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SIAST increases tuition 5 percent

Tuition contributes 11 percent to SIAST budget

June 3, 2010 – The Saskatchewan Institute of Applied Science and Technology (SIAST) will increase tuition by five percent for the 2010-11 academic year.

The increase in tuition is due to inflationary pressures and the higher cost of providing services, says David Walls, SIAST's senior vice president, academic.

"Even with this increase, an education at SIAST is an excellent investment," says Walls. "Tuition is relatively low, and grads have marketable skills in a relatively short time." Typical full-time tuition for a core-funded program at SIAST will be about \$3,500, based on a 30-week year. The number of weeks varies by program, but most programs can be completed in one to two years.

Tuition accounts for approximately 11 percent of SIAST's revenue. SIAST's revenue for the current fiscal year is forecast at \$208 million.

SIAST is Saskatchewan's primary public institution for post-secondary technical education and skills training, recognized nationally and internationally for its expertise and innovation. More than 14,000 students were enrolled in SIAST programs in the most recent academic year; additionally, the organization drew almost 30,000 individual course registrations. Through program and course registrations, SIAST served almost 26,000 distinct students with programs that touch every sector of the economy. SIAST operates campuses in Moose Jaw, Prince Albert, Regina and Saskatoon, and provides a number of courses and programs through distance education.

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