Association, and the McMaster Students Union), in advising the University that they will not consent to the proposed changes.

McMaster to undertake ambitious new fundraising campaign

The McMaster University board of governors has approved a \$400 million comprehensive fundraising drive. The four-year campaign, the largest in McMaster's history, will directly support teaching, learning and research activities in all faculties.

"The success of this new campaign will be very important to the quality of the learning environment McMaster seeks to provide to its students," says MAPS executive director Sam Minniti.

Like many post-secondary institutions across the province, McMaster faces budget challenges driven by provincial grants that are not keeping pace with rising costs.

"Without this new support there will be a growing gap between what we can do and what we know we can accomplish with the right people, facilities and resources," says University president Peter George. "Our challenge is to close the gap ...we believe this campaign will help us do that."

Grad Profile

Suzanne Hunt '05



Suzanne Hunt's goal to obtain a degree was realized at Fall Convocation last November when she received her BA in Sociology.

A student advisor in the Faculty of Social Sciences, she completed her degree over 14 years while raising a family and working both part- and full-time. Suzanne graduated on the Dean's Honour List (DHL).

There were several factors that motivated her to undertake part-time studies: not wanting to return to her previous job, regretting not continuing her education after high school, the need for stimulation and knowing there would be more opportunities available to her – to name a few. She chose Sociology because it deals with people and for its relevance to other areas of study.

What kept her going when the going got tough? "The amount of time invested and seeing many of my co-workers taking courses," she says. She also said she enjoyed meeting up with many other adult learners.

Suzanne recalls an advantage being a parent and a student: doing homework with her children and having them see first hand what a priority it was to her. There were a few disadvantages too - juggling a job, evening classes, care for three children and having to write papers in the middle of the night. Like other successful part-time students, she learned to overcome these obstacles.

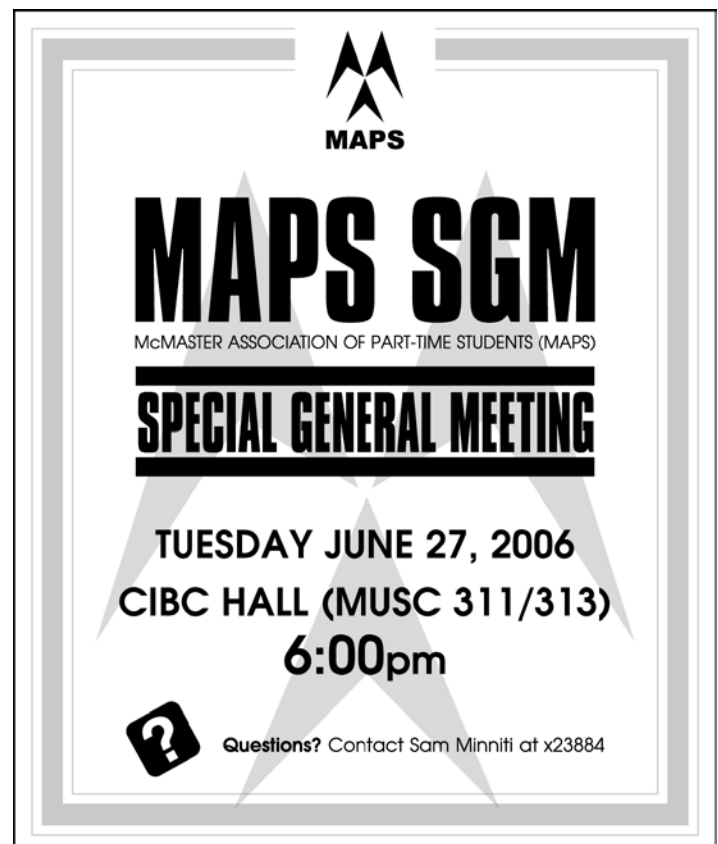
A committee led by University provost Ken Norrie evaluated proposals totalling more than \$800 million from academic and unit leaders from across campus in order to identify the strategic academic priorities that will be the focus of the campaign.

Grouped under five themes, priorities include new and renovated buildings, scholarships and bursaries for full and part-time students, faculty chairs, and interdisciplinary initiatives such as the McMaster Institute for Music and the Mind. The capital component, which includes a new liberal arts building, is in addition to more than \$100 million in construction and renovation projects that are already underway on campus.

