



SUBJECT	TUITION 2019-2020
MEETING DATE	DECEMBER 4, 2018

Forwarded on the Recommendation of the President

**APPROVED FOR
SUBMISSION**

Santa J. Ono, President and Vice-Chancellor

DECISION REQUESTED	<p>IT IS HEREBY REQUESTED that <i>approval be granted for:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>i. A 2% increase in tuition for new and continuing domestic undergraduate and graduate students, for the programs specified in Schedule A.</i> <i>ii. An increase in tuition for international students as follows:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>a. A 2% increase in tuition for new and continuing international graduate students in programs with standard rates;</i> <i>b. A 4% increase in tuition for new incoming international undergraduate students and graduate students in programs with specialized rates, as set out in Schedule A;</i> <i>c. A 3% increase in tuition for continuing international undergraduate students and graduate students in programs with specialized rates, who entered their degree programs prior to May 1, 2019, as set out in Schedule A; and,</i> <i>d. A 4% increase in international per credit tuition for unclassified, qualifying, visiting, access studies, and auditing students.</i> <p><i>All of these proposed increases would apply to students on the campuses in Vancouver and Okanagan, and would be effective May 1, 2019.</i></p>
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Report Date	October 10, 2018
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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

A 2% increase in domestic tuition is proposed for all domestic students for 2019-2020 registered in the programs listed in Schedule A. This increase applies to both campuses.

Current provincial government policy has limited domestic tuition and all mandatory fee increases for 2019-20 to 2% for all programs, including differentiated, post-baccalaureate and professional graduate programs. The Tuition Limit Policy has been in place since 2005.

The University is proposing an increase in international tuition for 2019-2020 of:

- 2% for new and continuing international graduate students in programs with standard rates;
- 4% for new incoming international undergraduate students and graduate students in programs with specialized rates as set out in Schedule A;
- 3% for continuing international undergraduate students and graduate students in programs with specialized rates as set out in Schedule A, who entered their degree programs prior to May 1, 2019;
- 4% for international per credit tuition for unclassified, qualifying, visiting, access studies, and auditing students.

Attachments

Schedule A: Proposed Tuition Fees for 2019-2020
Consultation Report

INSTITUTIONAL STRATEGIC PRIORITIES SUPPORTED
 Learning

 Research

 Innovation

 Engagement
(Internal / External)

 International

or Operational

DESCRIPTION & RATIONALE**Tuition for Domestic Undergraduate and Graduate Students**

A 2% increase in domestic tuition is proposed for all domestic students for 2019-2020 for programs listed in Schedule A. This increase applies to both campuses.

Current provincial government policy has limited domestic tuition and all mandatory fee increases for 2019-2020 to 2% for all programs, including differentiated, post-baccalaureate and professional graduate programs. The Tuition Limit Policy has been in place since 2005.

The Government of BC is likely to sustain the current operating grants of the university and will likely provide assistance for some staff and faculty general wage increases, however, inflationary costs (including cost pressures arising from non-supported salary increases, the new Employer Health Tax introduced in the Government's Budget in 2018, investments in more student services, and the cost of the Integrated Renewal Program (IRP) must be absorbed or covered by other sources of revenue.

The principles underlying the recommendation for 2019-2020 domestic tuition include:

1. Tuition fees will be the same for UBC Vancouver and UBC Okanagan for comparable programs.
2. Annual budget planning will be directed by the University's strategic plan.
3. Tuition increases in 2019-20, for domestic students, will adhere to current government policy.
4. UBC will assist domestic students unable to start or continue their studies for financial reasons. Bursary support will be provided to eligible students (Policy 72).

Tuition for International Undergraduate and Graduate Students

The 2018-19 fiscal year was the final of three years of tuition increases approved by the Board, in December 2015, to align UBC's international tuition to that of peer institutions. In June 2015, the Board passed the following resolution:

The Board of Governors requests that the Administration set international student tuition fees at levels that reflect UBC's standing as a global university and the value of a UBC degree. While ensuring that the University maintains healthy enrolment of international students and attracts and retains a diverse range of students, the fees should support the mission and excellence of the University and should be comparable to those at peer institutions.

While the approved increases have provided the university the ability to invest in the teaching, learning and research mission and excellence of the University, through the establishment of the Excellence Fund, it has not kept pace with the international tuition rate increases of peer institutions.

In addition to the inflationary impact, UBC faces cost pressure from a range of sources, and continues to invest in excellence. These costs and investments include:

- Supporting an excellent student learning experience by attracting and retaining exemplary faculty, staff, and students. To achieve this, UBC must offer competitive salaries and address unfunded faculty and staff salary increases.
- Building and supporting world-class research infrastructure. The improvement, operation, and maintenance of our physical infrastructure and facilities have seen increased costs across both campuses.
- The implementation of the Integrated Renewal Program (IRP). This is a university-wide program that will modernize several core, but aging, technology systems at UBC, including the Student Information System (SIS), as well as central Human Resource and Financial Operations IT infrastructure.
- The new Employer Health Tax introduced in the Government's Budget 2018.
- The impact of foreign exchange rates and the weaker Canadian dollar on library subscriptions, research equipment and software licensing.

The Administration is recommending that international tuition be increased for the 2019-20 fiscal year as follows:

- 2% for new and continuing international graduate students in programs with standard rates;
- 4% for new incoming international undergraduate students and graduate students in programs with specialized rates as set out in Schedule A;
- 3% for continuing international undergraduate students and graduate students in programs with specialized rates as set out in Schedule A, who entered their degree programs prior to May 1, 2019;
- 4% for international per credit tuition for unclassified, qualifying, visiting, access studies, and auditing students.

SCHEDULE
Implementation
Timeline

The proposed increases, if approved, will apply to all domestic and international students in specified programs as set out in Schedule A for the academic year of 2019-2020, effective May 1, 2019.

CONSULTATION
Relevant Units,
Internal & External
Constituencies

Under the Guidelines of Policy 71, the Vancouver and Okanagan Provosts, VP Students and Deputy Vice-Chancellor jointly conducted a consultation process to communicate the rationale and principles underlying the 2019-2020 tuition proposal.

The consultation was conducted over the period of October 3, 2018 and October 31, 2018.

The student consultation process included the following components:

- Meetings with the leadership of the Alma Mater Society (AMS) and Graduate Student Society (GSS) on UBC's Vancouver campus, and the Students' Union on UBC's Okanagan campus as well as a separate meeting with International Student Association.
- Tuition consultation website featuring:
 - Briefing on the demands on the university budget, summary of the proposed tuition increase, and examples of the impact on students.
 - Confidential feedback form, open between October 3, 2018 and October 31, 2018.

All students were sent a direct email encouraging them to review the tuition proposal and share their feedback

Student society submissions are summarized and attached verbatim in the attached Consultation Report. Individual student submissions were received through the consultation website. These are also summarized and attached verbatim in the Consultation Report.

Previous Report Date December 5, 2017

- Decision** The Board of Governors approved:
1. A 2% increase in tuition for new and continuing domestic undergraduate and graduate students, for programs as specified in Schedule A.
 2. An increase in tuition for international students:
 - a. Continuing International undergraduate students
 - i. 3% increase for students who entered their degree programs as set out in Schedule A, on or after May 1, 2015 and prior to May 1, 2018;
 - ii. 2% increase for students who entered their degree programs as set out in Schedule A, prior to May 1, 2015;
 - b. A 2% increase in tuition for all new and continuing International students in certificate programs;
 - c. A 2% increase in tuition for all new and continuing International graduate students in programs with standard rates;
 - d. Continuing International graduate students in programs with specialized rates:
 - i. 3% increase in tuition for students who entered their degree programs as specified in Schedule A, on or after May 1, 2016 and prior to May 1, 2018;
 - ii. 2% increase in tuition for students who entered their degree programs as specified in Schedule A, prior to May 1, 2016.
 3. A 2% increase in tuition for new international graduate students entering the following programs in the Okanagan effective May 1, 2018:
 - a. Master of Arts in Faculty of Education (Full Time)
 - b. Master of Arts in Faculty of Education (Part Time)
 - c. Master of Education (Part Time)
 - d. Master of Management.
 4. A 3% increase in tuition for new international graduate students entering the following programs effective May 1, 2018:
 - a. Professional Master of Business Administration,
 - b. Master of Business Analytics,
 - c. Master of Data Science,
 - d. Master of Engineering Leadership,
 - e. Master of Geomatics for Environmental Management,
 - f. Master of Global Surgical Care,
 - g. Master of Health Leadership and Policy, and
 - h. Master of High Performance Coaching and Technical Leadership.
 5. A 9.2% increase in international per credit tuition for unclassified, qualifying, visiting, access studies, and auditing students.
 6. A 5% increase for international per credit tuition for unclassified students taking graduate-level Master of Laws in Common Laws courses.

Action / Follow Up Governors asked that the Administration provide a formal response to the concerns raised by students during the consultation process, including information about allocation of tuition revenues and other university funds to student services. Improving predictability for students of tuition increases over an entire course of study was raised as a potential strategy for the Administration's consideration.

SCHEDULE A
 UBC VANCOUVER, Effective May 1, 2019
 PROPOSED TUITION FEES FOR 2019-20

UNDERGRADUATE AND POST-BACCALAUREATE	Normal Load Credits	Base Per Credit 2018-19	Typical Fee For Normal Load 2018-19	Proposed Per Credit 2019-20	Typical Fee For Normal Load 2019-20	\$ Increase Per Credit 2019-20	\$ Increase For Normal Load 2019-20	Percent Increase 2019-20
DOMESTIC								
Undergraduate (except as below)	30	\$ 176.45	\$ 5,293.50	\$ 179.97	\$ 5,399.10	\$ 3.52	\$ 105.60	2.0%
Commerce (years 2-4)	30	\$ 261.45	\$ 7,843.50	\$ 266.67	\$ 8,000.10	\$ 5.22	\$ 156.60	2.0%
Design in Architecture, Landscape Architecture and Urbanism*	30	N/A	N/A	\$ 290.00	\$ 8,700.00	N/A	N/A	N/A
Engineering (years 2-5)	37	\$ 188.35	\$ 6,968.95	\$ 192.11	\$ 7,108.07	\$ 3.76	\$ 139.12	2.0%
International Economics	30	\$ 282.29	\$ 8,468.70	\$ 287.93	\$ 8,637.90	\$ 5.64	\$ 169.20	2.0%
Media Studies	30	\$ 234.81	\$ 7,044.30	\$ 239.50	\$ 7,185.00	\$ 4.69	\$ 140.70	2.0%
Pharmaceutical Sciences	37	\$ 260.14	\$ 9,625.18	\$ 265.34	\$ 9,817.58	\$ 5.20	\$ 192.40	2.0%
Pharmaceutical Sciences Resident			\$ 90.57		\$ 92.38		\$ 1.81	2.0%
Entry-to-Practice PharmD	42	\$ 421.39	\$ 17,698.38	\$ 429.81	\$ 18,052.02	\$ 8.42	\$ 353.64	2.0%
Doctor of Pharmacy Flexible Program (Program Fee)			\$ 39,600.00		\$ 40,392.00		\$ 792.00	2.0%
Post-baccalaureate Programs								
DENTISTRY								
Dentistry			\$ 18,110.49		\$ 18,472.69		\$ 362.20	2.0%
Dentistry International Dental Degree Completion			\$ 39,429.13		\$ 40,217.71		\$ 788.58	2.0%
Dentistry Resident			\$ 429.49		\$ 438.07		\$ 8.58	2.0%
EDUCATION								
Education Elementary	60	\$ 196.49	\$ 11,789.40	\$ 200.41	\$ 12,024.60	\$ 3.92	\$ 235.20	2.0%
Education Secondary	60	\$ 196.49	\$ 11,789.40	\$ 200.41	\$ 12,024.60	\$ 3.92	\$ 235.20	2.0%
Education NITEP (years 1-3)	30	\$ 176.45	\$ 5,293.50	\$ 179.97	\$ 5,399.10	\$ 3.52	\$ 105.60	2.0%
Education NITEP (years 4-5)	30	\$ 196.49	\$ 5,894.70	\$ 200.41	\$ 6,012.30	\$ 3.92	\$ 117.60	2.0%
Education Diploma	30	\$ 196.49	\$ 5,894.70	\$ 200.41	\$ 6,012.30	\$ 3.92	\$ 117.60	2.0%
LAW (Juris Doctor)								
Law	32	\$ 387.24	\$ 12,391.68	\$ 394.98	\$ 12,639.36	\$ 7.74	\$ 247.68	2.0%
MEDICINE								
Medicine			\$ 18,110.49		\$ 18,472.69		\$ 362.20	2.0%
Medicine Resident			\$ 429.49		\$ 438.07		\$ 8.58	2.0%
Other								
Unclassified, Qualifying, Visiting, Access Studies, Auditors (per credit)		\$ 176.45		\$ 179.97		\$ 3.52		2.0%
Unclassified, Qualifying, Visiting, Access Studies, Auditors (per credit for Law courses)		\$ 395.83		\$ 403.74		\$ 7.91		2.0%
Certificate Programs								
Certificate of Advanced Study			\$ 4,897.85		\$ 4,995.80		\$ 97.95	2.0%
Graduate Certificate in Adult Learning and Education		\$ 453.90		\$ 462.97		\$ 9.07		2.0%
Graduate Certificate in Global Surgical Care		\$ 442.17		\$ 451.01		\$ 8.84		2.0%
Graduate Certificate in High Performance Coaching and Technical Leadership		\$ 544.75		\$ 555.64		\$ 10.89		2.0%
Graduate Certificate in Indigenous Public Health		\$ 500.00		\$ 510.00		\$ 10.00		2.0%
Graduate Certificate in Rehabilitation Sciences		\$ 418.25		\$ 426.61		\$ 8.36		2.0%
Graduate Certificate in Orientation and Mobility		\$ 357.10		\$ 364.24		\$ 7.14		2.0%
Graduate Certificate in Orthopaedic and Manipulative Physical Therapy		\$ 523.76		\$ 534.23		\$ 10.47		2.0%
Undergraduate Certificate in Adult Learning and Education		\$ 176.45		\$ 179.97		\$ 3.52		2.0%
Undergraduate Certificate Dechinta Community and Land-Based Research		\$ 176.45		\$ 179.97		\$ 3.52		2.0%
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SCHEDULE A

UBC VANCOUVER, Effective May 1, 2019

PROPOSED TUITION FEES FOR 2019-20

UNDERGRADUATE AND POST-BACCALAUREATE	Normal Load Credits	Base Per Credit 2018-19	Typical Fee For Normal Load 2018-19	Proposed Per Credit 2019-20	Typical Fee For Normal Load 2019-20	\$ Increase Per Credit 2019-20	\$ Increase For Normal Load 2019-20	Percent Increase 2019-20
INTERNATIONAL								
Undergraduate (began 2019S or later)	30	\$ 1,256.33	\$ 37,689.90	\$ 1,306.58	\$ 39,197.49	\$ 50.25	\$ 1,507.59	4.0%
Undergraduate (began between 2018S and 2018W)	30	\$ 1,256.33	\$ 37,689.90	\$ 1,294.01	\$ 38,820.59	\$ 37.68	\$ 1,130.69	3.0%
Undergraduate (began between 2017S and 2017W)	30	\$ 1,198.67	\$ 35,960.10	\$ 1,234.63	\$ 37,038.90	\$ 35.96	\$ 1,078.80	3.0%
Undergraduate (began between 2016S and 2016W)	30	\$ 1,073.60	\$ 32,208.00	\$ 1,105.80	\$ 33,174.24	\$ 32.20	\$ 966.24	3.0%
Undergraduate (began 2015W or earlier)	30	\$ 961.57	\$ 28,847.10	\$ 990.41	\$ 29,712.51	\$ 28.84	\$ 865.41	3.0%
APPLIED SCIENCE								
Applied Science (began 2019S or later)	30	\$ 1,270.37	\$ 38,111.10	\$ 1,321.18	\$ 39,635.54	\$ 50.81	\$ 1,524.44	4.0%
Applied Science (began between 2018S and 2018W)	30	\$ 1,270.37	\$ 38,111.10	\$ 1,308.48	\$ 39,254.43	\$ 38.11	\$ 1,143.33	3.0%
Applied Science (began between 2017S and 2017W)	30	\$ 1,198.67	\$ 35,960.10	\$ 1,234.63	\$ 37,038.90	\$ 35.96	\$ 1,078.80	3.0%
Applied Science (began between 2016S and 2016W)	30	\$ 1,073.60	\$ 32,208.00	\$ 1,105.80	\$ 33,174.24	\$ 32.20	\$ 966.24	3.0%
Applied Science (began 2015W or earlier)	30	\$ 961.57	\$ 28,847.10	\$ 990.41	\$ 29,712.51	\$ 28.84	\$ 865.41	3.0%
Nursing, Environmental Design (began 2019S or later)								
Nursing, Environmental Design (began between 2018S and 2018W)	30	\$ 1,221.92	\$ 36,657.60	\$ 1,270.79	\$ 38,123.90	\$ 48.87	\$ 1,466.30	4.0%
Nursing, Environmental Design (began between 2017S and 2017W)	30	\$ 1,221.92	\$ 36,657.60	\$ 1,258.57	\$ 37,757.32	\$ 36.65	\$ 1,099.72	3.0%
Nursing, Environmental Design (began between 2016S and 2016W)	30	\$ 1,198.67	\$ 35,960.10	\$ 1,234.63	\$ 37,038.90	\$ 35.96	\$ 1,078.80	3.0%
Nursing, Environmental Design (began 2015W or earlier)	30	\$ 961.57	\$ 28,847.10	\$ 990.41	\$ 29,712.51	\$ 28.84	\$ 865.41	3.0%
ARTS								
Arts, Fine Arts, and Social Work (began 2019S or later)	30	\$ 1,219.61	\$ 36,588.30	\$ 1,268.39	\$ 38,051.83	\$ 48.78	\$ 1,463.53	4.0%
Arts, Fine Arts, and Social Work (began between 2018S and 2018W)	30	\$ 1,219.61	\$ 36,588.30	\$ 1,256.19	\$ 37,685.94	\$ 36.58	\$ 1,097.64	3.0%
Arts, Fine Arts, and Social Work (began between 2017S and 2017W)	30	\$ 1,196.42	\$ 35,892.60	\$ 1,232.31	\$ 36,969.37	\$ 35.89	\$ 1,076.77	3.0%
Arts, Fine Arts, and Social Work (began between 2016S and 2016W)	30	\$ 1,073.60	\$ 32,208.00	\$ 1,105.80	\$ 33,174.24	\$ 32.20	\$ 966.24	3.0%
Arts, Fine Arts, and Social Work (began 2015W or earlier)	30	\$ 961.57	\$ 28,847.10	\$ 990.41	\$ 29,712.51	\$ 28.84	\$ 865.41	3.0%
Design in Architecture, Landscape Architecture and Urbanism*	30	N/A	N/A	\$ 1,290.00	\$ 38,700.00	N/A	N/A	N/A
International Economics (began 2019S or later)								
International Economics (began between 2018S and 2018W)	30	\$ 1,475.37	\$ 44,261.10	\$ 1,534.38	\$ 46,031.54	\$ 59.01	\$ 1,770.44	4.0%
International Economics (began between 2017S and 2017W)	30	\$ 1,475.37	\$ 44,261.10	\$ 1,519.63	\$ 45,588.93	\$ 44.26	\$ 1,327.83	3.0%
International Economics (began between 2016S and 2016W)	30	\$ 1,434.35	\$ 43,030.50	\$ 1,477.38	\$ 44,321.41	\$ 43.03	\$ 1,290.91	3.0%
International Economics (began 2015W or earlier)	30	\$ 1,287.11	\$ 38,613.30	\$ 1,325.72	\$ 39,771.69	\$ 38.61	\$ 1,158.39	3.0%
International Economics (began 2015W or earlier)	30	\$ 1,152.80	\$ 34,584.00	\$ 1,187.38	\$ 35,621.52	\$ 34.58	\$ 1,037.52	3.0%
Media Studies (began 2019S or later)								
Media Studies (began between 2018S and 2018W)	30	\$ 1,219.61	\$ 36,588.30	\$ 1,268.39	\$ 38,051.83	\$ 48.78	\$ 1,463.53	4.0%
Media Studies (began between 2017S and 2017W)	30	\$ 1,219.61	\$ 36,588.30	\$ 1,256.19	\$ 37,685.94	\$ 36.58	\$ 1,097.64	3.0%
Media Studies (began between 2016S and 2016W)	30	\$ 1,196.42	\$ 35,892.60	\$ 1,232.31	\$ 36,969.37	\$ 35.89	\$ 1,076.77	3.0%
Media Studies (began 2016W or earlier)	30	\$ 1,073.60	\$ 32,208.00	\$ 1,105.80	\$ 33,174.24	\$ 32.20	\$ 966.24	3.0%
Music (began 2019S or later)								
Music (began between 2018S and 2018W)	30	\$ 1,018.68	\$ 30,560.40	\$ 1,059.42	\$ 31,782.81	\$ 40.74	\$ 1,222.41	4.0%
Music (began between 2017S and 2017W)	30	\$ 1,018.68	\$ 30,560.40	\$ 1,049.24	\$ 31,477.21	\$ 30.56	\$ 916.81	3.0%
Music (began between 2016S and 2016W)	30	\$ 999.28	\$ 29,978.40	\$ 1,029.25	\$ 30,877.75	\$ 29.97	\$ 899.35	3.0%
Music (began 2015W or earlier)	30	\$ 980.24	\$ 29,407.20	\$ 1,009.64	\$ 30,289.41	\$ 29.40	\$ 882.21	3.0%
Music (began 2015W or earlier)	30	\$ 961.57	\$ 28,847.10	\$ 990.41	\$ 29,712.51	\$ 28.84	\$ 865.41	3.0%
COMMERCE								
Commerce (began 2019S or later)	30	\$ 1,578.12	\$ 47,343.60	\$ 1,641.24	\$ 49,237.34	\$ 63.12	\$ 1,893.74	4.0%
Commerce (began between 2018S and 2018W)	30	\$ 1,578.12	\$ 47,343.60	\$ 1,625.46	\$ 48,763.90	\$ 47.34	\$ 1,420.30	3.0%
Commerce (began between 2017S and 2017W)	30	\$ 1,548.07	\$ 46,442.10	\$ 1,594.51	\$ 47,835.36	\$ 46.44	\$ 1,393.26	3.0%
Commerce (began between 2016S and 2016W)	30	\$ 1,291.47	\$ 38,744.10	\$ 1,330.21	\$ 39,906.42	\$ 38.74	\$ 1,162.32	3.0%
Commerce (began 2015W or earlier)	30	\$ 1,077.40	\$ 32,322.00	\$ 1,109.72	\$ 33,291.66	\$ 32.32	\$ 969.66	3.0%
EDUCATION								
Education (began 2019S or later)	30	\$ 815.97	\$ 24,479.10	\$ 848.60	\$ 25,458.26	\$ 32.63	\$ 979.16	4.0%
Education (began 2018W or earlier)	30	\$ 815.97	\$ 24,479.10	\$ 840.44	\$ 25,213.47	\$ 24.47	\$ 734.37	3.0%
DENTISTRY								
Dentistry			N/A		\$ 69,272.00		N/A	N/A
LAW								
Juris Doctor (began 2017S or later)	32	\$ 1,079.43	\$ 34,541.76	\$ 1,122.60	\$ 35,923.43	\$ 43.17	\$ 1,381.67	4.0%
Juris Doctor (began between 2016S and 2016W)	32	\$ 966.84	\$ 30,938.88	\$ 995.84	\$ 31,867.04	\$ 29.00	\$ 928.16	3.0%
Juris Doctor (began 2015W or earlier)	32	\$ 865.95	\$ 27,710.40	\$ 891.92	\$ 28,541.71	\$ 25.97	\$ 831.31	3.0%

