



Motion approved by the Graduate Education Council (October 4, 2010)

1. That effective September 1, 2008, graduate external scholarships and donor scholarships be noted formally on the Western transcript.
2. That the MAPP policy and Academic Handbook be updated to recognize the uniqueness of the graduate student experience as per below.

The scholarship and funding committee met and supported the inclusion of scholarship information on graduate students' transcripts as well as the changes itemized below.

Action Items:

1) Revise the following MAPP policy which mandates the approval process for scholarships, awards, etc as they relate to donor awards.

<http://www.uwo.ca/univsec/mapp/section2/mapp210.pdf>

2.10 SCHOLARSHIPS, AWARDS AND PRIZES - DEFINITIONS AND APPROVAL PROCESS

Definitions of Types of Awards for Graduate Students

Effective Fall 2010

Scholarship: A monetary award having a fixed value, based on general academic excellence, or on excellence in a specific subject or group of subjects, and in some cases also on non-academic criteria.

Award: A monetary award having a fixed value, based on general academic excellence, or on excellence in a specific subject or group of subjects, and in some cases also on non-academic criteria, with a financial need requirement.

Bursary: A monetary payment given to a graduate student to assist them in pursuing their education based on demonstrated financial need.

2) Add Certain National and Provincial External Scholarships to the Western Transcript

- Vanier Canada Graduate Scholarship
- NSERC Canada Graduate Scholarship - Doctoral
- NSERC Canada Graduate Scholarship - Master's
- NSERC Postgraduate Scholarship - Doctoral
- NSERC Postgraduate Scholarship - Master's
- Ontario Graduate Scholarship and OGS Science and Technology
- SSHRC Canada Graduate Scholarship - Doctoral
- SSHRC Canada Graduate Scholarship - Master's
- SSHRC Doctoral Fellowship
- CIHR to be added once paid through the Student Information System

3) Modify the Academic Handbook to allow graduate external scholarships and donor scholarships and to be included on the Western Transcript.

<http://www.uwo.ca/univsec/handbook/general/records.pdf>

Existing statement for undergraduates:

"A listing of all undergraduate scholarships, awards, prizes, fellowships and medals awarded by the University to the student during the student's academic career at the University. [Note: This information is only available from May 1, 2000.]"

Proposed statement for graduate students:

A listing of all graduate scholarships¹, awarded by the University to the student during the student's graduate career at the University. [Note: This scholarship information is only available for graduate students from September 1, 2008.]

Background: In September 2010, SGPS, in collaboration with the Society of Graduate Students, introduced improvements to the process for transferring NSERC, SSHRC, OGS and OGSST scholarship funds to students. (We will incorporate the payment of CIHR external scholarships in a future phase of this project.)

This project was undertaken to resolve issues associated with paying scholarship monies through the Human Resource system, rather than administering them in the Student Center. Moving the administration of these scholarships to the Student Center will mean that they will now be part of the students' overall scholarship support package and will be processed as a credit on their student accounts.

In the past, scholarship money could not be applied to the tuition charges within the Student Center - students received money from one account, only to have to turn around and pay it into another account. Furthermore, students received scholarship money in monthly installments, but are obliged to pay tuition fees in one large payment at the beginning of every term or be charged an additional fee to pay in installments. This led to a variety of financial issues.

With the all external scholarships now being paid from the PeopleSoft based Student Centre, SGPS is able to add the external scholarships to a graduate student's Western transcript.

Note: This document will be sent to SCAPA and ultimately Senate for final approval.

¹ Similar to the undergraduate policy, only scholarships would appear since 'awards' and 'bursaries' are tied to demonstrated financial need.