

Standardisation of International and Postgraduate Fees

USI Postgraduate Working Group

Congress Notes:

That the cost for individual postgraduate courses and courses for non-EU and international postgraduate students are dictated by the institution delivering the course.

Congress further Notes:

Due to the significant financial pressure placed on students, greater transparency from institutions on the setting of international and postgraduate fees, and how this money is used by institutions is needed.

Congress Regrets:

That whilst there is guidance for how undergraduate fees are set, there is no such guidance for how fees are set for postgraduate courses and international students.

Congress Therefore Mandates:

USI President, Vice President for Equality and Citizenship and Vice President for Postgraduate Affairs with the support of the Regional Vice Presidents to conduct a review into the frequency and percentage fee increases for International and Postgraduate students in all member organisations, to be presented Comhairle Náisiúnta no later than March 2023.

Congress Further Mandates:

The USI President to Lobby the Minister for Further & Higher education, Research, Innovation and Science and the Higher Education Authority to create a national framework to standardise how fees are set, and how often they can be increased for these student cohorts.

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USI Vice President for Postgraduate Affairs to work with NUS-USI to lobby the Northern Ireland Executive to create a national framework to standardise how fees are set, and how often they can be increased for these student cohorts.

Congress Therefore Repeals:

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