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PROPOSED TUITION FEES FOR 2019-20

UNDERGRADUATE AND POST-BACCALAUREATE	Base Per Credit	Proposed Per Credit	\$ Increase Per Credit	Percent Increase
	2018-19	2019-20	2019-20	2019-20
INTERNATIONAL				
Certificate Programs				
Graduate Certificate in Adult Learning and Education (began 2019S or later)	\$ 569.00	\$ 591.76	\$ 22.76	4.0%
Graduate Certificate in Adult Learning and Education (began 2018W or earlier)	\$ 569.00	\$ 586.07	\$ 17.07	3.0%
Graduate Certificate in Global Surgical Care (began 2019S or later)	\$ 903.36	\$ 939.49	\$ 36.13	4.0%
Graduate Certificate in Global Surgical Care (began 2018W or earlier)	\$ 903.36	\$ 930.46	\$ 27.10	3.0%
Graduate Certificate in High Performance Coaching and Technical Leadership (began 2019S or later)	\$ 860.71	\$ 895.13	\$ 34.42	4.0%
Graduate Certificate in High Performance Coaching and Technical Leadership (began 2018W or earlier)	\$ 860.71	\$ 886.53	\$ 25.82	3.0%
Graduate Certificate in Rehabilitation Sciences (began 2019S or later)	\$ 418.25	\$ 434.98	\$ 16.73	4.0%
Graduate Certificate in Rehabilitation Sciences (began 2018W or earlier)	\$ 418.25	\$ 430.79	\$ 12.54	3.0%
Graduate Certificate in Indigenous Public Health (began 2019S or later)	\$ 600.00	\$ 624.00	\$ 24.00	4.0%
Graduate Certificate in Indigenous Public Health (began 2018W or earlier)	\$ 600.00	\$ 618.00	\$ 18.00	3.0%
Graduate Certificate in Orientation and Mobility (began 2019S or later)	\$ 707.71	\$ 736.01	\$ 28.30	4.0%
Graduate Certificate in Orientation and Mobility (began 2018W or earlier)	\$ 707.71	\$ 728.94	\$ 21.23	3.0%
Graduate Certificate in Orthopaedic and Manipulative Physical Therapy (began 2019S or later)	\$ 523.76	\$ 544.71	\$ 20.95	4.0%
Graduate Certificate in Orthopaedic and Manipulative Physical Therapy (began 2018W or earlier)	\$ 523.76	\$ 539.47	\$ 15.71	3.0%
Undergraduate Certificate in Adult Learning and Education (began 2019S or later)	\$ 1,256.33	\$ 1,306.58	\$ 50.25	4.0%
Undergraduate Certificate in Adult Learning and Education (began 2018W or earlier)	\$ 1,256.33	\$ 1,294.01	\$ 37.68	3.0%
Undergraduate Certificate Dechinta Community and Land-Based Research (began 2019S or later)	\$ 1,219.61	\$ 1,268.39	\$ 48.78	4.0%
Undergraduate Certificate Dechinta Community and Land-Based Research (began 2018W or earlier)	\$ 1,219.61	\$ 1,256.19	\$ 36.58	3.0%
Other				
Unclassified, Qualifying, Visiting, Access Studies, Auditors (per credit)	\$ 1,270.37	\$ 1,321.18	\$ 50.81	4.0%

UNDERGRADUATE AND POST-BACCALAUREATE	Minimum Number of Instalments	Program Fee	Fee Per Instalment	Program Fee	Fee Per Instalment	\$ Increase in Program Fee	Percent Increase
		2018-19	2018-19	2019-20	2019-20	2019-20	2019-20
International Program (Vantage College)							
Vantage One Program - Arts**	3	\$ 48,006.75	\$ 16,002.25	\$ 49,927.02	\$ 16,642.34	\$ 1,920.27	4.0%
Vantage One Program - Applied Science, Science, Management**	3	\$ 50,188.88	\$ 16,729.63	\$ 52,196.43	\$ 17,398.81	\$ 2,007.55	4.0%

** Increase applies to new incoming students only. Please note the Vantage One Program - Management Option is suspended for 2019/20.

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DOMESTIC GRADUATE PER INSTALMENT	Minimum Number of Instalments	Per Instalment Fee 2018-19	Per Instalment Fee 2019-20	\$ Increase per Instalment 2019-20	Percent Increase 2019-20
Graduate Programs with Standard Rates					
All Domestic Master's Programs Full Time (except below)	3	\$ 1,632.62	\$ 1,665.26	\$ 32.64	2.0%
All Domestic Doctoral Programs Full Time (except below)	6	\$ 1,632.62	\$ 1,665.26	\$ 32.64	2.0%
All Domestic Master's Programs Part Time (except below)	9	\$ 933.08	\$ 951.74	\$ 18.66	2.0%
All Domestic Doctoral Programs Part Time (except below)	9	\$ 1,201.15	\$ 1,225.17	\$ 24.02	2.0%
All Domestic Graduate Continuing fee	N/A	\$ 745.89	\$ 760.80	\$ 14.91	2.0%
All Domestic Graduate Extension fee	N/A	\$ 1,047.61	\$ 1,068.56	\$ 20.95	2.0%
All Domestic Graduate On-Leave fee	N/A	\$ 118.32	\$ 120.68	\$ 2.36	2.0%
Graduate Programs with Specialized Rates					
Master of Architecture	6	\$ 1,831.30	\$ 1,867.92	\$ 36.62	2.0%
Master of Archival Studies, Master of Library and Information Studies, Dual MAS/MLIS (Full Time)	3	\$ 1,669.61	\$ 1,703.00	\$ 33.39	2.0%
Master of Archival Studies, Master of Library and Information Studies, Dual MAS/MLIS (Part Time)	9	\$ 961.15	\$ 980.37	\$ 19.22	2.0%
Master of Arts in Faculty of Education except Kinesiology (Full Time)	3	\$ 2,334.10	\$ 2,380.77	\$ 46.67	2.0%
Master of Arts in Faculty of Education except Kinesiology (Part Time)	9	\$ 1,403.13	\$ 1,431.19	\$ 28.06	2.0%
Master of Business Administration (Full Time - 15 months)*	4	\$ 11,874.75	\$ 12,112.24	\$ 237.49	2.0%
Master of Business Administration (Part Time - 28 months)*	7	\$ 6,785.57	\$ 6,921.28	\$ 135.71	2.0%
Professional Masters of Business Administration*	6	\$ 7,916.50	\$ 8,074.83	\$ 158.33	2.0%
Master of Business Analytics*	3	\$ 12,920.00	\$ 13,178.40	\$ 258.40	2.0%
Master of Community and Regional Planning	6	\$ 3,385.67	\$ 3,453.38	\$ 67.71	2.0%
Master of Data Science	3	\$ 10,404.00	\$ 10,612.08	\$ 208.08	2.0%
Master of Education (Full Time)	3	\$ 2,334.10	\$ 2,380.77	\$ 46.67	2.0%
Master of Education (Part Time)	9	\$ 1,403.13	\$ 1,431.19	\$ 28.06	2.0%
Master of Education (Off Campus, Part Time over 6 instalments)	6	\$ 2,474.02	\$ 2,523.50	\$ 49.48	2.0%
Master of Education (Off Campus, Part Time over 7 instalments)	7	\$ 2,120.59	\$ 2,163.00	\$ 42.41	2.0%
Master of Education (Off Campus, Part Time over 8 instalments)	8	\$ 1,855.52	\$ 1,892.62	\$ 37.10	2.0%
Master of Education (Off Campus, Part Time over 9 instalments)	9	\$ 1,649.35	\$ 1,682.33	\$ 32.98	2.0%
Master of Education (Off Campus, with transferable Graduate Certificate)	6	\$ 1,649.35	\$ 1,682.33	\$ 32.98	2.0%
Master of Education in Adult Learning and Global Change	6	\$ 2,748.92	\$ 2,803.89	\$ 54.97	2.0%
Master of Education in Counselling Psychology (On Campus)	3	\$ 2,334.10	\$ 2,380.77	\$ 46.67	2.0%
Master of Education in Counselling Psychology (Off Campus)	9	\$ 2,850.73	\$ 2,907.74	\$ 57.01	2.0%
Master of Engineering (Full Time)	3	\$ 1,984.39	\$ 2,024.07	\$ 39.68	2.0%
Master of Engineering (Part Time)	9	\$ 1,169.42	\$ 1,192.80	\$ 23.38	2.0%
Master of Engineering in Clean Energy Engineering (Full Time)	3	\$ 5,951.56	\$ 6,070.59	\$ 119.03	2.0%
Master of Engineering in Naval Architecture and Marine Engineering (Full Time)	3	\$ 9,020.27	\$ 9,200.67	\$ 180.40	2.0%
Master of Engineering Leadership*	3	\$ 9,550.87	\$ 9,741.89	\$ 191.02	2.0%
Master of Food and Resource Economics	3	\$ 7,121.55	\$ 7,263.98	\$ 142.43	2.0%
Master of Food Science	3	\$ 4,144.58	\$ 4,227.47	\$ 82.89	2.0%
Master of Geomatics for Environmental Management	3	\$ 5,780.00	\$ 5,895.60	\$ 115.60	2.0%
Master of Global Surgical Care	6	\$ 4,590.00	\$ 4,681.80	\$ 91.80	2.0%
Master of Health Administration	6	\$ 4,838.18	\$ 4,934.94	\$ 96.76	2.0%
Master of Health Leadership and Policy*	3	\$ 9,550.87	\$ 9,741.89	\$ 191.02	2.0%
Master of High Performance Coaching and Technical Leadership	9	\$ 2,543.20	\$ 2,594.06	\$ 50.86	2.0%
Master of High Performance Coaching and Technical Leadership (with transferrable Graduate Certificate)	6	\$ 2,543.20	\$ 2,594.06	\$ 50.86	2.0%
Master of International Forestry	3	\$ 6,100.05	\$ 6,222.04	\$ 121.99	2.0%
Master of Journalism	5	\$ 2,390.84	\$ 2,438.66	\$ 47.82	2.0%
Master of Kinesiology (Full Time)	3	\$ 1,850.72	\$ 1,887.73	\$ 37.01	2.0%
Master of Kinesiology (Part Time)	9	\$ 1,081.88	\$ 1,103.51	\$ 21.63	2.0%
Master of Land and Water Systems	3	\$ 6,579.21	\$ 6,710.79	\$ 131.58	2.0%
Master of Landscape Architecture	6	\$ 1,764.49	\$ 1,799.77	\$ 35.28	2.0%
Master of Management*	3	\$ 9,676.33	\$ 9,869.86	\$ 193.53	2.0%
Master of Museum Education	7	\$ 2,220.15	\$ 2,264.55	\$ 44.40	2.0%
Master of Nursing	5	\$ 1,632.62	\$ 1,665.26	\$ 32.64	2.0%
Master of Occupational Therapy	6	\$ 2,419.05	\$ 2,467.42	\$ 48.38	2.0%
Master of Physical Therapy	7	\$ 2,073.47	\$ 2,114.93	\$ 41.46	2.0%
Master of Public Policy and Global Affairs	5	\$ 9,126.39	\$ 9,308.91	\$ 182.52	2.0%
Master of Science, Genetic Counselling	5	\$ 7,916.87	\$ 8,075.21	\$ 158.34	2.0%
Master of Sustainable Forest Management	3	\$ 6,100.05	\$ 6,222.04	\$ 121.99	2.0%
Master of Urban Design	3	\$ 6,133.78	\$ 6,256.45	\$ 122.67	2.0%
Master of Urban Forestry Leadership**	4	N/A	\$ 5,000.00	N/A	N/A
* Increase applies to new incoming students only.					
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Graduate Programs with Specialized Rates (continued)					
Dual Master of Arts (Asia-Pacific Policy Studies) and Master of Arts (Planning)	6	\$ 3,265.23	\$ 3,330.53	\$ 65.30	2.0%
Dual Master of Business Administration and Master of Arts (Asia-Pacific Policy Studies)	6	\$ 8,733.04	\$ 8,907.70	\$ 174.66	2.0%
Dual Master of Business Administration and Juris Doctor (entering 2017S or later)	11	\$ 7,556.94	\$ 7,708.07	\$ 151.13	2.0%
Dual Master of Business Administration and Juris Doctor (entering 2016W or earlier)	8	\$ 10,390.79	\$ 10,598.60	\$ 207.81	2.0%
Dual Master of Business Administration and Juris Doctor (transfer from first year in Juris Doctor)	8	\$ 8,841.83	\$ 9,018.67	\$ 176.84	2.0%
Dual Master of Architecture and Master of Landscape Architecture	12	\$ 2,653.02	\$ 2,706.08	\$ 53.06	2.0%
Combined Master of Public Health and Master of Science in Nursing	6	\$ 3,265.23	\$ 3,330.53	\$ 65.30	2.0%
Combined Master of Public Health with Diploma in Dental Public Health	7	\$ 6,037.08	\$ 6,157.82	\$ 120.74	2.0%
Combined Master of Science in Craniofacial Science and Diploma in Periodontics (began 2017S or later)	9	\$ 6,037.17	\$ 6,157.91	\$ 120.74	2.0%
Combined Master of Science in Craniofacial Science and Diploma in Endodontics (began 2017S or later)	9	\$ 6,037.17	\$ 6,157.91	\$ 120.74	2.0%
Combined Master of Science in Craniofacial Science and Diploma in Orthodontics (began 2017S or later)	9	\$ 6,037.17	\$ 6,157.91	\$ 120.74	2.0%
Combined Master of Science in Craniofacial Science and Diploma in Pediatric Dentistry (began 2017S or later)	9	\$ 6,037.17	\$ 6,157.91	\$ 120.74	2.0%
Combined Master of Science in Craniofacial Science and Diploma in Prosthodontics (began 2017S or later)	9	\$ 6,037.17	\$ 6,157.91	\$ 120.74	2.0%
Combined Master of Science in Craniofacial Science and Diploma in Periodontics (began 2016W or earlier)	6	\$ 9,055.75	\$ 9,236.86	\$ 181.11	2.0%
Combined Master of Science in Craniofacial Science and Diploma in Endodontics (began 2016W or earlier)	6	\$ 9,055.75	\$ 9,236.86	\$ 181.11	2.0%
Combined Master of Science in Craniofacial Science and Diploma in Orthodontics (began 2016W or earlier)	6	\$ 9,055.75	\$ 9,236.86	\$ 181.11	2.0%
Combined Master of Science in Craniofacial Science and Diploma in Pediatric Dentistry (began 2016W or earlier)	6	\$ 9,055.75	\$ 9,236.86	\$ 181.11	2.0%
Combined Master of Science in Craniofacial Science and Diploma in Prosthodontics (began 2016W or earlier)	6	\$ 9,055.75	\$ 9,236.86	\$ 181.11	2.0%
Doctoral Degree Programs					
Doctor of Education in Educational Leadership***	10	\$ 3,734.64	\$ 3,809.33	\$ 74.69	2.0%
Combined Doctor of Philosophy and Doctor of Medicine	18	\$ 1,697.64	\$ 1,731.59	\$ 33.95	2.0%
Combined Doctor of Philosophy in Craniofacial Science and Diploma in Endodontics	9	\$ 6,037.17	\$ 6,157.91	\$ 120.74	2.0%
Combined Doctor of Philosophy in Craniofacial Science and Diploma in Orthodontics	9	\$ 6,037.17	\$ 6,157.91	\$ 120.74	2.0%
Combined Doctor of Philosophy in Craniofacial Science and Diploma in Pediatric Dentistry	9	\$ 6,037.17	\$ 6,157.91	\$ 120.74	2.0%
Combined Doctor of Philosophy in Craniofacial Science and Diploma in Periodontics	9	\$ 6,037.17	\$ 6,157.91	\$ 120.74	2.0%
Combined Doctor of Philosophy in Craniofacial Science and Diploma in Prosthodontics	9	\$ 6,037.17	\$ 6,157.91	\$ 120.74	2.0%
Combined Master of Physical Therapy and Doctor of Philosophy in Rehabilitation Sciences (Instalments 1-7)	15	\$ 2,073.47	\$ 2,114.93	\$ 41.46	2.0%
Combined Master of Physical Therapy and Doctor of Philosophy in Rehabilitation Sciences (Instalments 8-15)	15	\$ 1,632.62	\$ 1,665.26	\$ 32.64	2.0%
*** Instalment 1 and 10 are assessed at half rate.					

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DOMESTIC GRADUATE PER CREDIT	Base Per Credit 2018-19	Proposed Per Credit 2019-20	\$ Increase Per Credit 2019-20	Percent Increase 2019-20
Master of Educational Technology	\$ 539.00	\$ 549.78	\$ 10.78	2.0%
Master of Fine Arts in Creative Writing (Distance Education)	\$ 603.66	\$ 615.73	\$ 12.07	2.0%
Master of Laws in Common Law	\$ 870.71	\$ 888.12	\$ 17.41	2.0%
Master of Laws in Taxation	\$ 902.03	\$ 920.07	\$ 18.04	2.0%
Master of Rehabilitation Science (Online)	\$ 418.25	\$ 426.61	\$ 8.36	2.0%
Other				
Unclassified, Qualifying, Visiting, Access Studies, Auditors (Graduate-level non-Law courses)	\$ 415.65	\$ 423.96	\$ 8.31	2.0%
Unclassified (Graduate-level Master of Laws in Common Law courses)	\$ 395.83	\$ 403.74	\$ 7.91	2.0%