McMaster's last major fundraising drive, the *Changing Tomorrow Today Campaign* (1999-2002) raised \$128 million and leveraged a further \$250 million in government and other funding. The new campaign is to conclude in early 2010.

What does she recommend to anyone considering the same path? First and foremost get started – don't hesitate to jump right in and ask questions but most of all be directed by your interests.

– adapted from *Who's Hot* section of the Faculty of Social Sciences web site



The poster features the MAPS logo at the top, which consists of a stylized 'M' above the letters 'MAPS'. Below the logo, the text 'MAPS SGM' is written in large, bold, black letters. Underneath this, in smaller text, is 'McMASTER ASSOCIATION OF PART-TIME STUDENTS (MAPS)'. A thick black horizontal bar contains the words 'SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING' in white, bold, sans-serif capital letters. Below the bar, the date and time are listed: 'TUESDAY JUNE 27, 2006' and '6:00pm'. The location is given as 'CIBC HALL (MUSC 311/313)'. At the bottom left is a small black square with a white question mark. To its right, the text reads 'Questions? Contact Sam Minniti at x23884'.

MAPS Board of Directors for 2006-07



Alex Alvarez



Carole Armstrong



Denise Ellis



Min-Ju Evans

Alex Alvarez (Philosophy II, director since February) 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.

Denise Ellis (CCE - Management Studies, director since 2004) is manager, undergraduate programs, at the DeGroot School of Business. She has served on MAPS' Awards Committee for three years.

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 February) is a volunteer with McMaster's Peer Helper Program and an Exchange Students Mentor. Her interests include ensuring programmes and services are equitably available to part-time students to facilitate success in their studies.

Anna Marinelli (English Literature II, director since 2002) recently retired from her position as an office administrator at Do-fasco. She has a strong interest in evening and weekend course availability that would support a stronger focus on part-time and lifelong learning at McMaster. Anna served as MAPS' VP-Internal from 2004 to 2006 and is VP-External in 2006-07.

Dave Moore (Political Science '00, CCE - Accounting, director since 1996) is MAPS' president. A public servant with the Ministry of Education since 1998, in September he begins his 25th year of service in student and alumni affairs at McMaster.

Noor Nizam (Communication Studies, director 2003-05 and since February 2006) is a teaching assistant at McMaster and a social activist. He received the City of Hamilton's Vision 2020 Award in 2003 and was involved in relief efforts organized in the wake of the tsunami that struck in December 2004.

Rose O'Connor (Gerontology IV, director since 2004) is a retiree and former MAPS treasurer (2004-05). She celebrated her 50th anniversary class reunion at University of Alberta last year.



Vicki Hartley



Anna Marinelli



Dave Moore



Noor Nizam



Rose O'Connor



Gisela Oliveira



David Rennie



Ken Seville

Rose is a member of the McMaster Gerontology Association and Hamilton Cares, a health advocacy group.

Gisela Oliveira (CCE - Human Resources Diploma programme, director since February) is the Employment Services Coordinator with Career Services at McMaster University.

David Rennie (Honours Labour Studies IV, director since February) is MAPS' VP-Internal for 2006-07. A postal clerk with Canada Post, his interests include advocacy, political action for students, the local labour council, human rights, and peace.

Ken Seville (Political Science '03, continuing student in French, director since February) is a recruiting officer with the Canadian Armed Forces. His interests include the quality of non-traditional student experience and working on social networking technologies that aid in providing a better experience for non-traditional students.

Nathan Shaw (Honours Political Science and Communication Studies IV, director since February) is among the many students

who are full-time in the winter session but part-time in the summer. He is also a periodic contributing writer to *The Silhouette*.

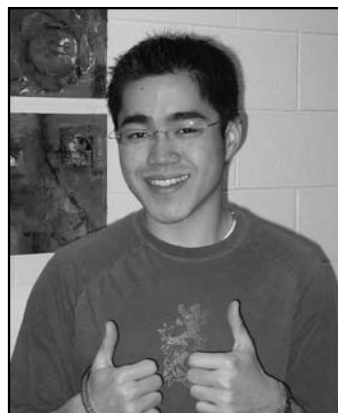
Eric Siu (Honours Biology and Psychology III, director since February) represents Science students on the University Senate. His interests include increasing awareness of MAPS among summer students and greater collaboration among student representatives in university governance.

