

VII. STANDING COMMITTEES**A. Academic and Student Affairs Committee**

In joint session with

B. Finance, Audit and Facilities Committee**Graduate and Professional Student – Approve Re-Application Fee****RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

It is the recommendation of the administration and the Finance, Audit and Facilities Committee and Academic and Student Affairs Committee that the Regents approve a \$250 re-application fee for graduate and professional students who drop all UW registration or leave status.

BACKGROUND:

1. If a UW graduate or professional student drops out (e.g., fails to register, does not go on a leave of absence), s/he must reapply for admission to UW and to a particular graduate or professional program.
2. The current application fee is \$75.

RATIONALE FOR CHANGE:

1. Some students drop out to avoid costs. Even with the current very liberal leave policy, ~250 graduate/professional students have dropped out of UW to avoid paying tuition or the current leave fee, and *will seek re-admission when they are ready to defend a thesis or dissertation.* We do not want to create an incentive for even more students to drop out (if the new leave policy is adopted). Note: many of these students, contrary to UW policy, continue to consult with faculty advisers even though they are not enrolled or on leave.
2. Departmental support. Some departments advise students to drop out to avoid tuition or fees; these departments assure students that re-entry will be easy. We want to discourage this practice.

REVIEW AND APPROVALS:

These recommendations have been reviewed and approved by the Interim President, Interim Provost, and the Board of Deans and Chancellors. Gerald Baldasty also met with Sarah Reyneveld (GPSS) and with a representative of the UW Attorney General's office, and representatives of the UW Office of Planning and Budgeting.