DOMESTIC GRADUATE PROGRAM FEES	Program Fee 2018-19	Proposed Program Fee 2019-20	\$ Increase in Program Fee 2019-20	Percent Increase 2019-20
International Masters of Business Administration*	\$ 47,499.00	\$ 48,448.96	\$ 949.96	2.0%
Master of Management (Bachelor Dual Degree Option)	\$ 29,029.00	\$ 29,609.58	\$ 580.58	2.0%
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<i>No international standard graduate fee will be less than its associated domestic fee.</i>					
Graduate Programs with Standard Rates					
All International Master's Students Full Time (except below: until degree completion)*	3	\$ 2,868.22	\$ 2,925.58	\$ 57.36	2.0%
All International Doctoral Students Full Time (except below: until degree completion)*	6	\$ 2,868.22	\$ 2,925.58	\$ 57.36	2.0%
All International Master's Programs Part Time (except below)	9	\$ 1,649.23	\$ 1,682.21	\$ 32.98	2.0%
All International Doctoral Programs Part Time (except below)	9	\$ 2,409.39	\$ 2,457.58	\$ 48.19	2.0%
All International Graduate Students On-Leave fee	N/A	\$ 349.73	\$ 356.72	\$ 6.99	2.0%
Graduate Programs with Specialized Rates					
Master of Architecture (began 2019S or later)	6	\$ 13,438.11	\$ 13,975.63	\$ 537.52	4.0%
Master of Architecture (began between 2018S and 2018W)	6	\$ 13,438.11	\$ 13,841.25	\$ 403.14	3.0%
Master of Architecture (began between 2017S and 2017W)	6	\$ 10,087.59	\$ 10,390.21	\$ 302.62	3.0%
Master of Architecture (began between 2016S and 2016W)	6	\$ 7,572.35	\$ 7,799.52	\$ 227.17	3.0%
Master of Architecture (began 2015W or earlier)	6	\$ 5,520.36	\$ 5,685.97	\$ 165.61	3.0%
Master of Archival Studies, Master of Library and Information Studies, Dual MAS/MLIS (began 2019S or later)*	3	\$ 3,012.48	\$ 3,132.97	\$ 120.49	4.0%
Master of Archival Studies, Master of Library and Information Studies, Dual MAS/MLIS (began between 2016S and 2018W)*	3	\$ 3,012.48	\$ 3,102.85	\$ 90.37	3.0%
Master of Archival Studies, Master of Library and Information Studies, Dual MAS/MLIS (began 2015W or earlier)*	3	\$ 2,925.59	\$ 3,013.35	\$ 87.76	3.0%
Master of Arts in Economics (began 2019S or later)	3	\$ 7,666.67	\$ 7,973.33	\$ 306.66	4.0%
Master of Arts in Economics (began between 2018S and 2018W)	3	\$ 7,666.67	\$ 7,896.67	\$ 230.00	3.0%
Master of Arts in Economics (began between 2017S and 2017W)	3	\$ 5,368.11	\$ 5,529.15	\$ 161.04	3.0%
Master of Arts in Economics (began between 2016S and 2016W)	3	\$ 2,924.74	\$ 3,012.48	\$ 87.74	3.0%
Master of Arts in Economics (began 2015W or earlier)	3	\$ 2,868.22	\$ 2,954.26	\$ 86.04	3.0%
Master of Arts in Faculty of Education except Kinesiology (Full Time) (began 2019S or later)*	3	\$ 4,192.82	\$ 4,360.53	\$ 167.71	4.0%
Master of Arts in Faculty of Education except Kinesiology (Full Time) (began between 2018S and 2018W)*	3	\$ 4,192.82	\$ 4,318.60	\$ 125.78	3.0%
Master of Arts in Faculty of Education except Kinesiology (Full Time) (began between 2017S and 2017W)*	3	\$ 3,755.31	\$ 3,867.96	\$ 112.65	3.0%
Master of Arts in Faculty of Education except Kinesiology (Full Time) (began between 2016S and 2016W)*	3	\$ 3,363.45	\$ 3,464.35	\$ 100.90	3.0%
Master of Arts in Faculty of Education except Kinesiology (Full Time) (began 2015W or earlier)*	3	\$ 2,925.59	\$ 3,013.35	\$ 87.76	3.0%
Master of Business Administration (Full Time - 15 months)**	4	\$ 19,245.02	\$ 20,014.82	\$ 769.80	4.0%
Master of Business Administration (Part Time - 28 months)**	7	\$ 10,997.15	\$ 11,437.03	\$ 439.88	4.0%
Professional Masters of Business Administration**	6	\$ 12,830.01	\$ 13,343.21	\$ 513.20	4.0%
Master of Business Analytics**	3	\$ 17,166.67	\$ 17,853.33	\$ 686.66	4.0%
Master of Community and Regional Planning (began 2019S or later)	6	\$ 6,755.97	\$ 7,026.20	\$ 270.23	4.0%
Master of Community and Regional Planning (began between 2016S and 2018W)	6	\$ 6,755.97	\$ 6,958.64	\$ 202.67	3.0%
Master of Community and Regional Planning (began 2015W or earlier)	6	\$ 6,561.10	\$ 6,757.93	\$ 196.83	3.0%
Master of Data Science (began 2019S or later)	3	\$ 14,145.33	\$ 14,711.14	\$ 565.81	4.0%
Master of Data Science (began 2018W or earlier)	3	\$ 14,145.33	\$ 14,569.68	\$ 424.35	3.0%
Master of Education (Full Time) (began 2019S or later)*	3	\$ 4,192.82	\$ 4,360.53	\$ 167.71	4.0%
Master of Education (Full Time) (began between 2018S and 2018W)*	3	\$ 4,192.82	\$ 4,318.60	\$ 125.78	3.0%
Master of Education (Full Time) (began between 2017S and 2017W)*	3	\$ 3,755.31	\$ 3,867.96	\$ 112.65	3.0%
Master of Education (Full Time) (began between 2016S and 2016W)*	3	\$ 3,363.45	\$ 3,464.35	\$ 100.90	3.0%
Master of Education (Full Time) (began 2015W or earlier)*	3	\$ 2,925.59	\$ 3,013.35	\$ 87.76	3.0%
Master of Education (Off Campus, Part Time over 6 instalments) (began 2019S or later)	6	\$ 2,474.02	\$ 2,572.98	\$ 98.96	4.0%
Master of Education (Off Campus, Part Time over 6 instalments) (began 2018W or earlier)	6	\$ 2,474.02	\$ 2,548.24	\$ 74.22	3.0%
Master of Education (Off Campus, Part Time over 7 instalments) (began 2019S or later)	7	\$ 2,120.59	\$ 2,205.41	\$ 84.82	4.0%
Master of Education (Off Campus, Part Time over 7 instalments) (began 2018W or earlier)	7	\$ 2,120.59	\$ 2,184.20	\$ 63.61	3.0%
Master of Education (Off Campus, Part Time over 8 instalments) (began 2019S or later)	8	\$ 1,855.52	\$ 1,929.73	\$ 74.21	4.0%
Master of Education (Off Campus, Part Time over 8 instalments) (began 2018W or earlier)	8	\$ 1,855.52	\$ 1,911.18	\$ 55.67	3.0%
Master of Education (Off Campus, Part Time over 9 instalments) (began 2019S or later)	9	\$ 1,649.35	\$ 1,715.32	\$ 65.97	4.0%
Master of Education (Off Campus, Part Time over 9 instalments) (began 2018W or earlier)	9	\$ 1,649.35	\$ 1,698.82	\$ 49.47	3.0%
Master of Education (Off Campus, with transferable Graduate Certificate) (began 2019S or later)	6	\$ 1,649.35	\$ 1,715.32	\$ 65.97	4.0%
Master of Education (Off Campus, with transferable Graduate Certificate) (began 2018W or earlier)	6	\$ 1,649.35	\$ 1,698.83	\$ 49.48	3.0%
Master of Education in Adult Learning and Global Change (began 2019S or later)	6	\$ 3,939.63	\$ 4,097.21	\$ 157.58	4.0%
Master of Education in Adult Learning and Global Change (began between 2018S and 2018W)	6	\$ 3,939.63	\$ 4,057.81	\$ 118.18	3.0%
Master of Education in Adult Learning and Global Change (began between 2017S and 2017W)	6	\$ 3,528.54	\$ 3,634.39	\$ 105.85	3.0%
Master of Education in Adult Learning and Global Change (began between 2016S and 2016W)	6	\$ 3,160.34	\$ 3,255.15	\$ 94.81	3.0%
Master of Education in Adult Learning and Global Change (began 2015W or earlier)	6	\$ 2,748.92	\$ 2,831.38	\$ 82.46	3.0%
Master of Engineering (Full Time) (began 2019S or later)	3	\$ 6,489.38	\$ 6,748.95	\$ 259.57	4.0%
Master of Engineering (Full Time) (began between 2016S and 2018W)	3	\$ 6,489.38	\$ 6,684.06	\$ 194.68	3.0%
Master of Engineering (Full Time) (began 2015W or earlier)	3	\$ 6,302.20	\$ 6,491.26	\$ 189.06	3.0%
Master of Engineering in Clean Energy Engineering (Full Time) (began 2019S or later)	3	\$ 10,226.18	\$ 10,635.22	\$ 409.04	4.0%
Master of Engineering in Clean Energy Engineering (Full Time) (began between 2016S and 2018W)	3	\$ 10,226.18	\$ 10,532.96	\$ 306.78	3.0%
Master of Engineering in Clean Energy Engineering (Full Time) (began 2015W or earlier)	3	\$ 9,931.21	\$ 10,229.14	\$ 297.93	3.0%
Master of Engineering in Naval Architecture and Marine Engineering (Full Time) (began 2019S or later)	3	\$ 14,861.09	\$ 15,455.53	\$ 594.44	4.0%
Master of Engineering in Naval Architecture and Marine Engineering (Full Time) (began between 2016S and 2018W)	3	\$ 14,861.09	\$ 15,306.92	\$ 445.83	3.0%
Master of Engineering in Naval Architecture and Marine Engineering (Full Time) (began 2015W or earlier)	3	\$ 14,432.43	\$ 14,865.40	\$ 432.97	3.0%
Master of Engineering Leadership**	3	\$ 16,755.15	\$ 17,425.35	\$ 670.20	4.0%
<i>* International Graduate Students in Programs with Standard Rates, MAS, MLIS, Dual MAS/MLIS, MA & MED in Education, and MKIN Students receive an International Tuition Award.</i>					
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Graduate Programs with Specialized Rates (continued)					
Master of Food and Resource Economics (began 2019S or later)	3	\$ 13,789.81	\$ 14,341.40	\$ 551.59	4.0%
Master of Food and Resource Economics (began between 2018S and 2018W)	3	\$ 13,789.81	\$ 14,203.50	\$ 413.69	3.0%
Master of Food and Resource Economics (began between 2017S and 2017W)	3	\$ 13,399.53	\$ 13,801.51	\$ 401.98	3.0%
Master of Food and Resource Economics (began between 2016S and 2016W)	3	\$ 12,106.60	\$ 12,469.79	\$ 363.19	3.0%
Master of Food and Resource Economics (began 2015W or earlier)	3	\$ 11,533.44	\$ 11,879.44	\$ 346.00	3.0%
Master of Food Science (began 2019S or later)	3	\$ 12,113.51	\$ 12,598.05	\$ 484.54	4.0%
Master of Food Science (began between 2016S and 2018W)	3	\$ 12,113.51	\$ 12,476.91	\$ 363.40	3.0%
Master of Food Science (began 2015W or earlier)	3	\$ 11,764.11	\$ 12,117.03	\$ 352.92	3.0%
Master of Geomatics for Environmental Management (began 2019S or later)	3	\$ 10,986.67	\$ 11,426.13	\$ 439.46	4.0%
Master of Geomatics for Environmental Management (began 2018W or earlier)	3	\$ 10,986.67	\$ 11,316.27	\$ 329.60	3.0%
Master of Global Surgical Care (began 2019S or later)	6	\$ 7,725.00	\$ 8,034.00	\$ 309.00	4.0%
Master of Global Surgical Care (began 2018W or earlier)	6	\$ 7,725.00	\$ 7,956.75	\$ 231.75	3.0%
Master of Health Administration (began 2019S or later)	6	\$ 7,956.67	\$ 8,274.93	\$ 318.26	4.0%
Master of Health Administration (began between 2018S and 2018W)	6	\$ 7,956.67	\$ 8,195.37	\$ 238.70	3.0%
Master of Health Administration (began between 2017S and 2017W)	6	\$ 6,807.02	\$ 7,011.23	\$ 204.21	3.0%
Master of Health Administration (began between 2016S and 2016W)	6	\$ 5,823.28	\$ 5,997.97	\$ 174.69	3.0%
Master of Health Administration (began 2015W or earlier)	6	\$ 4,838.18	\$ 4,983.32	\$ 145.14	3.0%
Master of Health Leadership and Policy**	3	\$ 16,755.15	\$ 17,425.35	\$ 670.20	4.0%
Master of Health Science (began 2019S or later)	3	\$ 6,649.70	\$ 6,915.68	\$ 265.98	4.0%
Master of Health Science (began between 2018S and 2018W)	3	\$ 6,649.70	\$ 6,849.19	\$ 199.49	3.0%
Master of Health Science (began between 2017S and 2017W)	3	\$ 5,073.47	\$ 5,225.67	\$ 152.20	3.0%
Master of Health Science (began between 2016S and 2016W)	3	\$ 3,870.87	\$ 3,986.99	\$ 116.12	3.0%
Master of Health Science (began 2015W or earlier)	3	\$ 2,868.22	\$ 2,954.26	\$ 86.04	3.0%
Master of High Performance Coaching and Technical Leadership (began 2019S or later)	9	\$ 4,361.48	\$ 4,535.93	\$ 174.45	4.0%
Master of High Performance Coaching and Technical Leadership (began between 2017W to 2018W)	9	\$ 4,361.48	\$ 4,492.32	\$ 130.84	3.0%
Master of High Performance Coaching and Technical Leadership (with transferrable Graduate Certificate) (began 2019S or later)	9	\$ 4,361.48	\$ 4,535.93	\$ 174.45	4.0%
Master of High Performance Coaching and Technical Leadership (with transferrable Graduate Certificate) (began 2018W or earlier)	9	\$ 4,361.48	\$ 4,492.32	\$ 130.84	3.0%
Master of International Forestry (began 2019S or later)	3	\$ 10,624.80	\$ 11,049.79	\$ 424.99	4.0%
Master of International Forestry (began between 2018S and 2018W)	3	\$ 10,624.80	\$ 10,943.54	\$ 318.74	3.0%
Master of International Forestry (began between 2017S and 2017W)	3	\$ 10,422.42	\$ 10,735.09	\$ 312.67	3.0%
Master of International Forestry (began between 2016S and 2016W)	3	\$ 10,223.90	\$ 10,530.61	\$ 306.71	3.0%
Master of International Forestry (began 2015W or earlier)	3	\$ 9,929.00	\$ 10,226.87	\$ 297.87	3.0%
Master of Journalism (began 2019S or later)	5	\$ 8,381.20	\$ 8,716.44	\$ 335.24	4.0%
Master of Journalism (began between 2018S and 2018W)	5	\$ 8,381.20	\$ 8,632.63	\$ 251.43	3.0%
Master of Journalism (began between 2017S and 2017W)	5	\$ 7,782.80	\$ 8,016.28	\$ 233.48	3.0%
Master of Journalism (began between 2016S and 2016W)	5	\$ 6,559.97	\$ 6,756.76	\$ 196.79	3.0%
Master of Journalism (began 2015W or earlier)	5	\$ 5,251.82	\$ 5,409.37	\$ 157.55	3.0%
Master of Kinesiology (Full Time) (began 2019S or later)*	3	\$ 6,782.74	\$ 7,054.04	\$ 271.30	4.0%
Master of Kinesiology (Full Time) (began between 2018S and 2018W)*	3	\$ 6,782.74	\$ 6,986.22	\$ 203.48	3.0%
Master of Kinesiology (Full Time) (began between 2017S and 2017W)*	3	\$ 5,174.98	\$ 5,330.22	\$ 155.24	3.0%
Master of Kinesiology (Full Time) (began between 2016S and 2016W)*	3	\$ 3,948.32	\$ 4,066.76	\$ 118.44	3.0%
Master of Kinesiology (Full Time) (began 2015W or earlier)*	3	\$ 2,925.59	\$ 3,013.35	\$ 87.76	3.0%
Master of Land and Water Systems (began 2019S or later)	3	\$ 11,401.79	\$ 11,857.86	\$ 456.07	4.0%
Master of Land and Water Systems (began between 2018S and 2018W)	3	\$ 11,401.79	\$ 11,743.84	\$ 342.05	3.0%
Master of Land and Water Systems (began between 2017S and 2017W)	3	\$ 11,184.62	\$ 11,520.15	\$ 335.53	3.0%
Master of Land and Water Systems (began between 2016S and 2016W)	3	\$ 10,971.58	\$ 11,300.72	\$ 329.14	3.0%
Master of Land and Water Systems (began 2015W or earlier)	3	\$ 10,655.11	\$ 10,974.76	\$ 319.65	3.0%
Master of Landscape Architecture (began 2019S or later)	6	\$ 13,438.11	\$ 13,975.63	\$ 537.52	4.0%
Master of Landscape Architecture (began between 2018S and 2018W)	6	\$ 13,438.11	\$ 13,841.25	\$ 403.14	3.0%
Master of Landscape Architecture (began between 2017S and 2017W)	6	\$ 10,087.59	\$ 10,390.21	\$ 302.62	3.0%
Master of Landscape Architecture (began between 2016S and 2016W)	6	\$ 7,572.35	\$ 7,799.52	\$ 227.17	3.0%
Master of Landscape Architecture (began 2015W or earlier)	6	\$ 5,520.36	\$ 5,685.97	\$ 165.61	3.0%
Master of Management**	3	\$ 14,422.18	\$ 14,999.06	\$ 576.88	4.0%
Master of Museum Education (began 2019S or later)	7	\$ 3,648.85	\$ 3,794.80	\$ 145.95	4.0%
Master of Museum Education (began between 2018S and 2018W)	7	\$ 3,648.85	\$ 3,758.31	\$ 109.46	3.0%
Master of Museum Education (began between 2017S and 2017W)	7	\$ 3,268.10	\$ 3,366.14	\$ 98.04	3.0%
Master of Museum Education (began between 2016S and 2016W)	7	\$ 3,060.13	\$ 3,151.93	\$ 91.80	3.0%
Master of Museum Education (began 2015W or earlier)	7	\$ 2,782.75	\$ 2,866.23	\$ 83.48	3.0%
Master of Music (began 2019S or later)	3	\$ 5,746.33	\$ 5,976.18	\$ 229.85	4.0%
Master of Music (began between 2018S and 2018W)	3	\$ 5,746.33	\$ 5,918.71	\$ 172.38	3.0%
Master of Music (began between 2017S and 2017W)	3	\$ 4,602.90	\$ 4,740.98	\$ 138.08	3.0%
Master of Music (began between 2016S and 2016W)	3	\$ 3,686.98	\$ 3,797.58	\$ 110.60	3.0%
Master of Music (began 2015W or earlier)	3	\$ 2,868.22	\$ 2,954.26	\$ 86.04	3.0%
Master of Nursing - Nurse Practitioner (began 2019S or later)***	5	\$ 11,585.62	\$ 16,000.00	\$ 4,414.38	38.1%
Master of Nursing - Nurse Practitioner (began between 2018S and 2018W)	5	\$ 11,585.62	\$ 11,933.18	\$ 347.56	3.0%
Master of Nursing - Nurse Practitioner (began between 2017S and 2017W)	5	\$ 7,386.38	\$ 7,607.97	\$ 221.59	3.0%
Master of Nursing - Nurse Practitioner (began 2016W or earlier)	5	\$ 7,314.66	\$ 7,534.09	\$ 219.43	3.0%
Master of Occupational Therapy (began 2019S or later)	6	\$ 13,799.37	\$ 14,351.34	\$ 551.97	4.0%
Master of Occupational Therapy (began between 2016S and 2018W)	6	\$ 13,799.37	\$ 14,213.35	\$ 413.98	3.0%
Master of Occupational Therapy (began 2015W or earlier)	6	\$ 13,401.33	\$ 13,803.36	\$ 402.03	3.0%
Master of Physical Therapy (began 2019S or later)	7	\$ 12,124.57	\$ 12,609.55	\$ 484.98	4.0%
Master of Physical Therapy (began 2018W or earlier)	7	\$ 12,124.57	\$ 12,488.30	\$ 363.73	3.0%
Master of Public Health (began 2019S or later)	6	\$ 5,304.50	\$ 5,516.68	\$ 212.18	4.0%
Master of Public Health (began between 2018S and 2018W)	6	\$ 5,304.50	\$ 5,463.63	\$ 159.13	3.0%
Master of Public Health (began between 2017S and 2017W)	6	\$ 4,363.87	\$ 4,494.78	\$ 130.91	3.0%
Master of Public Health (began between 2016S and 2016W)	6	\$ 3,590.09	\$ 3,697.79	\$ 107.70	3.0%
Master of Public Health (began 2015W or earlier)	6	\$ 2,868.22	\$ 2,954.26	\$ 86.04	3.0%
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Graduate Programs with Specialized Rates (continued)					
Master of Public Policy and Global Affairs (began 2019S or later)	5	\$ 14,642.54	\$ 15,228.24	\$ 585.70	4.0%
Master of Public Policy and Global Affairs (began between 2016S and 2018W)	5	\$ 14,642.54	\$ 15,081.81	\$ 439.27	3.0%
Master of Public Policy and Global Affairs (began 2015W or earlier)	5	\$ 14,220.19	\$ 14,646.79	\$ 426.60	3.0%
Master of Science, Genetic Counselling (began 2019S or later)	5	\$ 8,152.02	\$ 8,478.10	\$ 326.08	4.0%
Master of Science, Genetic Counselling (began between 2016S and 2018W)	5	\$ 8,152.02	\$ 8,396.58	\$ 244.56	3.0%
Master of Science, Genetic Counselling (began 2015W or earlier)	5	\$ 7,916.87	\$ 8,154.37	\$ 237.50	3.0%
Master of Science, Occupational and Environmental Hygiene (began 2019S or later)	4	\$ 3,978.25	\$ 4,137.38	\$ 159.13	4.0%
Master of Science, Occupational and Environmental Hygiene (began between 2018S and 2018W)	4	\$ 3,978.25	\$ 4,097.59	\$ 119.34	3.0%
Master of Science, Occupational and Environmental Hygiene (began between 2017S and 2017W)	4	\$ 3,602.17	\$ 3,710.23	\$ 108.06	3.0%
Master of Science, Occupational and Environmental Hygiene (began between 2016S and 2016W)	4	\$ 3,261.74	\$ 3,359.59	\$ 97.85	3.0%
Master of Science, Occupational and Environmental Hygiene (began 2015W or earlier)	4	\$ 2,868.22	\$ 2,954.26	\$ 86.04	3.0%
Master of Social Work (began 2019S or later)	3	\$ 8,013.83	\$ 8,334.38	\$ 320.55	4.0%
Master of Social Work (began between 2018S and 2018W)	3	\$ 8,013.83	\$ 8,254.24	\$ 240.41	3.0%
Master of Social Work (began between 2017S and 2017W)	3	\$ 5,745.51	\$ 5,917.87	\$ 172.36	3.0%
Master of Social Work (began between 2016S and 2016W)	3	\$ 4,119.30	\$ 4,242.87	\$ 123.57	3.0%
Master of Social Work (began 2015W or earlier)	3	\$ 2,868.22	\$ 2,954.26	\$ 86.04	3.0%
Master of Sustainable Forest Management (began 2019S or later)	3	\$ 10,624.80	\$ 11,049.79	\$ 424.99	4.0%
Master of Sustainable Forest Management (began between 2018S and 2018W)	3	\$ 10,624.80	\$ 10,943.54	\$ 318.74	3.0%
Master of Sustainable Forest Management (began between 2017S and 2017W)	3	\$ 10,422.42	\$ 10,735.09	\$ 312.67	3.0%
Master of Sustainable Forest Management (began between 2016S and 2016W)	3	\$ 10,223.90	\$ 10,530.61	\$ 306.71	3.0%
Master of Sustainable Forest Management (began 2015W or earlier)	3	\$ 9,929.00	\$ 10,226.87	\$ 297.87	3.0%
Master of Urban Design (began 2019S or later)	3	\$ 10,960.05	\$ 11,398.45	\$ 438.40	4.0%
Master of Urban Design (began between 2016S and 2018W)	3	\$ 10,960.05	\$ 11,288.85	\$ 328.80	3.0%
Master of Urban Design (began 2015W or earlier)	3	\$ 10,643.92	\$ 10,963.23	\$ 319.31	3.0%
Master of Urban Forestry Leadership****	4	N/A	\$ 8,750.00	N/A	N/A
Dual Master of Arts (Asia-Pacific Policy Studies) and Master of Arts (Planning) (began 2015W or earlier)	6	\$ 5,736.45	\$ 5,908.54	\$ 172.09	3.0%
Dual Master of Business Administration and Master of Arts (Asia-Pacific Policy Studies) (began 2015W or earlier)	6	\$ 11,295.73	\$ 11,634.60	\$ 338.87	3.0%
Dual Master of Business Administration and Juris Doctor (began 2019S or later)	11	\$ 16,026.64	\$ 16,667.70	\$ 641.06	4.0%
Dual Master of Business Administration and Juris Doctor (began between 2018S and 2018W)	11	\$ 16,026.64	\$ 16,507.43	\$ 480.79	3.0%
Dual Master of Business Administration and Juris Doctor (began between 2017S and 2017W)	11	\$ 15,702.63	\$ 16,173.70	\$ 471.07	3.0%
Dual Master of Business Administration and Juris Doctor (began between 2016S and 2016W)	8	\$ 19,870.79	\$ 20,466.91	\$ 596.12	3.0%
Dual Master of Business Administration and Juris Doctor (began 2015W or earlier)	8	\$ 16,571.25	\$ 17,068.38	\$ 497.13	3.0%
Dual Master of Business Administration and Juris Doctor (transfer from first year in Juris Doctor) (began 2019S or later)	8	\$ 17,718.91	\$ 18,427.65	\$ 708.74	4.0%
Dual Master of Business Administration and Juris Doctor (transfer from first year in Juris Doctor) (began between 2018S and 2018W)	8	\$ 17,718.91	\$ 18,207.28	\$ 488.38	2.8%
Dual Master of Business Administration and Juris Doctor (transfer from first year in Juris Doctor) (began between 2017S and 2017W)	8	\$ 17,273.40	\$ 17,748.40	\$ 475.00	2.7%
Dual Master of Architecture and Master of Landscape Architecture (began 2019S or later)	12	\$ 20,157.08	\$ 20,963.36	\$ 806.28	4.0%
Dual Master of Architecture and Master of Landscape Architecture (began between 2018S and 2018W)	12	\$ 20,157.08	\$ 20,761.79	\$ 604.71	3.0%
Dual Master of Architecture and Master of Landscape Architecture (began between 2017S and 2017W)	12	\$ 15,131.30	\$ 15,585.23	\$ 453.93	3.0%
Dual Master of Architecture and Master of Landscape Architecture (began 2016W or earlier)	12	\$ 11,358.61	\$ 11,699.36	\$ 340.75	3.0%
Combined Master of Public Health and Master of Science in Nursing (began 2019S or later)	6	\$ 8,172.83	\$ 8,499.74	\$ 326.91	4.0%
Combined Master of Public Health and Master of Science in Nursing (began between 2018S and 2018W)	6	\$ 8,172.83	\$ 8,418.01	\$ 245.18	3.0%
Combined Master of Public Health and Master of Science in Nursing (began between 2017S and 2017W)	6	\$ 7,260.30	\$ 7,478.10	\$ 217.80	3.0%
Combined Master of Public Health and Master of Science in Nursing (began between 2016S and 2016W)	6	\$ 6,514.81	\$ 6,710.25	\$ 195.44	3.0%
Combined Master of Public Health and Master of Science in Nursing (began 2015W or earlier)	6	\$ 5,736.45	\$ 5,908.54	\$ 172.09	3.0%
Combined Master of Public Health with Diploma in Dental Public Health (began 2019S or later)	7	\$ 16,791.43	\$ 17,463.08	\$ 671.65	4.0%
Combined Master of Public Health with Diploma in Dental Public Health (began between 2018S and 2018W)	7	\$ 16,791.43	\$ 17,295.17	\$ 503.74	3.0%
Combined Master of Public Health with Diploma in Dental Public Health (began between 2017S and 2017W)	7	\$ 15,963.38	\$ 16,442.28	\$ 478.90	3.0%
Combined Master of Public Health with Diploma in Dental Public Health (began between 2016S and 2016W)	7	\$ 15,303.33	\$ 15,762.42	\$ 459.09	3.0%
Combined Master of Public Health with Diploma in Dental Public Health (began 2015W or earlier)	7	\$ 14,355.21	\$ 14,785.86	\$ 430.65	3.0%
Combined Master of Science in Craniofacial Science and Diploma in Periodontics (began 2019S or later)	9	\$ 14,355.17	\$ 14,929.37	\$ 574.20	4.0%
Combined Master of Science in Craniofacial Science and Diploma in Periodontics (began between 2017S and 2018W)	9	\$ 14,355.17	\$ 14,785.82	\$ 430.65	3.0%
Combined Master of Science in Craniofacial Science and Diploma in Periodontics (began 2016W or earlier)	6	\$ 21,532.76	\$ 22,178.74	\$ 645.98	3.0%
Combined Master of Science in Craniofacial Science and Diploma in Endodontics (began 2019S or later)	9	\$ 14,355.17	\$ 14,929.37	\$ 574.20	4.0%
Combined Master of Science in Craniofacial Science and Diploma in Endodontics (began between 2017S and 2018W)	9	\$ 14,355.17	\$ 14,785.82	\$ 430.65	3.0%
Combined Master of Science in Craniofacial Science and Diploma in Endodontics (began 2016W or earlier)	6	\$ 21,532.76	\$ 22,178.74	\$ 645.98	3.0%
Combined Master of Science in Craniofacial Science and Diploma in Pediatric Dentistry (began 2019S or later)	9	\$ 14,355.17	\$ 14,929.37	\$ 574.20	4.0%
Combined Master of Science in Craniofacial Science and Diploma in Pediatric Dentistry (began between 2017S and 2018W)	9	\$ 14,355.17	\$ 14,785.82	\$ 430.65	3.0%
Combined Master of Science in Craniofacial Science and Diploma in Pediatric Dentistry (began 2016W or earlier)	6	\$ 21,532.76	\$ 22,178.74	\$ 645.98	3.0%
Combined Master of Science in Craniofacial Science and Diploma in Prosthodontics (began 2019S or later)	9	\$ 14,355.17	\$ 14,929.37	\$ 574.20	4.0%
Combined Master of Science in Craniofacial Science and Diploma in Prosthodontics (began between 2017S and 2018W)	9	\$ 14,355.17	\$ 14,785.82	\$ 430.65	3.0%
Combined Master of Science in Craniofacial Science and Diploma in Prosthodontics (began 2016W or earlier)	6	\$ 21,532.76	\$ 22,178.74	\$ 645.98	3.0%
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Doctoral Degree Programs					
Doctor of Education in Educational Leadership (began 2019S or later)*****	10	\$ 5,352.30	\$ 5,566.39	\$ 214.09	4.0%
Doctor of Education in Educational Leadership (began between 2018S and 2018W)*****	10	\$ 5,352.30	\$ 5,512.86	\$ 160.56	3.0%
Doctor of Education in Educational Leadership (began between 2017S and 2017W)*****	10	\$ 4,793.80	\$ 4,937.61	\$ 143.81	3.0%
Doctor of Education in Educational Leadership (began between 2016S and 2016W)*****	10	\$ 4,293.58	\$ 4,422.38	\$ 128.80	3.0%
Doctor of Education in Educational Leadership (began 2015W or earlier)*****	10	\$ 3,734.64	\$ 3,846.68	\$ 112.04	3.0%
Combined Doctor of Philosophy in Craniofacial Science and Diploma in Endodontics (began 2019S or later)	9	\$ 14,355.17	\$ 14,929.37	\$ 574.20	4.0%
Combined Doctor of Philosophy in Craniofacial Science and Diploma in Endodontics (began 2018W or earlier)	9	\$ 14,355.17	\$ 14,785.82	\$ 430.65	3.0%
Combined Doctor of Philosophy in Craniofacial Science and Diploma in Orthodontics (began 2019S or later)	9	\$ 14,355.17	\$ 14,929.37	\$ 574.20	4.0%
Combined Doctor of Philosophy in Craniofacial Science and Diploma in Orthodontics (began 2018W or earlier)	9	\$ 14,355.17	\$ 14,785.82	\$ 430.65	3.0%
Combined Doctor of Philosophy in Craniofacial Science and Diploma in Pediatric Dentistry (began 2019S or later)	9	\$ 14,355.17	\$ 14,929.37	\$ 574.20	4.0%
Combined Doctor of Philosophy in Craniofacial Science and Diploma in Pediatric Dentistry (began 2018W or earlier)	9	\$ 14,355.17	\$ 14,785.82	\$ 430.65	3.0%
Combined Doctor of Philosophy in Craniofacial Science and Diploma in Periodontics Dentistry (began 2019S or later)	9	\$ 14,355.17	\$ 14,929.37	\$ 574.20	4.0%
Combined Doctor of Philosophy in Craniofacial Science and Diploma in Periodontics Dentistry (began 2018W or earlier)	9	\$ 14,355.17	\$ 14,785.82	\$ 430.65	3.0%
Combined Doctor of Philosophy in Craniofacial Science and Diploma in Prosthodontics (began 2019S or later)	9	\$ 14,355.17	\$ 14,929.37	\$ 574.20	4.0%
Combined Doctor of Philosophy in Craniofacial Science and Diploma in Prosthodontics (began 2018W or earlier)	9	\$ 14,355.17	\$ 14,785.82	\$ 430.65	3.0%
Combined Master of Physical Therapy and Doctor of Philosophy in Rehabilitation Sciences (Instalments 1-7) (began 2019S or later)	15	\$ 12,124.57	\$ 12,609.55	\$ 484.98	4.0%
Combined Master of Physical Therapy and Doctor of Philosophy in Rehabilitation Sciences (Instalments 8-15) (began 2019S or later)	15	\$ 2,868.22	\$ 2,925.58	\$ 57.36	2.0%
Combined Master of Physical Therapy and Doctor of Philosophy in Rehabilitation Sciences (Instalments 1-7) (began 2018W or earlier)	15	\$ 12,124.57	\$ 12,488.30	\$ 363.73	3.0%
Combined Master of Physical Therapy and Doctor of Philosophy in Rehabilitation Sciences (Instalments 8-15) (began 2018W or earlier)	15	\$ 2,868.22	\$ 2,925.58	\$ 57.36	2.0%
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INTERNATIONAL GRADUATE PER CREDIT	Base Per Credit 2018-19	Proposed Per Credit 2019-20	\$ Increase Per Credit 2019-20	Percent Increase 2019-20
Master of Educational Technology (began 2019S or later)	\$ 772.47	\$ 803.36	\$ 30.89	4.0%
Master of Educational Technology (began between 2018S and 2018W)	\$ 772.47	\$ 795.64	\$ 23.17	3.0%
Master of Educational Technology (began between 2017S and 2017W)	\$ 691.87	\$ 712.62	\$ 20.75	3.0%
Master of Educational Technology (began between 2016S and 2016W)	\$ 619.67	\$ 638.26	\$ 18.59	3.0%
Master of Educational Technology (began 2015W or earlier)	\$ 539.00	\$ 555.17	\$ 16.17	3.0%
Master of Fine Arts in Creative Writing (Distance Education) (began 2019S or later)	\$ 1,025.38	\$ 1,066.39	\$ 41.01	4.0%
Master of Fine Arts in Creative Writing (Distance Education) (began between 2016S and 2018W)	\$ 1,025.38	\$ 1,056.14	\$ 30.76	3.0%
Master of Fine Arts in Creative Writing (Distance Education) (began 2015W or earlier)	\$ 995.80	\$ 1,025.67	\$ 29.87	3.0%
Master of Laws in Common Law (began 2019S or later)	\$ 1,066.32	\$ 1,108.97	\$ 42.65	4.0%
Master of Laws in Common Law (began between 2018S and 2018W)	\$ 1,066.32	\$ 1,098.30	\$ 31.98	3.0%
Master of Laws in Common Law (began between 2016S and 2017W)	\$ 1,046.01	\$ 1,077.39	\$ 31.38	3.0%
Master of Laws in Common Law (began 2015W or earlier)	\$ 1,015.83	\$ 1,046.30	\$ 30.47	3.0%
Master of Laws in Taxation (began 2019S or later)	\$ 1,211.96	\$ 1,260.43	\$ 48.47	4.0%
Master of Laws in Taxation (began between 2018S and 2018W)	\$ 1,211.96	\$ 1,248.31	\$ 36.35	3.0%
Master of Laws in Taxation (began between 2016S and 2017W)	\$ 1,188.88	\$ 1,224.54	\$ 35.66	3.0%
Master of Laws in Taxation (began 2015W or earlier)	\$ 1,154.58	\$ 1,189.21	\$ 34.63	3.0%
Master of Rehabilitation Science (Online) (began 2019S or later)	\$ 430.68	\$ 447.90	\$ 17.22	4.0%
Master of Rehabilitation Science (Online) (began between 2016S and 2018W)	\$ 430.68	\$ 443.60	\$ 12.92	3.0%
Master of Rehabilitation Science (Online) (began 2015W or earlier)	\$ 418.25	\$ 430.79	\$ 12.54	3.0%
Other				
Unclassified (Graduate-level Master of Laws in Common Law courses)	\$ 1,066.32	\$ 1,108.97	\$ 42.65	4.0%