Sean Spratt (CCE – Human Resources, director since 2004) is now in his twentieth year with the Liquor Control Board of Ontario (LCBO). He is MAPS' treasurer for 2006-07 and enjoys using the skills and insights developed as a part-time student to give back to the community.

George Zrinscak (Management Studies Diploma '04; Business I, director since February) was inspired to get involved with MAPS to help develop more ways to provide relevant, value added services and products that will enhance the learning experience for part-time students.



Nathan Shaw



Eric Siu



Sean Spratt



George Zrinscak

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE REPORT OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING – FEBRUARY 28, 2006

Major Activities in 2005-06

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 quality of part-time studies at its annual awards dinner (December 2, 2005). Major award recipients included:

- Martin W. Johns Award – Ruth Nicholson
- MAPS Gold Medal – Jacqueline Shoreman
- Centennial Award (CCE) – Carolyn Green
- MAPS/CCE Awards of Excellence – Claudia Amaral, Christina Cole, Nicole Doblec, Kar Fai-Kelvin Leung, Diana Parker, Tomislav Varga, and Cynthia Weeks.

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 – We have collaborated with other student groups at McMaster to oppose the University's proposal to increase ancillary fees payable by part-time students by 84%.

STUDENT FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE – MAPS supports students' pursuit of part-time studies through its bursary programme, administered through the Student Financial Aid & Scholarship Office. In 1988, 1999, and 2004, MAPS made contributions of \$100,000, \$50,000 and \$250,000 (the latter two matched by the provincial government) to bursary endowments at McMaster. The income from these funds provided 88 bursaries totaling \$56,384 to our members in 2005.

The amount of funding available for bursaries will increase in 2006 as annual income from the MAPS 25th Anniversary Bursaries endowment becomes available for allocation.

STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES – Some part-time students, who are registered with the University as having disabilities, seek to benefit from entitlements currently enjoyed by full-time students (including but are not limited to scholarships and bursaries offered to full-time students by the University, and membership/voting rights in the McMaster Students Union (MSU)). MAPS and the MSU have been discussing options for a limited degree of membership transferability between the two organizations with the hope of having a protocol in place for September 2006.

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

MAPS gratefully acknowledges the contribution of members who retired from the board of directors this year: Susan Black, Kori Garrett, Elaine Marion, Sam Minniti, René O'Reilly, and Erin Robinson.

Among its full-time staff in 2005, MAPS bade farewell to Jackie Osterman and Tina Puchaliski and welcomed Sam Minniti and Josephine Taylor.

The full *Report of the Board of Directors* and *Audited Financial Statements* are posted on MAPS' website: www.mcmaster.ca/maps

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.

The Latest from the Centre for Continuing Education (CCE)

Coming Soon – On-line Registration!

CCE is adapting a new flexible, on-line registration system designed to enhance your registration and learning experience with us. The new system will offer this variety of service options:

- register and pay for courses on-line
- receive automatic placement on course waiting list
- keep track of individual program requirements (self-advising)
- view your course schedule
- receive e-mail course confirmations/receipts
- withdraw from courses on-line

This system will be in place prior to the fall semester start – check our website this summer for details!

Expand your French language skills!

Whether you are looking to refresh your previous learning of French, build on an existing knowledge base, or start from the beginning, we have a variety of courses to suit your needs.

French Beginners Part 1:	September to December
French Beginners Part 2:	January to April
French Intermediate Part 1:	September to December
French Intermediate Part 2:	January to April

Registering through CCE allows a student to partake in certain undergraduate French language courses as a general interest student without applying to an undergraduate program. You will be invited to participate as a full member of the course, and write tests and exams. A general interest student will receive a Certificate of Attendance at the end of the course, but will not receive a grade or transcript.

Each course offers a number of weekdays and times to choose from. All sessions are on the main McMaster campus. A full timetable will be posted on the CCE website in June and registrations begin in July. <http://www.mcmaster.ca/conted/french/>

Also available for sale are self-study CDs: Le Francais Par Etapes 1 and Le Francais Par Etapes 2.

