

**UNIVERSITY OF THE WEST INDIES**

**OPEN CAMPUS**

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**Fees for non-UGC courses**

Paper 6 has set out proposals for fees for post-graduate programmes. There are, in addition, a vast range of other courses offered through the Open Campus, most of which were originally created and offered by the previous School of Continuing Studies. These are mostly at pre-University levels, but also include existing or planned professional development courses that may in some cases presume a graduate intake. These programmes also exhibit considerable variation in length and 'weight'.

The Open Campus recognises that the fees it charges for these programmes, like all financial transactions within the University, are subject to the authority of the University Council. It therefore intends to submit a schedule of fees for all its offerings to Council on an annual basis for its approval.

Noting that this practice had been followed by the DEC but not, in general, by the SCS, the Open Campus asks its Council to endorse and seek the approval of University Council for a provision that will allow for desirable flexibility in arriving at the fees actually to be implemented in particular countries, in varying market conditions, and in very different economic circumstances. It is suggested that Council approve, not a complex and variegated set of fees for courses in 16 locations, but a maximum fee per credit-hour. The Open Campus will, then, moderate fees charged for particular programmes or at particular locations, given the best advice on market conditions and its overall strategy.

It is then proposed that for 2009-2010 these fees will be:

Associate Degrees US\$80 per credit.

Other pre-University programmes up to US\$100 per credit-equivalent

Professional development programmes up to US\$500 per course.

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