INTERNATIONAL GRADUATE PROGRAM FEES	Program Fee 2018-19	Proposed Program Fee 2019-20	\$ Increase in Program Fee 2019-20	Percent Increase 2019-20
International Masters of Business Administration*	\$ 76,980.07	\$ 80,059.28	\$ 3,079.21	4.0%
Master of Management (Bachelor Dual Degree Option)*	\$ 43,266.53	\$ 44,997.18	\$ 1,730.65	4.0%
* Increase applies to new incoming students only.				

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UNDERGRADUATE AND POST-BACCALAUREATE	Normal Load Credits	Base Per Credit 2018-19	Typical Fee For Normal Load 2018-19	Proposed Per Credit 2019-20	Typical Fee For Normal Load 2019-20	\$ Increase Per Credit 2019-20	\$ Increase For Normal Load 2019-20	Percent Increase 2019-20
DOMESTIC								
Undergraduate (except as below)	30	\$ 176.45	\$ 5,293.50	\$ 179.97	\$ 5,399.10	\$ 3.52	\$ 105.60	2.0%
Engineering (years 2 to 5)	36	\$ 188.35	\$ 6,780.60	\$ 192.11	\$ 6,915.96	\$ 3.76	\$ 135.36	2.0%
Media Studies	30	\$ 234.81	\$ 7,044.30	\$ 239.50	\$ 7,185.00	\$ 4.69	\$ 140.70	2.0%
Post-baccalaureate Programs								
Education - Elementary (2-year program)	67	\$ 196.49	\$ 13,164.83	\$ 200.41	\$ 13,427.47	\$ 3.92	\$ 262.64	2.0%
Education - Secondary (12-month program)	60	\$ 196.49	\$ 11,789.40	\$ 200.41	\$ 12,024.60	\$ 3.92	\$ 235.20	2.0%
Diploma and Certificate Programs								
Diploma and Certificates in Education		\$ 196.49		\$ 200.41		\$ 3.92		2.0%
Other								
Unclassified, Qualifying, Visiting, Access Studies, Auditors (per credit fee)		\$ 176.45		\$ 179.97		\$ 3.52		2.0%
INTERNATIONAL								
Undergraduate (began 2019S or later)	30	\$ 1,256.33	\$ 37,689.90	\$ 1,306.58	\$ 39,197.40	\$ 50.25	\$ 1,507.50	4.0%
Undergraduate (began between 2018S and 2018W)	30	\$ 1,256.33	\$ 37,689.90	\$ 1,294.01	\$ 38,820.30	\$ 37.68	\$ 1,130.40	3.0%
Undergraduate (began between 2017S and 2017W)	30	\$ 1,198.67	\$ 35,960.10	\$ 1,234.63	\$ 37,038.90	\$ 35.96	\$ 1,078.80	3.0%
Undergraduate (began between 2016S and 2016W)	30	\$ 1,073.60	\$ 32,208.00	\$ 1,105.80	\$ 33,174.00	\$ 32.20	\$ 966.00	3.0%
Undergraduate (began between 2015W or earlier)	30	\$ 961.57	\$ 28,847.10	\$ 990.41	\$ 29,712.30	\$ 28.84	\$ 865.20	3.0%
APPLIED SCIENCE								
Applied Science (began 2019S or later)	30	\$ 1,270.37	\$ 38,111.10	\$ 1,321.18	\$ 39,635.40	\$ 50.81	\$ 1,524.30	4.0%
Applied Science (began between 2018S and 2018W)	30	\$ 1,270.37	\$ 38,111.10	\$ 1,308.48	\$ 39,254.40	\$ 38.11	\$ 1,143.30	3.0%
Applied Science (began between 2017S and 2017W)	30	\$ 1,198.67	\$ 35,960.10	\$ 1,234.63	\$ 37,038.90	\$ 35.96	\$ 1,078.80	3.0%
Applied Science (began between 2016S and 2016W)	30	\$ 1,073.60	\$ 32,208.00	\$ 1,105.80	\$ 33,174.00	\$ 32.20	\$ 966.00	3.0%
Applied Science (began 2015W or earlier)	30	\$ 961.57	\$ 28,847.10	\$ 990.41	\$ 29,712.30	\$ 28.84	\$ 865.20	3.0%
ARTS								
Arts, Fine Arts (began 2019S or later)	30	\$ 1,219.61	\$ 36,588.30	\$ 1,268.39	\$ 38,051.70	\$ 48.78	\$ 1,463.40	4.0%
Arts, Fine Arts (began between 2018S and 2018W)	30	\$ 1,219.61	\$ 36,588.30	\$ 1,256.19	\$ 37,685.70	\$ 36.58	\$ 1,097.40	3.0%
Arts, Fine Arts (began between 2017S and 2017W)	30	\$ 1,196.42	\$ 35,892.60	\$ 1,232.31	\$ 36,969.30	\$ 35.89	\$ 1,076.70	3.0%
Arts, Fine Arts (began between 2016S and 2016W)	30	\$ 1,073.60	\$ 32,208.00	\$ 1,105.80	\$ 33,174.00	\$ 32.20	\$ 966.00	3.0%
Arts, Fine Arts (began 2015W or earlier)	30	\$ 961.57	\$ 28,847.10	\$ 990.41	\$ 29,712.30	\$ 28.84	\$ 865.20	3.0%
Media Studies (began 2019S or later)	30	\$ 1,219.61	\$ 36,588.30	\$ 1,268.39	\$ 38,051.70	\$ 48.78	\$ 1,463.40	4.0%
Media Studies (began between 2018S and 2018W)	30	\$ 1,219.61	\$ 36,588.30	\$ 1,256.19	\$ 37,685.70	\$ 36.58	\$ 1,097.40	3.0%
Media Studies (began 2017W or earlier)	30	\$ 1,196.42	\$ 35,892.60	\$ 1,232.31	\$ 36,969.30	\$ 35.89	\$ 1,076.70	3.0%
EDUCATION								
Education (began 2019S or later)	30	\$ 815.97	\$ 24,479.10	\$ 848.60	\$ 25,458.00	\$ 32.63	\$ 978.90	4.0%
Education (began 2018W or earlier)	30	\$ 815.97	\$ 24,479.10	\$ 840.44	\$ 25,213.20	\$ 24.47	\$ 734.10	3.0%
MANAGEMENT								
Management (began 2019S or later)	30	\$ 1,225.69	\$ 36,770.70	\$ 1,274.71	\$ 38,241.30	\$ 49.02	\$ 1,470.60	4.0%
Management (began between 2018S and 2018W)	30	\$ 1,225.69	\$ 36,770.70	\$ 1,262.46	\$ 37,873.80	\$ 36.77	\$ 1,103.10	3.0%
Management (began between 2017S and 2017W)	30	\$ 1,198.67	\$ 35,960.10	\$ 1,234.63	\$ 37,038.90	\$ 35.96	\$ 1,078.80	3.0%
Management (began between 2016S and 2016W)	30	\$ 1,073.60	\$ 32,208.00	\$ 1,105.80	\$ 33,174.00	\$ 32.20	\$ 966.00	3.0%
Management (began between 2015W or earlier)	30	\$ 961.57	\$ 28,847.10	\$ 990.41	\$ 29,712.30	\$ 28.84	\$ 865.20	3.0%
Other								
Unclassified, Qualifying, Visiting, Access Studies, Auditors (per credit)		\$ 1,270.37		\$ 1,321.18		\$ 50.81		4.0%

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DOMESTIC GRADUATE PER INSTALMENT	Minimum Number of Instalments	Per Instalment Fee 2018-19	Per Instalment Fee 2019-20	\$ Increase per Instalment 2019-20	Percent Increase 2019-20
Graduate Programs with Standard Rates					
All Domestic Graduate Programs Full Time (except below)	3	\$ 1,632.62	\$ 1,665.26	\$ 32.64	2.0%
All Domestic Master's Programs Part Time (except below)	3	\$ 933.08	\$ 951.74	\$ 18.66	2.0%
All Domestic Graduate Continuing fee	N/A	\$ 745.89	\$ 760.80	\$ 14.91	2.0%
All Domestic Graduate Extension fee	N/A	\$ 1,047.61	\$ 1,068.56	\$ 20.95	2.0%
All Domestic Graduate On-Leave fee	N/A	\$ 118.32	\$ 120.68	\$ 2.36	2.0%
Graduate Programs with Specialized Rates					
Master of Arts in Faculty of Education (Full Time)	3	\$ 2,334.10	\$ 2,380.77	\$ 46.67	2.0%
Master of Arts in Faculty of Education (Part Time)	9	\$ 1,403.13	\$ 1,431.19	\$ 28.06	2.0%
Master of Data Science	3	\$ 10,404.00	\$ 10,612.08	\$ 208.08	2.0%
Master of Education (Full Time)	3	\$ 2,334.10	\$ 2,380.77	\$ 46.67	2.0%
Master of Education (Part Time)	9	\$ 1,403.13	\$ 1,431.19	\$ 28.06	2.0%
Master of Engineering (Full Time)	3	\$ 1,984.39	\$ 2,024.07	\$ 39.68	2.0%
Master of Engineering (Part Time)	9	\$ 1,169.42	\$ 1,192.80	\$ 23.38	2.0%
Master of Engineering Leadership*	3	\$ 9,550.87	\$ 9,741.89	\$ 191.02	2.0%
Master of Management*	7	\$ 4,065.72	\$ 4,147.03	\$ 81.31	2.0%
<i>* Increase applies to new incoming students only.</i>					

DOMESTIC GRADUATE PER CREDIT	Base Per Credit 2018-19	Proposed Per Credit 2019-20	\$ Increase Per Credit 2019-20	Percent Increase 2019-20
Other				
Unclassified, Qualifying, Visiting, Access Studies, Auditors (Graduate-level courses)	\$ 415.65	\$ 423.96	\$ 8.31	2.0%

INTERNATIONAL GRADUATE PER INSTALMENT	Minimum Number of Instalments	Per Instalment Fee 2018-19	Per Instalment Fee 2019-20	\$ Increase per Instalment 2019-20	Percent Increase 2019-20
<i>Note: No international standard graduate fee will be less than its associated domestic fee.</i>					
Graduate Programs with Standard Rates					
All International Graduate Students (except below: until degree completion)**	3	\$ 2,868.22	\$ 2,925.58	\$ 57.36	2.0%
All International Master's Programs Part Time	9	\$ 1,649.23	\$ 1,682.21	\$ 32.98	2.0%
All International Graduate Students On-Leave fee	N/A	\$ 349.73	\$ 356.72	\$ 6.99	2.0%
Graduate Programs with Specialized Rates					
Master of Arts in Faculty of Education (Full Time) (began 2019S or later)	3	\$ 2,868.22	\$ 2,982.95	\$ 114.73	4.0%
Master of Arts in Faculty of Education (Full Time) (began 2018W or earlier)	3	\$ 2,868.22	\$ 2,954.27	\$ 86.05	3.0%
Master of Arts in Faculty of Education (Part Time) (began 2019S or later)	9	\$ 1,616.89	\$ 1,681.56	\$ 64.67	4.0%
Master of Arts in Faculty of Education (Part Time) (began 2018W or earlier)	9	\$ 1,616.89	\$ 1,665.40	\$ 48.51	3.0%
Master of Data Science (began 2019S or later)	3	\$ 14,145.33	\$ 14,711.14	\$ 565.81	4.0%
Master of Data Science (began 2018W or earlier)	3	\$ 14,145.33	\$ 14,569.69	\$ 424.36	3.0%
Master of Education (Full Time) (began 2019S or later)	3	\$ 4,192.82	\$ 4,360.53	\$ 167.71	4.0%
Master of Education (Full Time) (began between 2018S and 2018W)	3	\$ 4,192.82	\$ 4,318.60	\$ 125.78	3.0%
Master of Education (Full Time) (began between 2017S and 2017W)	3	\$ 3,755.31	\$ 3,867.96	\$ 112.65	3.0%
Master of Education (Full Time) (began between 2016S and 2016W)	3	\$ 3,363.45	\$ 3,464.35	\$ 100.90	3.0%
Master of Education (Full Time) (began 2015W or earlier)	3	\$ 2,925.59	\$ 3,013.35	\$ 87.76	3.0%
Master of Education (Part Time) (began 2019S or later)	9	\$ 1,616.89	\$ 1,681.56	\$ 64.67	4.0%
Master of Education (Part Time) (began 2018W or earlier)	9	\$ 1,616.89	\$ 1,665.40	\$ 48.51	3.0%
Master of Engineering (Full Time) (began 2019S or later)	3	\$ 6,489.38	\$ 6,748.95	\$ 259.57	4.0%
Master of Engineering (Full Time) (began between 2016S and 2018W)	3	\$ 6,489.38	\$ 6,684.06	\$ 194.68	3.0%
Master of Engineering (Full Time) (began 2015W or earlier)	3	\$ 6,302.20	\$ 6,491.26	\$ 189.06	3.0%
Master of Engineering Leadership*	3	\$ 16,755.15	\$ 17,425.35	\$ 670.20	4.0%
Master of Management*	7	\$ 5,942.67	\$ 6,180.37	\$ 237.70	4.0%
Master of Social Work (began 2019S or later)	3	\$ 8,013.83	\$ 8,334.38	\$ 320.55	4.0%
Master of Social Work (began between 2018S and 2018W)	3	\$ 8,013.83	\$ 8,254.24	\$ 240.41	3.0%
Master of Social Work (began between 2017S and 2017W)	3	\$ 5,745.51	\$ 5,917.87	\$ 172.36	3.0%
Master of Social Work (began between 2016S and 2016W)	3	\$ 4,119.30	\$ 4,242.87	\$ 123.57	3.0%
Master of Social Work (began 2015W or earlier)	3	\$ 2,868.22	\$ 2,954.27	\$ 86.05	3.0%
<i>* Increase applies to new incoming students only.</i>					
<i>** International Graduate Students in Programs with Standard Rates receive an International Tuition Award.</i>					

2019-2020 GENERAL INCREASE - TUITION CONSULTATION REPORT

Introduction

As outlined in Policy 71, the Vancouver and Okanagan Provosts, VP Students, and Deputy Vice-Chancellor conducted a student consultation regarding the proposed general tuition and fee increases for 2019/20.