For more information, or to purchase the self-study CDs, please contact Christie McGaghan, Program Manager at (905) 525-9140 ext. 23329 or mcgagh@mcmaster.ca

NEW – Come and study German at CCE!

Starting this Fall we will be offering official Goethe-Institut courses at our downtown location. Taught by their highly qualified instructors, all courses meet the strict requirements of the Goethe-Institut and are internationally recognized. For more information on the Goethe-Institut, visit their website at www.goethe.de/toronto

Upcoming courses will be posted on our website in June. For details, and to take a German proficiency test, please visit our website at www.mcmastercce.com and go to “French and German” in the Personal/Professional Development section.

You may also contact Christie McGaghan at ext. 23329 or mcgagh@mcmaster.ca

NOTICE FROM THE OFFICE OF THE REGISTRAR

NEW Starting in June

for Fall/Winter 2006/07 Undergraduate Registration

1. Searchable Undergraduate Master Course Timetable

- Search by Subject, Course, Times, Days of the Week, Instructor, etc.!

2. All Undergraduate courses now have an enrolment capacity

- Register as early as possible starting on your SOLAR entry date
- Plan and choose your courses carefully
- University's new policy on enrolling in Required Courses <http://www.mcmaster.ca/vpacademic/required.pdf>

EXAMINATION WARNING

McMaster student photo ID cards are required at all examinations

If you are found writing without your ID card, you may be forced to withdraw from your exam without completing it.

If you arrive without your ID card, temporary cards are available in the Ivor Wynne Centre, Room B120 or the Michael DeGroot Centre for Learning and Discovery, Room 1016. A \$30 charge will be applied to your account and you will not be allowed extra time during the exam to compensate for any delay.

Cards are available now in Gilmour Hall, Room 108.

Please remember to bring your McMaster photo ID to all exams!

Office of the Registrar
(Examinations)

NOTICE FROM THE OFFICE OF THE REGISTRAR

ENROLLING IN COURSES REQUIRED FOR A STUDENT'S PROGRAM

McMaster University is committed to making every effort to accommodate students seeking required courses so that their program of study is not extended. Following are the guidelines that will be put in place to ensure resources are properly managed and students can obtain required courses.

1. All courses' enrolment capacities will be developed taking into account enrolment projections along with resources, enrolment trends and type of courses (required or elective). Enrolment capacities will be approved by the University's Enrolment Management Team (EMT).
2. If unexpected demand arises during the registration cycle (e.g. double cohort, unexpectedly large first year class), enrolment capacities for courses will be adjusted by approval of EMT.
3. Recognizing that there will always be special cases for students who need required courses once a capacity has been reached, all courses will have a percentage of the enrolment capacity 'held back.' These 'hold back' seats will be released to specific students as needed through the seat authorization process.
4. The number of seat authorizations that can be given out will be restricted to the overall approved enrolment capacity of the course. Seat authorizations cannot be used to over subscribe a course. If extra seats are required the enrolment capacity will need to be increased by approval of EMT.
5. Seat authorizations will not be given to students for courses deemed to be electives for their current program.
6. If students are not able to enroll in their desired required course, but there are other required courses available to meet the specific degree requirement, students will not be given a 'seat authorization' for the desired required course.
7. Release of seats will be managed by Faculty and Department Offices for those students who require a course and no other options for meeting this program requirement are available to the student.

DON'T FORGET

The McMaster Association of Part-Time Students (MAPS) Special General Meeting (SGM) will be held on Tuesday June 27th at 6:00 pm in CIBC Hall (MUSC 311/313).

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Vicki Hartley, Noor Nizam, Rose O'Connor,
Gisela Oliveira, Ken Seville, Nathan Shaw, George Zrinscak

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

The MAPS Centennial Awards are presented to recognize students who have overcome particularly adverse circumstances in order to attend university or outstanding achievement or commitment in activities distinct from university studies.

The MAPS-CCE Instructor Award is presented to recognize excellence by an instructor at the Centre for Continuing Education.

Deadline – August 31, 2006

For further information:

<http://www.mcmaster.ca/maps/awards.htm>