The consultation was conducted between October 3rd to October 31st 2018.

This report provides an overview of the process, as well as summaries of student submissions. It consists of four sections:

1. Overview of Process and Outcomes
2. Student Society submissions
3. Summary of individual student comments
4. Appendices
 - Appendix 1: Summary of respondents and themes from 2018/19 and 2017/18
 - Appendix 2: Consultation materials
 - Appendix 3: Verbatim individual student comments

1. OVERVIEW OF PROCESS AND OUTCOMES

This section provides an overview of the consultation process as well as outcomes including web analytics.

SUMMARY OF PROCESS

The consultation occurred between October 3rd and October 31st 2018.

The consultation included the following components:

1. Consultation with Elected Student Representatives:
 - a. Meetings with student leaders from the Alma Mater Society (AMS) and Graduate Student Society (GSS) on UBC's Vancouver campus, and the Students' Union on UBC's Okanagan campus.
 - b. A meeting with the International Students Association.
2. Tuition consultation website featuring:
 - a. Demands on the university budget, details on the proposed tuition increases, and impact on students.
 - b. A confidential feedback form, open between October 3 to 31.
3. Communication with students:
 - a. All students were sent a direct email encouraging them to review and share their feedback on the tuition proposal

OUTCOMES

Web Consultation

- consultations.students.ubc.ca launched with materials on October 3rd, 2018 and a direct email was sent to all students on October 3rd, 2018.
- Open access website – any student could review and submit comments
 - 7770 page views (88.7% new visits, 11.3% return visits)
 - 2.32 average session on the page
 - 1377 comments received (before data cleaning)

Student Submissions received from:

- Submissions were received from the AMS and UBCSUO (see page. 3 - 6).
- A petition signed by 34 students was received.
- Via the consultation website comments received per week are as follows:
 - 1274 – Wednesday 3rd October to Monday 8th (9am)
 - 65 – Monday 8th – Monday 15th (9am)
 - 15 – Monday 15th to Monday 22nd (9am)
 - 23 – Monday 22nd – Wednesday 31st October
- After data cleaning **1357 individual student comments** were received through the consultation website and are provided in themed summary (page. 7 - 17) and verbatim (Appendix 3, page. 23 to 198).



Submission to the UBC Board of Governors regarding the General Tuition and Fees Increases for 2019-2020 November 9th, 2018

Dear Board of Governors,

This submission is being made on behalf of the Alma Mater Society (AMS) of UBC Vancouver in response to the consultation opened on October 3rd, 2018 on the general tuition and fees increases for the 2019-2020 academic year.

The proposed tuition increases include a 2% increase for all new and continuing domestic students' tuition, a 4% increase for new international undergraduate students' tuition, a 3% increase for continuing international undergraduate students' tuition, a 2% increase for new and continuing international graduate research students' tuition, and between a 2% and 4% increase for international professional graduate students' tuition. The proposed increase for all mandatory fees is 2%. All the proposed increases will take effect in the 2019-2020 academic year.

We appreciate that the University has taken efforts to improve the annual consultation process this year. We support the enhanced level of information provided by the University online regarding the allocation of tuition and student fees. This information, however, does not give an accurate representation of the effect international tuition increases will have on students in higher cost programs. The University continues to selectively pick lower cost programs for the "Impact on Students" section.

We hope that the University will recognize the magnitude of student comments this year regarding personal finances and the fairness regarding continuing tuition increases. If the University is going to have continuing tuition increases every year, they need to be openly advertised to students when they initially apply to UBC. Furthermore, UBC needs to review the effect that annual increases can have on higher cost programs where a 2-4% increase is a significant additional burden placed on the student. These were comments that we raised last year for the general tuition and fees increases consultation, and there continues to be little progress to no progress. The issue of rising tuition costs is only getting worse according to the 2018 AMS Academic Experience Survey (AES) where data indicates there has been a statistically significant increase compared to 2017 (7% increase) in the number of students who experience financial hardship related to their tuition and other expenses (43% in total).

If the University is going to have annual tuition increases, the University must commit to continued development and improvement of the services and supporting resources that a student may access. If tuition increases are necessary to develop and improve the quality of education that we offer our students, they should be able to recognize how these increases have improved their education. Additionally, there should be a formal process to update students on these developments and improvements on an annual basis. Again, these were comments that we raised last year and there continues to be little to no progress. The lack of progress is especially alarming when data from the 2018 AES indicates that only 22% percent of students agreed that the university cares about what students think about the cost of education compared to 51% who disagree with the statement.



Student Society
of UBC Vancouver

We hope to work with the University to ensure that we explore new avenues to prioritize student affordability. Every year the University, including the Board of Governors, has the same conversation about affordability and it is typically centered on this consultation. Although the AMS is happy to see these conversations are happening, from observation so far it is clear that little is being done to address the broader issue of affordability for students. When 16% of undergraduate students and 23% of graduate students in the 2018 AES indicate that they might need to abandon their studies at UBC due to financial reasons, it is time to address the problem and to start a serious conversation about affordability. This conversation cannot just be about tuition and fees, and it cannot just happen during the general tuition and fees increases consultation. Students expect the University to show continued commitment and action in understanding and alleviating issues of affordability beyond tuition consultation.

The University continues to justify tuition increases as a necessity due to inflationary pressures and other increased costs. The AMS does not doubt that these pressures exist and are a reality the University needs to seriously address, however, there seems to be a lack of effort to address the opposition to tuition increases. Also, it is difficult for the AMS and students to understand how the University can accurately calculate the revenue needed for next year and for future years when there continues to be no public long-term enrolment plan for the University. The AMS hopes the University will also address how over enrolment affects both the quality and the cost of education at UBC.

Since the AMS has seen little progress by the University to seriously address the issues of affordability and the lack of information shared with us, we oppose all the proposed increases to tuition and fees. The AMS was unable to receive materials that detail how the faculties' and university's budgets would be affected by the increase and what the budget model would look like without an increase. The AMS hopes that this detail has at least been shared with the Board of Governors, if not we are even more supportive of the Board of Governors to oppose this increase without the information about how this will affect the budget.

We want to thank the Board of Governors for their continued commitment to ensuring that all student voices are heard at the Board of Governors and throughout the University. We hope to see this continue and we look forward to working with UBC to make education affordable and accessible to all current and future UBC students.

Sincerely,

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Dear Board of Governors,

I understand that you are in the process of reviewing a proposed tuition fee increase for the 2019-20 academic year. I am writing on behalf of the Board of Directors of the Students' Union of UBC Okanagan (UBCSUO) to urge you to assess this proposal with a critical and considerate perspective.

Tuition and ancillary fees are the single largest financial barrier to accessing post-secondary education. Since the 2011-12 academic year, fees for domestic students have increased by nearly 13%; fees for international students have increased by an astonishing 59% in the same timeframe. To give you further reference, inflation over that period increased by just 7%.

According to UBC's financial statements, the University operated with a surplus of \$45 million in the 2016-17 academic year. While final numbers for the 2017-18 year are not yet available, initial figures forecast a comparably minor deficit for that year. Meanwhile, tuition fees continue to grow as a proportion of the institution's operating budget, with amounts now exceeding revenues from government operating grants. This increase is in part due to the relentless increases to domestic fees, but is largely due to the unpredictable and unregulated nature of fee increases for international students.

According to the Ministry of Advanced Education, Skills and Training, international students at UBC pay six times the amount paid by domestic students. Incoming international student fees at UBC are highest in British Columbia and outpace the next highest by several thousand dollars annually. While the proposed increase to tuition fees is moderate compared to previous years, this decision should not be made without considering that the 2015-16, 2016-17, and 2017-18 years implemented increases of 10%, 15%, and 14.8% respectively. Given that UBC is a well-run institution, it doesn't seem feasible that the costs of providing education and services to international students have increased in a commensurate fashion, nor does it seem feasible that the costs are again increasing by the proposed increase to fees. For international students, savings and budgeting isn't enough when fee increases are unpredictable and sometimes drastic year to year. The British Columbia Federation of Students has released an in-depth report on the economic impacts of international students in our province; I encourage you to

review it for information about how your decisions have a much wider impact on BC's economy at large. The report can be accessed at wearebcstudents.ca/international.

The cost of accessing post-secondary education is an issue faced by students and their families, and ought not to be taken lightly. While the University does engage in a consultation process with students, feedback about the process from students is not particularly positive. Notably, democratic, representative groups such as the UBCSUO were not invited to participate in the process. But further to that, individual students do not feel that they have an ability to meaningfully add their voices to the consultation process. In particular, it is commonly heard that the current process is "futile" because tuition fees and ancillary fees will increase anyway, regardless of input. As a prestigious research-focused institution, UBC should have an open and accessible budget consultation process where students and staff can provide meaningful input and that produces an outcome that demonstrates those participants were heard and their input was considered. The UBCSUO would be interested in participating in the development and implementation of such a consultation if the Board of Governors chooses to engage in this process.

I encourage you to take into consideration the financial realities of not only the institution, but of those that UBC exists to serve: the students. Record high student debt, unaffordable housing (on and off campus), predatory textbook pricing, and other expenses all factor into the considerations of students and their families when assessing education opportunities. A balanced approach to the cost of attending UBC is required to ensure that this institution continues to be an accessible and sought-after university that serves the Okanagan community as it is intended to do.

Thank you for taking the time to read this letter, and for taking the time to carefully consider the impacts of tuition fee increases. If you would like to discuss this further with me or other representatives of the UBCSUO, please contact us.

Sincerely,

Paula Tran
Vice-President of External Affairs

3. SUMMARY OF INDIVIDUAL STUDENT COMMENTS

In total, 1357 valid individual student comments were received regarding the tuition proposal. Verbatim comments are provided in Appendix 3. A summary of methodology and comment themes are reported below.

Methodology

A first read through categorized common themes emerging from student comments. A second read through was done to validate initial coding. A third pass reviewed specific themes to confirm and re-code as needed.

Comments could be coded into multiple themes.

Summary of respondents

Respondents were asked for their degree type and whether they are domestic or international students. Note: providing this information was optional and some fields were left blank.

Degree Type	Number of responses	Percentage of responses
Undergraduate	862	70%
Graduate	328	27%
Unclassified	23	2%
Other	19	1%

Enrolment type	Number of responses	Percentage of responses
International	522	44%
Domestic	655	56%

Summary of findings

The number and percentage of responses against the tuition increase or in support/not opposed to the tuition increase are provided, with examples, in the table below. A thematic summary of the responses against the tuition increase can be found from page 8 to 17.

	Example of verbatim comment	#	%
Against Increase	<p>"Please don't increase the tuition again for anyone. The prices are extremely expensive and you shouldn't discourage others from wanting to acquire education."</p> <p>"Tuition should not be increased."</p>	1149	85%
Support Increase/ Not opposed	<p>"I understand that the cost goes up for teaching and just things around the school, the things our tuition goes to. I don't object to the tuition increase. It just feels like every other year tuition is being increased and between that and textbooks and living expenses etc. it makes going to school less and less affordable. I understand that UBC is a world recognized institution, but if prices keep going up, I will have to look at going to a community college and not even consider UBC for my graduate education."</p> <p>"UBC offers a lot of student services already and I don't understand the necessity of new construction projects and the like. Otherwise, the increase makes sense."</p>	165	12%
Neither support nor opposition clearly indicated	<p>"It would be greatly appreciated if there could be investments in mental health support initiatives for students."</p> <p>"How about increase scholarship as well?"</p>	43	3%

THEMATIC SUMMARY OF COMMENTS AGAINST THE TUITION INCREASE

Twenty-one themes emerged from student comments against the tuition and fee increase.

Themes are not mutually exclusive; indeed, most comments could be categorized into two or more themes (e.g. a comment about the difference between domestic and international tuition could also contain a comment about student diversity at UBC).

Similar to last year’s tuition consultation, financial strain on student and family budgets as well as the difference in cost between domestic and international students were frequently mentioned.

Included below are comments in which a rationale was provided. There were 57 comments in which no rationale was provided (e.g. “Please don’t increase the tuition”), while these have been included in the overall count they are not included in the summary below.

The full set of verbatim comments can be found in Appendix 3.

Theme	Examples	# in theme	% of against
TUITION AND FEES ALREADY COST TOO MUCH		331	29%
	<p>“I do not support the fees increase, fees are already high enough and a large number of students graduate with a high amount of debt from student loans. I am not convinced that the reasons provided justify the fee increase and think that it is an injustice.”</p> <p>“International students are already paying a lot of money plus the exchange rate is not favourable too. Increasing the fees is not going to be a good idea as most people are already struggling to pay the old amount and it will not be fair to increase it. I don’t see any reason why there should be an increase as we weren’t even provided with how this increase is going to be to our advantage. I do not agree with this increase of 4% for international students. Thank you”</p> <p>“Tuition fees are expensive enough already compared to other universities of similar calibers and increasing them even more may discourage students from attending. If I knew about the tuition increase ahead of time, I may have made a different decision for my Graduate program or deferred to save up more money. The biggest issue is that financial assistance, scholarships and bursaries are very limited for students who need the assistance but do not apply for the criteria of government assistance or Student Aid. It is frustrating to a) not be able to afford the program but not be able to apply for assistance and b) have to pay huge tuition costs as an online student for services I can never use. I am happy to support childcare subsidies on campus even though I will never use them, but paying recreation fees for a building I will never enter is very frustrating and makes tuition increases even more unreasonable.”</p>		

Theme	Examples	# in theme	% of against
FINANCIAL STRAIN		279	24%
	<p>INDIVIDUAL, PEER AND/OR FAMILY</p> <p>“I am actually finding it difficult to organize my thoughts around this contentious issue. As a student, I struggle each semester to meet the financial demands of a degree completion. While this is nothing new as every student faces the same issues, it is still a harsh reality. Every increase impacts my ability to continue my studies and contributes to my ongoing frustration. I begin to reflect on how the University is managing the funds received from students. I see where money is wasted and wonder if there isn't a way that the University itself could find a way to restructure resources and systems to find additional monies rather than use the already overburdened students as a source. When I see faculties and departments paying to take professors away on multiple day retreats, I wonder about the cost of such events. I am aware that UBC endeavors to be a leader in innovation, sustainability, research and education and that this creates a great deal of expense. I am also aware that the university explores a number of avenues to generate funds and applaud this whole heartedly. However, as a student, who is already struggling to meet the financial demands dictated by my studies, I must say that I do not support this tuition increase.”</p> <p>“I am a student who does not agree with the tuition hikes. As a student it is meaningful to my survival to not pay out of pocket any more money in order to thrive while being educated. Even a 2% increase will be too stressful, and currently [...] student aid is not even giving me the full amount of tuition as it stands... I have to find an extra \$500 when I am not working or have family to rely on. I am living in an expensive city, and even with a full-time job by my husband - it is hard to make ends meet. Would you like [all of] us to not eat in order to complete this degree? The food bank does not provide nutritious enough meals to live off of, and there is a cap on how often we can attain food. I am Indigenous and come from families who are facing poverty, it would be unethical to say I have family to rely on a system to rely on and a spouse to rely on and that should be enough. Unethical because as it stands times are hard enough and adding extra burdens make less room for voices that are required in the systems of society where people need my voice represented. You have a burden to ensure that "minority" voices make it into places of power, and "minorities" are excluded from post-secondary education when you charge higher rates. It is difficult for me as it stands, please don't make it harder.”</p> <p>INCREASING DEBT</p> <p>“As a faculty of pharmaceutical sciences student, I already have to pay over \$20,000 tuition a year + textbooks and living costs of an additional \$10,000 an academic year. I do not believe that increasing tuition for domestic students is the answer. After my degree, I will already be in over \$100,000-\$120,000 debt I do not think tuition needs to increase again. Make budget cuts if needed, and reduce excess waste, but do not punish domestic students. As UBC is gaining worldwide prestige, I believe increasing international tuition is the right course of action and leaving domestic tuition as it is.”</p> <p>“Students already struggle to afford food and housing in order to attend UBC and this increase in tuition will only add to that. It is a shame that young people are put into lifelong debt by seeking education and steps should be taken to alleviate rather than perpetuate this.”</p> <p>IMPACT ON STUDENT BUDGETS</p> <p>“Students come to university with financial planning sheets which were discussed with parents prior to even sending in a deposit to the school. That's what I did with my own parents. We sat down and calculated how much it would be for me to attend all 4 years at UBC. I am finishing my degree in 2020 and if it were not for my IB credits, I would have underestimated the total cost of my education. The tuition increase is so burdensome for students, especially international students. It may actually prevent certain individuals from graduating because those changes add up in the long run. I am highly opposed to the proposed tuition changes.”</p>		

	<p>"It is already extremely difficult for a student regardless if local or international to pay their tuition fees. I find it very difficult to understand why UBC has the ability to do this to its students who are already enrolled to the university. They may have a set (and most of the time very tight) budget they have for their whole degree. This makes it impossible for a lot of people to graduate without getting themselves into debt. I wish the university would take their students for consideration before deciding upon this. Sometimes I doubt how money is managed at UBC because we don't need a fancy fountain, tree shadow walkway or a first edition Harry Potter book for a decent education."</p>
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Theme	Examples	# in theme	% of against
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DIFFERENCE IN COST BETWEEN DOMESTIC AND INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS		232	20%
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	<p>"I am disappointed that tuition is going up at a higher percentage for international students. Our tuition is quite high already, as are living expenses in Vancouver, so tuition increases like this are quite a burden. I am very happy and grateful to be at UBC and to be in Canada, however the affordability of the experience is the reason for a fair amount of stress.</p> <p>"I understand the reasons for international students to pay more than domestic students, particularly at a public university. However, I fail to understand why the tuition rate for international students' needs to increase at twice the rate as the tuition for domestic students. This seems like an unsustainable model. How is it justified?"</p> <p>"I do not support the 3% increase in international tuition. International students already bear an enormous burden to fund UBC endeavors compared to domestic students, who pay about 7 times less. The domestic increase is half of that of incoming international students, and one percent less than current students. Out of fairness I think that the percentage increase should be equal across all students. As an international student, I feel targeted and taken advantage of. Thank you for your consideration"</p>
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ACCESS AND EQUITY IN EDUCATION		167	15%
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	<p>"I have read the rationale behind the proposed tuition increase, and I understand that UBC wants to continue to compete on the global stage as a 1st-rate university. However, I do not believe that tuition increase is the way to achieve this. Continuing to increase tuition each year as students already are struggling to pay current tuition prices gives your students the impression that you do not care if the institution that they chose slowly becomes inaccessible to them. Moreover, certain groups of incoming university students will no longer feel that UBC is an option. It is not that UBC will not continue to receive thousands of applications each year, but that those applications will increasingly come from an extremely privileged and homogenous socioeconomic class. I want to believe that UBC is better than this. I want to believe that the school I chose to attend would realize that further marginalizing low-income and/or working-class people by denying them an affordable education is wrong. "Tuum est" means "it is yours." Does the "you" in this statement only apply to the 1%? I hope you do the right thing, because you know what that is."</p> <p>"I disagree with the tuition increase because I believe that continuously raising the price of education makes it harder for many students to get a post-secondary education. Instead of education being a right that everyone has access to, it becomes a barrier between those who have money and those who do not. UBC prides itself on diversity, yet it shuts itself off from a large group of people that cannot afford it. Education is not a luxury, it is a necessity in today's society. If our goal is to break the cycles that plague our society (i.e. world poverty), the first step is post-secondary education."</p> <p>"As an international student, I am outraged that UBC is considering raising tuition by 4%. You are creating an environment where only the rich and elite can attend, which shuts the door on so many wonderful people around the world. This perpetuates the notion that education is only for the wealthy and it appalls me. I implore the university to reconsider this increase."</p>
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Theme	Examples	# in theme	% of against
COST OF LIVING AND INFLATIONARY PRESSURE ON STUDENTS		160	14%
	<p>COST OF LIVING IN VANCOUVER “My monthly rent is \$2500. I have incurred over \$200,000 in debt at UBC medical school. My wife and I just had a baby. I know 2% seems like a marginal increase, but paying even an extra \$100 can make or break my budget. Please do not raise tuition fees, Vancouver is a beautiful city but it is devastatingly unaffordable for the average person.”</p> <p>“Cost of living is constantly going up in Vancouver but the scholarships/wages available to graduate students at UBC have not. Increasing tuition fees constantly only exacerbates the stress students at UBC are under in trying to make ends meet.”</p> <p>INFLATION AND WAGE PRESSURE “Our Provincial and Federal taxes are already high enough to account for inflation. This should be taken into account by Provincial and Federal Government's spending on education and not by reaching into pockets of students themselves. All tuition increases should be capped over 5-year periods instead of ad-hoc increase for the next year. This could make it hard for students who are already struggling with the costs of living in a city with off roof living costs. This increase is just further pushing those students into debt.”</p> <p>“By rising rates for both domestic and international students, the UBC Okanagan campus is becoming too costly. For a young student working part-time at British Columbia minimum wage, it is impossible to afford housing, tuition (and textbooks), car insurance, phone and internet bills, as well as any other basic necessities. I think within the future students and staff need to work on making tuition fees cheaper, and how to reduce alternate costs such as textbooks, and housing.”</p>		
Theme	Examples	# in theme	% of against
ALTERNATIVE TUITION STRUCTURES PROPOSED		136	12%
	<p>“The level of tuition increase is unheard of! Every year there is a proposal for increase that greatly exceeds the rate of inflation (1.5%). As an international student who is not based on campus - less time to use campus facilities - I don't grasp that another 2% increase is to be justified by the UBC governance. The increase of tuition should be reflected in tuition awards for departments and in financial assistance. I would like to see continuing graduate students to be exempt from the increase in tuition or be compensated accordingly.”</p> <p>“It is very unfair to increase the tuition for domestic students by only 2%, but international students at a higher 3% rate. With the current international fees already 7 times the domestic fees, the increase is going to make it much harder for people from poorer nations to afford, which defeats the purpose of education for all. I believe the increase in tuition fees should be consistent for each group of students, at 2%.”</p> <p>“I feel it is unfair that the fees are being increased for existing students. These fees can be increased for the new incoming students but for the one's already enrolled for it, we don't have a choice. And UBC should be supporting domestic students. Ideally, the fee increment should be only for international students. Thank you!”</p>		
Theme	Examples	# in theme	% of against
ADDITIONAL IMPACTS ON INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS		119	10%
	<p>“I am an international student and I cannot use a lot of facilities such as student job, loans, line of credits and so on. Besides, living in a new country and culture is a challenge for me as well. In this regard, increasing in tuition and fee without enhancing in financial support for international students can be made me worried and nervous.”</p>		

	<p>“This will add much more financial burden upon international students more than already is. Specially us from emerging markets our currency has been losing value against the dollar in terms of exchange rate this will pretty much make us unable to continue our degree. In the last three months INR has fallen from 52 to 57 against CAD and the fall is projected to continue for a long time. This has resulted in the tuition fee being increased by about 5000 CAD for Indian students even without the actual hike in fees. If the university also increases the fees now it can cause serious financial strain on some of the students.”</p> <p>“While the increase to the tuition is manageable for domestic students, I would argue that an extra 2% for the international students is unnecessary. They are already spending approximately \$30k just in tuition fees, plus the cost of residence and food. Adding an increase that is this high puts an extra financial strain on these students, and will affect the students' not only financially, I believe this will affect their mental health as well. Some of these students are only here because their parents have spent close to their whole life savings to get them to a better education and a better life.”</p>
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Theme	Examples	# in theme	% of against
CRITICISM OF CONSTRUCTION AND INFRASTRUCTURE SPENDING		115	10%

	<p>CRITICISM ON FOCUS OF SPENDING</p> <p>“To reiterate my point from last year: stop building new, non-academic buildings, reallocate that money toward hiring more and better faculty, and don't increase tuition. For example, the Exchange Residence is projected to cost \$77 million. If you hadn't built it, you'd have \$77 million dollars to invest in faculty and in tuition breaks. What proportion of world-class universities attract top-tier students primarily by their new residences as compared with the proportion that attract these students primarily with their renowned faculty and/or with their affordable tuition?”</p> <p>“Don't spend money on chaining bricks on the floor, rather put it in the betterment of our education and wellbeing, mental health, residences.”</p> <p>WHO BENEFITS FROM SPENDING</p> <p>“How about making a portion of the tuitions optional for off-campus graduate students? I, and many like me, am not using any of the facilities on campus, I am not attending any class nor receiving any service from UBC. Thanks for NOT listening as usual.”</p> <p>“Going into my last year for the 2019/2020 year, I think it is unnecessary for tuition to increase for us. As we are finishing out undergrad to have to pay more money so the school can paid for new facilities we will not be using.”</p>
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Theme	Examples	# in theme	% of against
TOO MANY RECENT INCREASES IN TUITION		112	10%

	<p>“I think it is unfair to increase it right after last year's increase as well. If the price is increasing, and new technologies must be added, must the same students bear the burden of improving the University education. The inflation should be increased after 3 years. This tuition CHARGE every year disrupts budget plans for students.”</p> <p>“Please don't raise tuition more. It has gone up so much since my first year here and I'm constantly being told by advisors not to work and do school at the same time. Yet, this semester I am working and taking 6 courses so I don't need to attend school for an extra year in the future. It's a struggle for me to continue to afford to attend here.”</p> <p>“Tuition has been consistently rising every year, and it is unsustainable and unreasonable to expect that students would be able to continue to pay the increase.”</p>
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Theme	Examples	# in theme	% of against
CRITICAL OF INSTITUTIONAL REPUTATION, POLICIES, AND PROCESSES		109	9%
	<p>INSITIUTIONAL REPUTATION</p> <p>“Thank you for your in depth and insightful review of the tuition costs that UBC students pay. UBC is one of the leaders in Canada for a substantial university that does not cause the majority of its students to take on considerable debt to attend - these changes over the past few years will unfortunately change that reputation. Charging more and more money for tuition is not the solution to UBC's growth, and if UBC wants to continue to be a beacon of what universities should be doing, then you will not allow this proposed increase to go through.”</p> <p>“I am not supportive of the tuition increase. This proposal furthers my current feeling of disconnect between the administrate side of UBC and its students. I understand the need to meet the current financial demands, however I get the impression that UBC as a whole has shifted the focus away from providing education and more towards turning out a profit and running a degree-mill.”</p> <p>POLICIES AND PROCESSES</p> <p>“I don't see why tuition must increase every year as the university cuts budgets for things like hiring full time staff. We have more and more sessional instructors who are not paid adequately or given benefits, teaching assistant pay does not increase, and yet tuition increases.”</p> <p>“I think if UBC is going to implement this increase (which is going in the wrong direction, education should not be a class gateway), UBC should make educators move away from expensive textbooks and mandatory subscription services that end up costing undergraduate students hundreds of dollars each year, and instead move towards open source and free learning resources. This should be implemented within the two years following the tuition hike.”</p>		
Theme	Examples	# in theme	% of against
LACKLUSTRE FINANCIAL AID FOR STUDENTS		107	9%
	<p>“As an international student, I already pay almost 5 times more than what domestic students pay. The tuition fees are already expensive for me and as a student that has financial problems, an increase of 3% to my tuition fees is a lot. It may not seem that significant but that 3 % does make a difference. Also, since the university refused to help me when I asked for financial help as it offers little help to international students compared to domestic students, an increase in my tuition fees is almost making it impossible for me to continue my studies at UBC.”</p> <p>“I do not support the increase in tuition for the proposed investments. I agree that the Integrated Renewal Program is necessary, and that the Employer Health Tax and foreign exchange rates are out of UBC's hands, but UBC's infrastructure seems to me to be in pretty good shape. Also, it frustrates and confuses me that students have to continually pay increased amounts to keep the staff from leaving. Does UBC have no other draws for its professors? This might bother me less if UBC had better scholarships for its first-year domestic students, apart from the all but unattainable Major Entrance Scholarship. (I don't know how difficult it is for international students to get UBC scholarships, so I can't comment on that). If UBC were to improve its scholarship programs for undergraduate students, I would be more willing to get on board with a tuition increase. I don't support this proposal.”</p> <p>“Noooo, no, no, no, no! At least provide more financial aid if you're going to increase fees. We're drowning in debt, already.”</p>		

Theme	Examples	# in theme	% of against
NOT GETTING VALUE FOR MONEY		91	8%
	<p>WHERE IT SHOULD GO?</p> <p>"I understand that costs go up over time, and tuition is not immune to this effect; however, the reasons for the tuition increase (infrastructure, faculty recruitment and retention, cost of licensing) seem to me to be disturbingly lacking in ways to improve the student learning experience. Although I can see the indirect benefits of improved infrastructure and excellent faculty, it concerns me that many of these changes cost students more, but offer them no direct benefits. For me, and improvement would be if some of the extra cost in tuition went towards improving teaching and learning experiences. Currently the changes seem to be either related to recovering costs of depreciation, or attracting research dollars. I would like to see more focus on improving student learning."</p> <p>"I have concerns about tuition increases. We're increasing tuition, but aren't seeming to contribute funding to things sorely needed by the Okanagan campus (more lecture halls, more residences, more support staff, more parking, more than one doctor per 10 000+ students, etc.)"</p> <p>NO EVIDENCE OF IMPROVEMENT FROM PREVIOUS TUITION INCREASES</p> <p>"I have not been happy or benefited by the prior increases in tuition. UBC consistently dedicates funds to trivial things (such as multicoloured lights for a sign and other "aesthetic improvements") and not to things which actually improve my experience or enhance my education. The increases are also falling disproportionately on international students. We already pay more than domestic, and our tuition is also set to increase by double the percentage of domestic students. I have paid enough money to fund useless projects and wasteful events (just ask Scholar's catering how much food is wasted at UBC-funded events alone), and the continued increases to tuition prices are absurd."</p> <p>"I am not convinced that this increase in tuition is fair and valid. I have seen an increase in tuition for past 6 years and have never experienced any increase or betterment in the service that is provided to me by UBC. 1. Why are international student fees increasing by double of the domestic fees? International student fees are already immensely more expensive, so why keep increasing the gap? This may not seem fair to new incoming international students. 2. How come tuition fees continuously increase each year but I don't see any large positive effects affecting the students studying in UBC today? We are giving in to UBC more financial inputs, but see no difference in the outputs UBC provide in return."</p>		
Theme	Examples	# in theme	% of against
FEES: AMS, SERVICES AND MANDATORY		69	6%
	<p>"Each year, I pay a lot of mandatory fees, such as the AMS club fee, the Ubyyssey newspaper fee....etc. However, I don't actually participate in any of those activities. So would it be possible to redeem those fees later if we don't participate anyways?"</p> <p>"Increasing the cost of education is only making it more inaccessible to those who already struggle with paying tuition fees. The idea is not supported, mandatory fees should not need to be increased - in fact, the mandatory fees should be subject to an opt-in or opt-out system, since a lot of the times the services do not get used throughout the year anyway."</p> <p>"It would be nice for PhD students to know what the exact total they are expected to pay for tuition and other fees. Our acceptance letters says \$1,600 but it's closer to \$2,200 per semester with incidental fees."</p>		

Theme	Examples	# in theme	% of against
INADEQUATE OR MORE INFORMATION NEEDED ABOUT BUDGET		68	6%
	<p>"I would appreciate a more open, available summary of University funding strategies, to the extent that it could provide a more holistic picture of the role played by student tuition in funding initiatives. Without a complete picture, this "tuition consultation" is but cast as propaganda amongst the affected. For one example: to what extent does the University believe that the increased divide between Domestic and International tuition will play a role in the University's ability to attract top-level International graduate talent."</p> <p>"I do not agree with the proposal, as the justifications provided are not convincing, and in part, not clear on how they directly help my academic success. In your proposal, please make sure to identify how each proposed change directly identifies with the aims and objectives of the overall proposal, rather than using an abstract language."</p> <p>"Seems unnecessary. There's no outline on what the thousands or millions of dollars in tuition increase is actually going to. And raising it more for international students seems incredibly unfair."</p>		
Theme	Examples	# in theme	% of against
INSITIUTION SHOULD PRIORITISE OTHER SOURCES OF REVENUE		53	5%
	<p>"I think it's unfair to increase costs for domestic students so drastically. The mandatory fees for services like the gym are also not fair- especially for people who can't find the time or money to use the services. The on-campus costs for food have been steadily increasing by the year- I used to be able to get a decent-sized cheese scone for \$2.00 in my first year, then \$2.19 last year. This year, they replaced the scones with two smaller scones for \$2.50. Not cool. Please do better. Instead of increasing student fees every single year, campaign for more provincial and federal funding. It's impossible that the only funding option left for our university is constant fee increases."</p> <p>"Truthfully the University should join forces with many other university's and make the government more accountable for education, especially for domestic students. The government is so concerned with their four-year plan that it fails to see the big picture, absolutely everything in this country can be started and finished in the field of education. Thereby I say it's the responsibility of the administration to collaborate with other institutes and make possible an alliance of education establishment that carries with it enough clout to sway the government into working for the people again. How can other countries offer free schooling?"</p> <p>"I would appreciate it if you could find ways to save money/cut costs on campus operations before you raise student fees too much. Also perhaps you could also find sponsors to pay for the costs of some of the expenses."</p>		
Theme	Examples	# in theme	% of against
FUNDING FOR TA'S, STIPENDS ETC.		48	4%
	<p>"This is an unreasonable increase on international graduate students. As a chemistry graduate student I am not allowed to seek employment outside of my TA appointment per my research supervisor. The department does not cover additional increases in the international student tuition. An extra \$300 a year on top of the skyrocketing rental prices in Vancouver makes it almost impossible to live on a graduate stipend. This is unreasonable to expect especially as UBC depends on the labor of its graduate students. Nearly 2200 students pass through [...] every year, each of them is in a lab run by an graduate teaching assistant. Personally, I have over 90 students between all of my teaching lab groups and collectively those students represent hundreds of thousands of dollars to UBC. The administration is failing to acknowledge the tight budgets that graduate students function and the difference that even a few hundred dollars a year can make on our lives."</p>		

	<p>“Increasing tuition fees and mandatory fees without increasing student funding packages by the same amount (an offer that isn't on the table as far as I'm aware) simply deprives students, particularly graduate students, of income. Students are already low-income people (in general). “</p> <p>“Graduate funding packages are not indexed to account for inflation, and yet this proposal claims fees should be. Student costs also increase because of inflationary pressure, so why wouldn't funding packages such as the 4YF also be increased by 2% or generally tied to a measure of inflation like the consumer price index? Applying the logic of this proposal to university fees but student funding is inconsistent.”</p>		
Theme	Examples	# in theme	% of against
CRITICISM OF THE CONSULTATION PROCESS		43	4%
	<p>“Please stop sending consultations to students about tuition increases when it is clear that, regardless of the type of feedback received from students, tuition fees will increase anyway. I am aware that you likely have a statutory responsibility to request such consultation, but it is frankly insulting to receive requests for consultation each year and to then see tuition increase anyway.”</p> <p>“I don't see anything to warrant an increase. At the end of the day the school will still increase it and students are left with no choice but to pay anyway. But at least spend it on things that are worthwhile.”</p> <p>“I would appreciate a more open, available summary of University funding strategies, to the extent that it could provide a more holistic picture of the role played by student tuition in funding initiatives. Without a complete picture, this "tuition consultation" is but cast as propaganda amongst the affected. For one example: to what extent does the University believe that the increased divide between Domestic and International tuition will play a role in the University's ability to attract top-level International graduate talent.”</p>		
Theme	Examples	# in theme	% of against
QUESTIONABLE RATIONALE AND DATA		41	3.5%
	<p>“As a student completing my MSc in Genetic Counselling, our tuition is incredibly expensive and I believe we should get a much more detailed breakdown of everything that we are paying for. At nearly \$40,000 for the two-year program, we really aren't given anything that shows us where this money is going. A 2% increase would result in the incoming students for our program paying nearly \$800 more over the course of their two years. Having the reason for this increase being "education costs more" is not thorough enough.”</p> <p>“Considering that the rate of inflation in Canada in 2017 was 1.61%, I don't see why fees would increase more than this amount.”</p> <p>“The inflation for the cost of university should consistent with how much inflation actually goes up per year. It is already expensive for students to go to school and if there is a 2% increase for year, that is unsustainable over the long term.”</p>		
Theme	Examples	# in theme	% of against
IMPACT INCLUDES ENDING STUDY		38	3%
	<p>“I belong to a middle-class family. My parents have spent all of their savings on my tuition, still it is not enough to be able to cover the whole tuition fee. They are still working so hard to pay off the loans and everything. I am always stressed with this financial burden. The fee is already too high. Please do not increase it. If it keeps on going like this, I would be unable to continue my studies. Please.”</p> <p>“The fees are already very high for the directly impacted students mentioned in the proposal. It would seriously affect the budget I have made in order to pursue my studies while juggling with the high cost of living in Vancouver and my family needs. My family are going through a lot in order to help me go through my studies. This increase should not include current students. If you want to increase the tuition, increase it for</p>		

	<p>newly coming students. Because they will know in advance not during their studies. Please do not make this increase or I will have to consider stopping my studies at UBC.”</p> <p>“A 3% percent increase in tuition would be detrimental to my budgeting and finances as I have already calculated prior that I have enough money to pay for all four years of my undergraduate, but the 3% increase was not taken into account and if you were to increase costs, I may not be able to afford tuition and may end up unable to complete my undergraduate.”</p>		
Theme	Examples	# in theme	% of against
UBC SHOULD CONSIDER CUTS TO OTHER SOURCES		37	3%
	<p>“What an awful idea. The fees are already very high (and higher than average Canadian university fees) for the directly impacted students mentioned in the proposal. It would seriously affect the budget I have made in order to pursue my studies while juggling with the high cost of living in Vancouver. Please do not make this increase or I will have to consider stopping my studies at UBC. UBC should be considering other avenues of revenue, i.e. scaling back on advertisement, or better planning of resources with regards to construction projects instead of making students pay a steeper price for an education and their future.”</p> <p>“Could the university not consider scaling back its administration costs as a way to meet its budget constraints instead of placing the burden on the students?”</p> <p>“Way too expensive you can’t expect us to pay for all of this or at the very least make, for example, textbooks a bit more affordable.”</p>		
Theme	Examples	# in theme	% of against
COMMENTS SPECIFIC TO UBC OKANAGAN		26	2%
	<p>“With the growing domestic and international graduate student community at the UBC Okanagan campus and the lack of available tuition waivers or funding opportunities for continuing and excelling international students, I feel that we are disproportionately taxed in terms of tuition and fees. Especially in comparison with services and waivers available to students on the Vancouver campus, there is a growing discontent among international (and to some extent domestic) graduate students in the thesis-based Master and Doctoral programs. Since the College of Graduate Studies does not have the means to facilitate our needs as they are bound by institutional rules and a conservative senate, myself and other students from different departments will organize and start establishing a union to advocate for our needs. This is the rhetoric behind my definite displeasure regarding increased tuition and a lack of support for International students who are working their hardest as teaching assistants and research assistant, but still have to live with an income under the B.C. minimum due to tuition weight in financial (in)security.”</p> <p>“I do not feel as though fees should be raised as I do not have an understanding where the money is going. The ubc okanagan campus is severely over capacity. Some students have to sit on the floor in certain classes, there is very minimal study space at all times during the week, and even the microwaves have a minimal 8 minute waiting time. Last year, the Atrium off campus housing was delayed by over a month and students were forced to live in a hotel while it was being finished. This year, the library was supposed to be finished to accommodate for an increase in the number of students and now certain classes are required to be in the ADM 026 which is in no way appropriate or comfortable for a calculus class. At this time, I do not have faith that my extra money will be used in an efficient or timely manner to better my university experience.”</p> <p>“No, because of tuition fee for the international student is already expensive. Moreover, UBC has a good reputation because of the international student. Other than that, the facilities in UBCO are limited such as there is no swimming pool and a tennis court, which is very uncommon for a good university that does not have those facilities. Thank You”</p>		

APPENDICES

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2018/2019 General Tuition Increase Consultation Summary

Total number of comments: 1799

Degree Type	#	%
Undergrad	1346	75%
Grad	375	21%
Unclassified	40	2%
Other	16	0.9%

Enrolment Type	#	%
Domestic	1176	65%
International	601	33%

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Against Increase	1657	92%
Support Increase/Not opposed	100	6%
Neither	42	2%

Theme Summary: Comments regarding financial strain (personal and peer) emerged as a key theme this year, growing significantly from 2017/18. While the difference between domestic and international tuition remains an issue, more students comment on a need to see more value in their tuition investment.

Theme	# within theme	% total
Personal/peer financial situation	255	14%
Need more value	179	10%
Domestic/international difference	168	9%
Effect on international students	164	9%
Education should be accessible, impact on student diversity	152	8%
Construction on campus	152	8%
Too many increases	141	8%
All costs rising/high	129	7%
Cut elsewhere	122	7%
Student financial aid	121	7%
TA stipends/employment/sessional rates	109	6%
Increases for continuing students	83	5%
Consultation	79	4%
Government or other source	73	4%
Ancillary and student society fees	69	4%
More information and information on allocation of incremental funds	68	4%
Don't believe data presented/CPI	59	3%
Reputation	40	2%
UBC Okanagan	7	0.4%

2017/2018 General Tuition Increase Consultation Summary

Total number of comments: 1186

Demographic breakdown of respondents not provided in 2017\18 tuition report.

	#	%
Against Increase	1,009	85%
Support Increase/Not opposed	122	10%
Neither	55	5%

Theme Summary: Students indicate the most concern for the difference between domestic and international tuition fees as well as the rising costs of living and construction on campus.

Theme	# within theme	% total
Domestic/International	139	14%
All Costs Rising	94	9%
Construction on campus	89	9%
Too Many Increases	79	8%
TA Rates/Stipends/Employment	69	7%
Find other places to reduce costs	65	6%
Government or other funding sources	59	6%
Ancillary and Student Society Fees	58	6%
More Information Needed & Allocation of Incremental Funds	53	5%
Need for more value from tuition	52	5%
Don't believe the rationale put forward/CPI	51	5%
Consultation	49	5%
Financial Aid	49	5%
Education is a right/innate value of education	45	4%
Personal Financial Situation	23	2%
Fee Increases for Continuing Students	22	2%
UBC Okanagan	15	2%
Reputation	8	1%



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TUITION CONSULTATION 2019/20

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DEMANDS ON THE UNIVERSITY BUDGET

UBC faces cost pressure from a range of sources, and continues to invest in excellence as a leading public university. In addition, the costs of providing a university education increase each year due to inflationary pressures.

These costs and investments include:

- Supporting an excellent student learning experience by attracting and retaining exemplary faculty, staff, and students. In order to achieve this, UBC must offer competitive salaries and address unfunded faculty and staff salary increases.
- Building and supporting world-class research infrastructure. The improvement, operation, and maintenance of our physical infrastructure and facilities have seen increased costs across both campuses.
- The implementation of the Integrated Renewal Program (IRP). This is a university-wide program that will modernize several core, but aging, technology systems at UBC, including the Student Information System (SIS), as well as central Human Resource and Financial Operations IT infrastructure. The scale of this program will demand significant new resources but will result in a more responsive, user-friendly student system to manage and view records related to grades, program planning, finances, graduation, and much more.
- The new Employer Health Tax introduced in the Government's Budget 2018.
- The impact of foreign exchange rates and the weaker Canadian dollar on library subscriptions, research equipment and software licensing.

PROPOSED TUITION INCREASE, 2019/20

To allow the institution to keep pace with these inflationary pressures, the administration is recommending that the Board of Governors approve the following increases in tuition rates:

- All new and continuing domestic students' tuition to increase at 2%
- New international undergraduate students' tuition to increase at 4%
- Continuing international undergraduate students' tuition to increase at 3%
- International graduate research students' tuition to increase at 2% (new and continuing)
- International professional graduate program students' tuition to increase at between 2% and 4% (new and continuing)
- Mandatory fees to increase at 2%
- Future year increases to consider identified cost pressures

IMPACT ON STUDENTS

The impact of these proposed tuition increases on students in 2019/20:

Based on the BSc Program

- A 2% increase for new and continuing domestic student tuition results in a \$105.60 increase for 30 credits
- A 4% increase in new international student tuition results in a \$1,507.59 increase for 30 credits

Based on the Combined Master of Science in Craniofacial Science and Dentistry Diploma

- A 2% increase for new and continuing domestic graduate student tuition results in an increase of \$120.74 per instalment for specialized programs.
- A 4% increase in new international graduate student tuition results in an increase of \$547.20 per instalment for specialized programs.

STUDENT FEEDBACK

The University is seeking student feedback through a confidential webform. Your feedback will be compiled and submitted first to administrators to inform the final proposal, and then to the Board of Governors, who will review students' feedback before they meet to consider the proposed tuition and fee increases.

Your voice counts: please provide your feedback by October 31, 2018.

Provide your feedback

CONFIDENTIALITY

Comments on this consultation will be collected by the Office of the Vice-President, Students (VPS). **Individual students' comments will be stripped of any identifying information to ensure anonymity.** Comments will otherwise be presented verbatim to the responsible Faculty and Board of Governors. Your comments will be used only for the purposes of the tuition consultation.

Comments received from student organizations will be reported as coming from those organizations, and provided to the Board of Governors as received. A summary report of the consultation will also be developed for and presented to the Board of Governors.

LEARN MORE

Please review the proposed tuition amounts below:

UBC VANCOUVER

- [Vancouver undergraduate domestic proposal](#)
- [Vancouver graduate domestic proposal](#)
- [Vancouver undergraduate international proposal](#)
- [Vancouver graduate international proposal](#)
- [Non-instructional fees](#)

UBC OKANAGAN

- [Okanagan undergraduate domestic proposal](#)
- [Okanagan graduate domestic proposal](#)
- [Okanagan undergraduate international proposal](#)
- [Okanagan graduate international proposal](#)
- [Non-instructional fees](#)

LEARN MORE ABOUT SUPPORT FOR STUDENTS WITH FINANCIAL NEED:

- [Commitment to financial support](#)

Too high especially for Engineering student
As an international undergraduate, an increase of 3% means an increase of a whopping \$1,000. I really think this is unfair for all international students as it puts us in deeper debt and/or decreases our chances of being able to afford our course loads. Keeping in mind that we pay around that extra \$1,000 each year for textbooks alone, I think either the percentage increase should be lower, or the students given some sort of reimbursement on textbooks, given that the Canadian dollar is only getting more valuable which results in a decreased value of currencies all around the world. This further supports my point as we are in fact, paying our tuition in CAD.
We're already paying way too much, UBC must find a way to decrease the burden on our shoulders, not increase! We need help, this is serious.
The university should also consider increasing graduate stipends too. Just like inflationary pressures require the university to increase fee, it has an equal toll on the graduate students. It is sad to see that the stipend provided by the university is not even sufficient to cover the conservative cost estimate for living expenses of a single graduate student that the UBC website provides.
Please don't increase the tuition.
Many current students will not be able to pay for the increased tuition fees, especially those who have to borrow money from the bank, in order to get into this prestigious university.
The tuition fee for international students is much higher than domestic students but international students couldn't receive the same feedback and treatment, which is ridiculous.
As a student completing my MSc in Genetic Counselling, our tuition is incredibly expensive and I believe we should get a much more detailed breakdown of everything that we are paying for. At nearly \$40,000 for the two-year program, we really aren't given anything that shows us where this money is going. A 2% increase would result in the incoming students for our program paying nearly \$800 more over the course of their two years. Having the reason for this increase being "education costs more" is not thorough enough.
Honestly, the thought of increased tuition scares me...At 3% that means more than a 1000 dollars extra per year and I'm paying for my entire education/living costs/etc. myself through taking up a massive loan, and have no parents or grand-parents to rely on...It's very demotivating and I feel very anxious about how I'll manage to finish a degree here. I'm seriously considering just going back home.
I completely agree with the proposed tuition for next year.
I do not agree with raising tuition.

UBC's intentions of increasing student welfare and the student's financial well being are conflicted. Due to inflation, the average cost of living has increased. The above average costs of living in Vancouver compared to other parts of BC and increasing prices due to inflation, as well as increasing rent prices due to a heavily inflated housing market, creates a significant financial burden for the students. Although additions to the campus as well as replacement of older facilities and equipment would be nice, I as well as many others in graduating classes within 2-3 years of mine will not get to enjoy these benefits.

Minimum wages are not increasing relative to inflation, borrowing costs are high and increasing, which makes taking out loans even more stressful and expensive. I don't believe an increase of 2% on average per year of student costs is a necessary increase as I am sure that UBC is not short on profits. Allow students to study and afford to be able to study without having to work 1 or 2 jobs, significantly decreasing quality of life, and impairing academic performance and campus involvement.

Please stop raising already astronomical international tuition. I already regret coming here and financial support from home will pulling funding from my further education in order to account for the increase.

The mandatory fees shouldn't include an increase, none of those sections seem to relate to the proposed investments. Paying more for better profs and equipment is covered through increase in tuition

While I understand that the demands increase for the University operating costs, I find it hard to be in favour of an increase in tuition when I see my payments for Student Services, AMS, etc. continuously increasing each year as well. In a city that is already faced with continuous inflation and staggering costs of housing, the increase of university tuition might cripple some students who are barely making ends meet to begin with. As a graduate student who works full time, I knew I would be able to pay my tuition out of my salary, but the costs of the 'extras' included in student fees forced me to pick up an extra job to cover the extras. Like many other graduate students I know, transit is not an option for me because I would not make it in time to class after work. As a result, I have been paying for parking yet my repeated requests for bus ticket exemption were denied. In summation, an increase in tuition would be harmful to the body of students already worn thin trying to make a living in Vancouver.

I totally disagree with this proposal. Our tuition is already high enough. Our one course fee is already 6x more expensive than Canadian student's. I hope that after we finish the day we can stay at home or have fun with our friends as well, instead of working all the time. Thank you.

For the medical school program a 2% increase is about a \$380 increase in tuition which is a lot. And considering how limited bursaries are I'm really concerned about the impact this will have on students.

This is really unfair for students like me because before I decided to attend this university I was guaranteed a full-tuition scholarship for my entire degree. I come from a family that is considered below the poverty line so I have little financial support, which is why I needed a scholarship like the one I earned. I think if the university pledges "full-tuition" coverage to someone, it only makes sense to fulfill the commitment to those students who genuinely need the support.

- Lower the increase for domestic students

Too expensive to study for international student. Almost can't afford.

It's doesn't seem fair that the increase in fees happens so frequently! Maybe it would be more fair if it happened every other year.

Please do not increase it even more. Im already struggling to pay the tuition, and my family isn't rich.

You are going to do whatever you want regardless of what we all think. Nobody will say "yes, I agree you should charge me more". There are great public and free universities all over the world. If you want more money, you will find any justification to get it. If you want to save money on infrastructure, please start building thing that will be useful for at least 50 years. Think ahead, instead of remodeling buildings every 8 years.

How much are you making every time you sell a piece of land to be used for apartment buildings? I guess that is enough to stop any increase. Otherwise, how does the university community benefits from this? If this is not in benefit for everyone then why do it?

As a student in the MD program who is transitioning to [...] in January as part of the distributed site model, I feel the increases in tuition are unreasonable as we will not be benefitting from the hypothetical improvements in infrastructure. Given my experience at UBC I feel there is unnecessary spending of money by the university that should be addressed before they turn and ask for more money from the students. Students are also affected by inflation increases in cost of living and generally have minimal to no employment as they go through their education. Increases in tuition I feel will result solely in increases of student debt upon graduation with no real significant improvement in education delivery - making them not beneficial for students whose interests should be the main concern of the university.

You keep hiking these prices and you already have decided on it. What kind of feedback do you expect? Some agreement with you that a tuition hike is necessary? We are students. I know UBC is a business but it's getting frustrating knowing you have already decided on the tuition increase and are merely consulting us for the sake of being able to say we asked for feedback.

I absolutely support an increase in tuition of 2% across the board - this is increasing tuition rates slightly below inflation rates. I am unsure about the increases to international rates - international rates seem to be rising disproportionately faster than domestic rates.

I think that the cost of tuition should not be increased so much. This is a significant increase for students that follows years of similar increases. Other universities across BC and Canada (as an example the University of Calgary) have already far lower tuition fees and have be under a tuition freeze, which was mandated by the government, however this highlights that it is still possible to provide high quality education without such substantial tuition increases for students. Attending post-secondary education should be something that is as accessible as possible, however continually raising costs only further inhibits students from lower income backgrounds to being able to afford university.

The proposal makes sense to me. The rationales appear plausible and relative to the surrounding economic situation it appears as though the increase will hold the place of tuition in financing post secondary learning. Few, if any, advances should be possible given the magnitude of the increase but at least this area (tuition) will not fall behind as a contributor to the costs.

Why doesn't UBC stop spending hundreds of thousands of dollars on re-laying paving stones into the shape of a tree and other highly unnecessary things so our students can afford their education

Tuition fees are expensive enough already compared to other universities of similar calibers and increasing them even more may discourage students from attending. If I knew about the tuition increase ahead of time, I may have made a different decision for my Graduate program or deferred to save up more money. The biggest issue is that financial assistance, scholarships and bursaries are very limited for students who need the assistance but do not apply for the criteria of government assistance or Student Aid. It is frustrating to a) not be able to afford the program but not be able to apply for assistance and b) have to pay huge tuition costs as an online student for services I can never use. I am happy to support childcare subsidies on campus even though I will never use them, but paying recreation fees for a building I will never enter is very frustrating and makes tuition increases even more unreasonable.

I appreciate the thought of including student feedback to the topic. Thank you.

Being an International student for a 3rd world country, the economy does not support much financial income. Therefore, the slightest increase in school fees is a huge press on myself and financial guardians. I understand that there are countless expenses that go into running such a huge world class learning institution.

Perhaps increasing the amount of financial assistance for International students would be a great relief as most financial help is geared to domestic students. One other way of collecting funds for the expense of the school would be encouraging vendors and businesses to invest in both Campuses. This can either be through financial value or through opening pop up establishments in the Campus. Most international students from 3rd world country have the sheer purpose of getting a good education for the purpose of helping in building their home countries and this great country that we live , study and do our work.

I understand international students are to be charged more for tuition, but I think a 4% increase for new students is a bit too much. I am an engineering student, so the amount of courses I take are a bit more than other degrees, and therefore the tuition is pretty high. Maybe for students who require more than 30 credits minimum per year to graduate in 4 years should have a lower percentage increase. So for continuing students it would be 2% and for new students 3%. Also, I do think 4% is still high for new international students, so maybe lower it to 3% for new students, and keep the 3% for continuing ones.

The idea that UBC has to constantly increase tuition is ridiculous. Inflationary forces are not driving up costs to the point where everything has to always increase. The university needs to recognize that wages and take home incomes are not going up by the amounts that they increase tuition each year. The introduction of flex budgets would help alleviate a lot of unnecessary spending. Many departments spend money on things to max out their yearly budgets to ensure they get the same amount or more the year after - even when they don't need to max out the budget that year. This leads to a lot of waste spending. Flex budgets could allow role over and planned capital expenditure expenses on an as needed basis. Want to save a few million each year - flex budgets. Not funding that disappears if you don't spend it.

Our family has more than one student attending UBC, and that's been the case for several years. We have become a hub for friends who are international students. I agree that tuition has to go up but I think that the increase is too steep for (many) international students. As well, I would like the mandatory fees to be looked at carefully and in some cases pared down. They have become bloated. I have some classmates who have to use the food bank. Every mandatory fee should be looked at as if you are charging it to someone who has to use the food bank.

Note: My kids and I have spent (cumulatively) 24 consecutive years at UBC, not including my earlier undergraduate degree, between their undergraduate (and sometimes graduate degrees) and my current graduate program. We are not even finished. In all that time, none of us have ever used an athletic service or participated in a sport at UBC. I'm not suggesting that you cut athletic fees (there are other fees that come to mind), but it would be a good idea to look at fees and consider them in terms of burden on students. The tuition itself seems fairly reasonable.

I do not believe that tuition should increase, as many students are already struggling to pay the tuition fees as they are, and the increase will only cause more stress and anxiety.
Paying international tuition is pretty expensive already, and increasing 4% on a big number is too much. What is the increase on the tuition even for
I do not approve of the tuition increase since I feel many of my peers and I (both international and domestic students) are already struggling financially.
DO NOT increase student fees! Increasing student fees would be enough reason for many (including myself) to transfer out of UBC.
Tuition increase, at any time or in any form, is UNACCEPTABLE!
My tuition was too expensive.
With the deprivation of the Indian rupee, my tuition fee has already been increased by about 14% in the last 2 months. With the future predictions by economy specialists, the rupee is gonna fall more in the coming months leading to a 20% increase in tuition than expected. With no scholarships provided I believe that another 4% increase in tuition would make UBC unaffordable for me and I might not be able to complete the degree. I request you to please keep the economic factors of the exchange rate in mind before making this decision and I hope some relief would be provided to the students affected by this.
I can hardly afford school as it is. More expensive tuition and fees will really impact my financial stress. If you wanna increase tuition, increase international tuition by like 10%.
The cost of living in Vancouver is very high. If the tuition fee increases, students and their family will be more stressed about economy. It will distract students attention from researching. The increase of the tuition is not a good idea for students. Thank you.
A 2016 article stated that Dr. Ono's salary is over \$400,000. The university should look to salary freezes for its high ranking administrators before shifting costs to students. The cost of living in Vancouver is climbing and student renters are experiencing it firsthand. Universities should be continually moving towards the cheapest possible tuition to maximize accessibility. Bursaries and scholarships do not fully address access barriers created to the lower middle class by rising tuition. I will graduate with \$70-80,000 of debt and I don't want future students to bear a similar or worse burden.
NO. you raise it EVERY year. and the strength of the dollar changes only a few cents. NO!
international tuition is already so expensive that you guys sent out an email to international students addressing us as "\$" my parents threaten to pull me out of UBC because it's so costly already, please stop raising the tuition costs i just want to finish my degree
International students face all kind of difficulties regarding to Vancouver being one of the most expensive places in Canada to live. While renting a place in Vancouver is approximately 30% more expensive than in Montreal, we still have to pay a higher tuition rate and higher student fees than those of McGill university, for instance. Voting for this increase in tuition fares does not seem fair for me at all.

<p>I don't see a need for this increase. The listed benefits of the increase are improved technology systems (i.e. to see grades easier). This is absolutely unnecessary as these systems are already up to date. The proposers of this budget have not even bothered to write the correct up to date name of the SSC which is the service used to check grades and financial information. This system is already perfectly functional and meets the needs of students fully.</p> <p>The only listed benefit of the proposal that I consider reasonable is the government-enforced Employee Health Tax increase. I believe the tuition increase is not necessary for this element alone. If it was used to increase on-campus residency availability or mental health services on campus, then I would be for the increase.</p>
<p>In the last three months INR has fallen from 52 to 57 against CAD and the fall is projected to continue for a long time. This has resulted in the tuition fee being increased by about 5000 CAD for Indian students even without the actual hike in fees. If the university also increases the fees now it can cause serious financial strain on some of the students.</p>
<p>The tuition is so expensive!</p>
<p>Please don't increase fees every year. Instead you can think of a model which rises fees bi-yearly. This way people can actually have some time to arrange their budgets in order, especially international students. Who already are paying much higher than the domestic students.</p> <p>Thanks for asking my opinion</p>
<p>I am not for the tuition increase. Tuition is already expensive as it is and some are barely able to afford even with student loans. I feel the money made from increasing the tuition will not even be dedicated to improving education but improve the facilities around campus that don't do much for student life.</p>
<p>Everything is good to me now, and I hope the tuition fee won't highly rise up by year :)</p>
<p>I don't feel this tuition increase proposal takes into consideration the cost of living in the GVRD which is already a stretch for many students. With the GRA and GAA work learn etc students jobs also rise accordingly? Graduate students are already stretched. 2% seems reasonable at face value, but has real consequences for grad students who already struggle to make ends meet.</p>
<p>I am currently a graduate student, but I also completed my undergraduate degree at UBC. As far as I remember, there have already been at least two increases during the 6 years that I've been attending UBC. I believe that tuition increases are happening too often. Also, we are still paying the SUB renewal fees (though the Nest has already been completed). Post-secondary education would become too expensive for domestic students, and we are suffering from Vancouver's extremely expensive housing prices as well.</p>
<p>Increasing international student tuition for a full year by 1500\$ is ludicrous. People can barely afford this education now and all you're doing is attracting the super rich people who ruin the university culture.</p>
<p>Tuition increases is higher than our salary increase. It is difficult to pay the amount as it is.</p>
<p>this is completely ridiculous and unfair for students</p>
<p>I understand that the tuition and fees must be adjusted to reflect the inflation and costs of goods and services. However I feel that stipends we receive from fellowships should be increased at the same rate (if not more), given the rate of inflation and increasing living costs in Vancouver.</p>

To whom it may concern,

I disagree with the necessity of increasing tuition. The proposal suggests that these increases to support an "excellent student learning experience", but I see very little student benefit in the proposed model. Additionally, the increase is applied not just to tuition but to fees as well, and I would be much more satisfied with a direct breakdown of this increase in cost as a section in fees so I could see directly where this increased revenue is being directed.

Additionally, I feel that it is unfair to increase the international student tuition at 4% (a seemingly-arbitrary number relative to the domestic student 2%) when they are already paying significantly more. As a PhD candidate with many international peers, this increase will not be trivial and will definitely be noticed. Again, I feel like this could be at the very least explained through a direct breakdown as a line in Fees, rather than just a general increase across the board.

Furthermore, I study at the hospital campus of UBC Vancouver. As an off-campus student, I do not have access to even half of the benefits that we pay for in these fees (which are now increasing). As a member of the [...], we have been actively lobbying for increased resources for off-campus students, but these efforts have had very limited success. Before seeing an increase in fees, I would appreciate greatly if the breakdown included tangible benefits to off-campus students.

I think that although I understand that the Canadian Dollar is weakening, so is the rest of the world, especially from a developing country like Indonesia, our money is also weakening a lot and from the perspective of an international student, Indonesian dollar is also weakening against Canadian Dollar. So with the 3% increase weighted on international students it may seem to be too much. In addition to that, international students are already paying a whole lot more than domestic students, so 3% is pretty huge. If it increases every year by about 3%, sooner or later some of the international students may not be able to afford the education and may actually lose everything they are trying to build which may cost their future.

The Vice Chancellor's salary is already \$600k. Will it be increasing too?

The level of tuition increase is unheard of! Every year there is a proposal for increase that greatly exceeds the rate of inflation (1.5%). As an international student who is not based on campus - less time to use campus facilities - I don't grasp that another 2% increase is to be justified by the UBC governance. The increase of tuition should be reflected in tuition awards for departments and in financial assistance.

I would like to see a continuing graduate students to be exempt from the increase in tuition or be compensated accordingly.

I realize that the 2% tuition increase has been occurring for decades for domestic students, but I would like to see that number lowered. The Lower Mainland is one of the most expensive places to live in the world and while UBC is one of the top schools in the world, I fear that the increase may prevent students from coming to/continuing at our institution. I propose lowering the domestic increase from 2% to even 1.8%. This will give students more money in their pockets, while raising fees to continue to provide world-class educations for students.

I understand that the tuition increase is to account for the inflation. However, we also need to consider that the stipend for graduate student is not being raised at the same rate. If the support for the graduate students remain the same while tuition keep to increase, it will be less and less affordable to do graduate studies in UBC.

I would prefer if the tuition fees remained without increase.

<p>I find it frustrating how much tuition goes towards infrastructure and gardening costs. It would be nice if more money went towards books and computer programs. Further, I think it would be beneficial for the university to offer more scholarships to students who are struggling financially to afford their program of studies.</p>
<p>Why is international tuition increase % greater than that of domestic despite the International fees being already many times of domestic.</p>
<p>I am unhappy with these additional costs. It is incredibly hard to budget and pay for university when the amount your paying is consistently increasing.</p>
<p>I would like the increment to be less Thank you</p>
<p>I am currently in the Bachelor of Education program, and personally, it was already quite the stretch for me to come to this institution. I understand inflation and the demands of budgets, but if you continue to increase the tuition costs, you will see education becoming less accessible for students that really want to be here.</p>
<p>Tuition payments are already really high and students already find it hard to afford tuition and textbook and living expenses. Tuition should not be increased any further than its already high amount. Especially because we are in Vancouver where the living expenses are really high, it makes no sense to increase tuition any further. Please consider it from a student's point of view before making any further changes.</p>
<p>Fees seem to be appropriate for cost of living increases, however there should be a credit given to those in their graduating year.</p>
<p>Fees for international students should be increase by 2% too.</p>
<p>The tuition fee is too expensive and normal international student can't get any subsidies. I we work and study at the same time, due to heavy school duty, we can't work that much.</p>
<p>I find myself against any increases in tuition, especially because the cost of living in Vancouver keeps getting higher and higher, and this puts even more economic pressure on graduate students that are often times underpaid and overworked. If tuition and fees keep increasing the only thing that will result is that you will be selecting people based on their wealth, reducing the diversity on campus (which is already not that high). I understand that most graduate students have scholarships or have their tuition fees paid by the project they are working on, but I think this increase in cost will anyway be eventually passed to the student. Also, I find very unfair that the increase in tuition proposed is higher for international students than for domestic students, especially considering that international students already pay significantly higher rates.</p>
<p>Totally disagree. as a phd student my stipend is currently not enough to cover the high cost of living in Vancouver and the tuition! Now we have to pay even more?</p>
<p>As a low-income family, it is difficult to meet the inflationary costs of education. While higher paying and unionized jobs receive COLA increases, lower paying jobs do not accommodate for such increases. Education is continually become less accessible for the public, and it is clear that UBC is searching for profit by the increasing amount of international student body.</p>
<p>I couldn't be happier to support the university a little bit more each year. With a meager excess of revenue over expenses of 125 millions of dollars, I hope my contribution will help the struggling university put some food on the table. I know it's hard, but be strong. We're here for you.</p>

As an International student and a student undergoing [...]program, I already pay a hefty amount as fees compared to Research students. As far as I know, Research students (MASc) get paid by the University; around 21000\$ per year and overall their fees for 3 terms amounts to only 8000\$. A PhD student should be given funding as their take this much time out of their life to do research. But a research masters degree should be limited to just 2 years and the funding should be decreased or eradicated.

I have a friend who gets 21000\$ per year for his masters and he also gets a 4000\$ International Tuition Award. He also get 1100\$ to buy a laptop (in his 2nd year when his research starts). What I am trying to explain is that a lot of money is going towards unwanted expenses. Some things you could consider:

- 1) Fees for MASc is half of what I pay. So I believe there is no need for a funding for MASc or maybe reduce the grant.
- 2) International Tuition Reward should be disregarded if a student already gets funding from the University.

A gentle reminder that an [...] student always pays a hefty amount when compared to other students

The fees are already extremely high, does it really have to go higher?

Feel that is in unfair for UBC to continually increase tuition rates as it is providing a public service supported by the government yet profit maximizes like a private corporate company. UBC must be one of the most profitable universities in Canada with the way they are running the business. I understand that profit is to be made but to squeeze every dollar out of students seems unreasonable.

To be honest, the fee of international students is already extremely high. I really don't hope to see increase of tuition fee. Respect

tuition is not very high, and the education quality is good. I just hope that UBC would not raise it up.

Please do not raise tuition, it is extremely important that education is accessible for everyone and as an institution you have an obligation to ensure that right. Vancouver is already unbearably expensive as a student and it is very difficult to make ends meet. You should be looking for alternative ways of reducing tuition costs instead of even considering raising them.

I think international student's tuition should increase a minimum of 5%. The BC government gives tons of money to Ubc. Only BC residents pay taxes, which support UBC. I also think the rate for BC students should be lower than students from other provinces.

Please do not increase too much for the fee of international continuing undergraduates. 3% is too much for international continuing undergraduates in honor program who should take at least 30 credits per winter session.

This increase in tuition is so much for me as a M[...]student. Because I do not receive funding from my supervisor and UBC so it would make my studies more challenging to handle.

Please tell us why you decide to increase our tuition. For example, what additional costs are we paying for? Why the 2, 3, 4 percent surge?

I do not feel that a 4% increase on international student fees is justifiable. The tuition is already significantly higher than domestic student rates, and making their increase higher than domestic fees is unfair. I also feel that tuition increase with an increase in mandatory fees is unnecessary because most students do not benefit from the mandatory fees. Rent is increasing in Vancouver, housing on campus may be growing, but it's not through the school, it's private, which means most students won't be able to afford them anyways. I cannot see a justifiable increase in tuition until the allocation of funds within the school are re-evaluated. Students with full workloads find it hard enough to make it by, and any increase in tuition just makes it that much harder.

I believe the increase rate is too high. Post secondary education is already widely inaccessible for financial reasons. Tuition should not be increasing at this rate.

I'm less concerned with a slight increase in tuition than I am the pay scale for sessional/adjunct teaching staff. There is something fundamentally wrong with the normalization of a graduate TA earning significantly more than the sessional instructor for whom they are TAing.

A 2% increase is reasonable as long as this percentage does not increase every year. The main importance is that graduate degrees do not increase as students have to budget and plan to afford their second degree and if the tuition suddenly changes this can be detrimental to students who have achieved the standards budgeted their finances well enough to be able to complete a Master's program but can no longer afford it.

Most international students plan financially for their degree for the whole 2 or more years. They take loans from their home countries to study here. Increasing the fees for students will not be a healthy choice as they will have to again go through that excruciating process and getting extra burdened with debt would not be good.

I don't know imposing of fees on new students would have impact on admission rates. Also, is increase in tuition fees the only viable option? Can there be new avenues for bringing in investment?

As a student coming from a developing country, my family is suffering from accidents and financial pressures. I don't think it's reasonable to raise tuitions for international students to better the construction of our school, since our payment has been a much larger amount of money than domestic students.

If we need to raise tuition, please take students' personal situations into consideration. Many of us are working really hard to make our ends meet and we don't have extra time to enjoy some services that school provides.

It is crucial that we raise funds from the right communities who have the capacity to offer their generosity. Personally speaking, I don't want my parents to undertake any raise in my tuitions. I think financial pressure does bring insecurity and sense of guilty to both students and their parents, and therefore will probably harm students' mental health which will contract with your original intention. I do feel insecure and can potentially get into arguments with my dad every time when tuition deadline is coming.

The situation can be similar to domestic students. I saw many of them are doing part-time jobs trying to be financially independent. We as university students, are standing right at the most crucial point of an important life transformation—from being dependent to independent, both mentally and financially. We genuinely hope and appreciate it that our university will support us in this pursuit and will try to withstand external pressures. If so, our university will empower students by making them more confident in their own independence, more convinced of school's consistency and better-off in their well-being.

Please do consider our proposal, We will genuinely appreciate your efforts. We know the situation must be difficult, but things can be equally and even more difficult for some students, such as me.

I think that these tuition increases are unnecessary for the university. I think money can be taken from other sources and not from students. Or maybe the university should just pocket less money and invest it in their students.

<p>I do not approve of any tuition increase because the university must increase/maintain budget/ revenues from other sources.</p> <p>The scholarships we are receiving from UBC as PhD students are not reflecting annual increase concurrent with tuition increases.</p> <p>I believe all studies at UBC should be tuition free, or should be based on household income level.</p> <p>PhD students live in absolute poverty because of UBC's policies and funding levels. This negatively reflects on the academic achievement and the overall image of UBC.</p> <p>Thank you.</p>
<p>Graduate student tuition should not be raised in order to attract better students (meaning higher quality/quantity publications).</p>
<p>It is already very expensive to attend UBC as an international student, and UBC is already getting tons of money from the large amount of international students at our school. So many people that attend university spend the majority of their time before retirement trying to pay off their student loans, and some even after they've retired. It's simply unfair to add even more financial strain to students, no matter how small it may seem. We students have very little of our own money, and every bit counts.</p>
<p>I find that education has become increasingly expensive. I am doing my 4th degree at UBC and it's my 9th year here. I have seen the slow but effective improvement physically to the space - the Nest, the growing number of residences, main mall, etc. but UBC needs to have a vision for the types of students they want to attract and the type of alumni they want to send out into the world.</p> <p>As a domestic student, it has already been tough making ends meet with the high cost of living (rent etc.) but I can't imagine all the international students who want to come to such a great university as UBC but cannot afford it.</p> <p>I want UBC to push for more funding for both domestic and international students.</p> <p>Afterall, I AM UBC and together, WE ARE UBC.</p> <p>Invest in the future.</p>
<p>The reasons given for tuition increase are inadequate to convince me the increased cost should be burdened by the students. I fail to believe that increased costs couldn't be covered by rolling back on luxuries the university enjoys.</p>
<p>I believe the raise is a bit high and penalizing international students much more. I will be getting the same payment from my research lab, but will have to pay 1/10 of it to the school's tuition. And I will only be taking 2 courses that year. This is very high in my opinion.</p>
<p>Tuition fee is a little bit high.</p>
<p>I think the school can allocate its resources properly without increasing students expenses, there are many many things I think we pay for that are not being shown through the school. Please do not increase our tuition.</p>
<p>The increase in tuition is ridiculous. What we need is better allocation of money, not more money. Even if the school got more money to spend, it wouldn't change anything with the way it is being spent.</p>
<p>I believe this is unnecessary and absolutely ridiculous and there is no need for this. school is expensive enough as it is.</p>
<p>Tuition is increasing by \$1,000 Canadian per class next year. This is too much for some international students.</p>

I think it's a bad idea to increase tuition. If it can be avoided, that would be great.
Do not increase tuition. Period.
The continual tuition increases by UBC are absurd. Looking around campus there is so much money spent on cosmetic campus changes instead of spending money on people. As an ostensibly public institution, I think UBC should look to the province for money rather than students, especially graduate students who often have to pay out of pocket.
I don't agree
The proposed tuition increase for international graduate students seems excessive especially if you don't take into account the lack of support provided for graduate students in terms of affordable housing and better paying jobs. International graduate students have proven to be great resources to UBC and such a significant increase with no increase in economic support particularly in regards to housing and mental health services seems like a terrible decision and one that would prevent bright international graduate students to come to UBC or continue their studies.
Reasonable tuition increases. Rules regarding UPASS eligibility should be reviewed to allow for students flying in for short periods of class (such as 1 weekend per month for MHA) are able to be exempted from the UPASS easily.
The current upward pressure on tuition and additional fees creates barriers for education as a whole- large university infrastructure projects should come from a combination of donor and government support rather than on predicating on student tuition. Tuition should be to pay for teaching staff and direct instruction- while infrastructure is often used in research that is not always educationally centred. -My largest concern is the supplementary fee increases- while tuition increases are more transparent (Look at the per credit/installment fee- add 2%)- many of the other supplementary add on fees are the unexpected hit. So stating that a B.Sc student will only see a \$100 or so increase/30 credit is disingenuous if it does not include other increased fees in that calculation. As for the employer health tax- As a student I would like to see the difference of paying the health tax vs msp to university coffers before using this as an example of an increased concern.
The increase in tuition costs seems fair, and I appreciate the transparency from UBC regarding why the tuition is being raised and where these funds will go.
With the annual accommodation rising and cost of living in BC. Certainly we cannot effort bigger tuition. Please keep it like this if you cannot reduce it.
It is unfair to increase the international tuition by 3% (or 4% for new coming international students). International students have the equal opportunity to learn at UBC and the tuition for them should not exceed the 2% inflation rate per year. Furthermore, they have already been paying a ridiculously high tuition compared with domestic students. If UBC believes in equal rights and value talented students instead of narrowly focusing on financial interest, it should increase the tuition by an indifferent inflation rate among all students.
The financial hardship for students remains a significant barrier and challenge for completing university studies. Tuition hikes that are not commensurate with grant or wage increases make it hard to make a financial commitment for 4 or more years of study. Please stop increasing tuition for continuing graduate students; as it makes it difficult to plan for extended periods of study.

Please do not increase the fees. Thank you
I do not agree to the increase in the tuition fees.
<p>It's true that you might have to increase tuition, because of inflation, but then you also have to increase the students salary. A PhD student already has a hard life to get through the year with his low salary. Housing, groceries, tuition, everything gets more and more expensive, but the PhD students salary stays the same. Who is compensating for that?? Increase PhD students salaries, then they are also able to pay, otherwise it will be really hard to get through grad studies and you might loose good students going somewhere else with no tuition fees at all and better salaries. Think about that, you want to keep professionals.</p>
<p>I'm unhappy about the tuition increases. I'm happy that UBC is a beautiful campus and has new technology, but it is a public university nevertheless and I wonder until what point will the tuition increase. If it increases another 2% every year for the next ten years, will our tuition be increased by \$1,050 by the end? I don't think it's justified when, from what I understand, there are other sources of 'income' that our used purely for marketability. For example, "The Shadow" and the Pride installation, which are both alright, but not necessary. It seems that the university doesn't prioritize spending money on what we are being told money needs to be spent on. Maybe I'm wrong. But the "consultation page" isn't that clear on all these expenses and I don't actually know how money is being spent at UBC. But from my experience at another world-class university where housing is much more subsidized and food outlets are cheaper, it feels as though UBC is unnecessarily expensive.</p>
<p>Really?! Really?! You guys want to increase tuition again? Academia and post secondary education is becoming increasingly unattainable for low-income and now middle-income students, and your solution is to *raise* tuition costs? Due to the already high price of tuition many students are forced to take on part or full time employment, decreasing time spent on studies, leading to stress and mental health issues, and y'all wanna increase the problem? I know you'll go through with it no matter what me and 50,000 other students type in this box because you clearly care more about the padded salaries of administrators who serve little purpose when you could be instilling valuable programs and initiatives into this institution, making it more accessible for everyone. UBC has one of the worst scholarship programs in Canada. Perhaps someone should look into that? Education should be a right, not a privilege, and you guys are making this increasingly inaccessible year after year. Those are my comments, if anyone actually reads these!!</p>
<p>I don't think the fees should go up unless there is a specific reason/project that we the students are aware of. It would be important for us where the extra 2% is going exactly!</p>
<p>The cost of living in Vancouver continues in increase yet funding for graduate students remains relatively unchanged. Furthermore, due to increases in class sizes and the poor English abilities of many students, demands on graduate teaching assistants have become greater than in the past.</p> <p>In many ways funding for graduate students at UBC has fallen far behind American universities. If UBC wishes to continue attracting high caliber students this will need to be addressed.</p>
2% increase is 2% too expensive

Dear Sir or Madam,

I would like to make a point regarding the tuition for International professional graduate programme students that is suggested to increase between 2 and 4 %. Not only because I am an international graduate student myself, but also because I know how expensive it can be get settled and started in a new country (Canada was the third foreign country I used to live in), I recommend keeping the tuition increase at 2 %.

I and probably many other international grad students would appreciate your confirmation.

Best regards

Provide a breakdown of tuition increases and where the money is going as done in previous years.

It would make sense to increase the tuition fee every year just as how the price of every good also increase but it is quite unfair that international students have to pay an extra 4% (3% for continuing students) on top of the already expensive tuition that is like 6-8x more than domestic students. Whereas the domestic students get an increase of 2%. I do not have much say in this and my opinion will not probably mean a lot but it would be better if more scholarships can be given and financial aid as well for the said international students.

I get financial support through research assistantship and my salary is low compared to other universities in North America and considering the fact that Vancouver is one the most expensive cities in the world, any increase in my education cost including tuition fee would effect my living. So I think working toward getting more industrial projects in Applied Science faculties would be a better idea than increasing the pressure on students. I should say that students, especially the international students, make a rudimentary living and every penny means a lot for them.

It is a mistake to raise tuition fees in a city that ranks amongst the lowest in its affordability index. As a public institution, University of British Columbia should strive to make higher education accessible to underrepresented groups, instead of creating a wider gap in education between lower-income and traditionally overrepresented hegemony. The kind of message UBC sends to the world is that it is a place for the privileged elite, at the exclusion of everyone else. Thanks, but no thanks.

Increase in tuition fee is okay as long as the International Graduate Student Tuition Award is appropriately increased to compensate for the extra amount.

This is quite expensive...

I understand that inflation requires UBC to increase the tuition, however, I don't believe that it needs to be increased as much as two percent for domestic students. With every student paying approximately 100 dollars more, it adds up to way more than what inflation is really affecting and I don't believe that it is really being used to benefit my education anymore than before.

I totally disagree with the increase of the tuition. Right now the tuition for International students is much more than domestics. Also, the university knows that the funding sources for research assistants is not too much and it is only for surviving.

If UBC has a plan to increase the fundings (RA salaries) It is OK, but with the same amount of income, it is unfair.

I'm paying \$60,000 a year already pls have some mercy I'm not a millionaire;{

I don't see why tuition must increase every year as the university cuts budgets for things like hiring full time staff. We have more and more sessional instructors who are not paid adequately or given benefits, teaching assistant pay does not increase, and yet tuition increases.

Do not increase tuition. It is already unaffordable and puts students in major debt.
It is really sad to see that UBC is again proposing such significant tuition increases. Already now, tuition fees are MUCH MUCH too high for what UBC has to offer, and there would be many ways to decrease expenses at UBC (such as, stop building continuously more fancy buildings to attract more rich students - I do not see this as a good reason for increasing student fees at all). However, if UBC continues to increase tuition like that, I am sorry to say to that it will be a purely elitist university in the near future. It will struggle to attract high-caliber graduate students and the quality of graduate research may decline. Especially considering the already very high living costs of Vancouver, in combination with always increasing tuition rates (while TA salaries are not increasing by the same percentages at all), it really makes it unsustainable for graduate students to attend UBC. It is a really sad sign that UBC continues to increase tuition pretty much every year... While I did like the faculty and research experience in my department at UBC, I unfortunately have to say that I could not recommend other new graduate students to choose UBC because of the extreme financial burden it places on its students, especially towards the end of their degree when scholarships and tuition assistance funds tend to run out. Unfortunately, also, while UBC continues to offer these student consultations, I doubt they will actually read or acknowledge them or actually change something to the better...
Tuition at Canadian universities is cost-prohibitive, leaving universities inaccessible for many students. Students should not be forced to begin their careers in debt, and Canadian universities, in partnership with governments, have a responsibility to lower tuition fees. High costs have made choosing to go to university a calculated decision that students are forced make with specific and limiting job market directed goals as opposed to decisions based on education for education's sake. A trajectory of increasing tuition fees is unsustainable if we want to maintain the values of public universities.
This is the exact limit that the BC government allows for tuition fee increases. Inflation is ~3% this year. UBC changes above average fees for a bachelor's degree (at least relative to other BC post-secondary that offer bachelors). Increasing fees for domestic students does not keep up with inflation; therefore, it might be better to put more fees on international students instead.
As an international student it poses some pressure to us. Because cost of living here in Vancouver is very high compared to other cities in Canada. I do not agree with this increase. Maybe University find other way to compensate for that
Tuition fee is super expensive for international students and may cause financial burden for some families!
I feel the cost of graduate programs are already high enough and it is unfortunate, that many graduate students do not partake in many of the University Events and therefore are paying from their tuition for something they do not attend. Many of the "services" offered to students are not fully used by most of the student population and I feel this is something that we can pull funding from. Just my thoughts as a student that is working full time as many of my peers are and cannot access the services we pay for through our tuition but instead use the money for incoming first year students.
I agree with the nominal increase in the fees and support it.
Seems unfair that the fee increase is twice as big for (some) international undergraduate students compared to domestic students.

Although I am paying domestic tuition fee as a graduate student, I was an international student just 1 year ago and did my undergraduate as an international student in UBC. I strongly suggest UBC to stop discriminate against international students. International students are NOT rich. Many of them came to UBC because their parents took out loans or sold their assets. Please treat them equally as domestic student and increase the tuition fee by the same percentage (2%). Please give strong justification for why international students needed to pay the higher increment of the tuition fee. The 10% increase in tuition fees for new students a few years ago was unfair enough. Please reconsider the unequal increase.

It is not fair to increase international graduate student tuition at a higher rate (3.0%) than average (2.0%). I suggest international graduate student after mandatory installment increase at the lowest rate (2.0%) and provide more funding opportunity to international research graduate student, especially MA program.

My comments is about the timing of tuition demands from graduate students.

My tuition was supposed to come from a fellowship I received from the [...] at UBC. However, someone at UBC's human resources simply forgot to process my fellowship and I am still waiting to receive the funding. As a result, I haven't been able to pay my tuition and my account is on financial hold and I am being penalized.

I'm a bit puzzled as to why I, as a graduate student, have to pay fine to UBC (or be on financial hold) for mistakes committed by other UBC employees. I suggest that it is much better and more fair for graduate students to be put on financial hold after UBC itself has performed its duties in a timely manner.

I understand that fee increases every year but it should be only for New Students and not for continuing students. Thanks.

Education is a right, and making it more expensive without providing more financial assistance for people to be able to complete their degrees is irresponsible. I'm completely against tuition fees increasing AGAIN, for ANY student groups; international or domestic, graduate or undergraduate. The University should be lobbying government for changes in the funding structure instead of continuously increasing fees without providing ANY new services or facilities for students.

As a returning graduate student I take no courses and yet still pay thousands of dollars of tuition fees. Vancouver is an extremely expensive city and my stipend, which barely covers these expenses, is not adjusted every year for inflation, so any increase to tuition fees means I have to cut costs somewhere else to compensate.

I think tuition can be increased and is acceptable. However, the prices of things such as food on campus is too overpriced. Affording tuition is one thing but affording things like water bottles that are almost 3-4 dollars or milk for 4 dollars is not fair. In Korea, the tuitions are much lower, dorms are around 500\$/month and food in campus is around \$2-\$5/meal. Yet they still manage that. That's why I dont understand why UBC food has to be expensive. It's not like students are rich and can afford it. We try to make do and sacrifice other things which also causes excessive stress. Also having a 2% or more interest basically every year confuses me. This is because let's say students excepted paying 9,000\$/year. Second year comes by and then mandatory fees and tuition increases to around \$200 , year by year. It's not that much but it makes students angry because like I've said things like food, water, school supplies in UBC are not priced for students. It almost feels like in order to stay in UBC you need to be wealthy. Furthermore, UBC has stated that one of the reasons they are increasing the tuition is because of better professors. I have talked to many of my friends and fellow classmates and the most common topic we discuss is how disappointed we are in the quality of professors. We had this fantasy that in university professors would be passionate about what they teach and we would learn so much. When we get marked on assignments we dont get comments or feedback on what to improve on and the courses teaches us more through readings and homework we have to do instead of lectures. Furthermore, the majority of my professors read off notes and sadly many of my professors have a strong accent that can be barely understood making the concepts in class more complex and feels like an online school that I need to self teach everything. As a Sauder student I have had to do a video interview where they test my communication skills and if my English is understandable. I would like to understand the professor who should be speaking English with a non-distracting accent because it only brings me conflict in actually understanding the course. My friends and I find it so difficult that we have to base off our learning through a textbook and find ourselves wondering about the difference between university and online school. Bringing quality professors is great, but find professors that are passionate, that are good at teaching students. In conclusion, I dont mind the increase in tuition. However, lower the prices of things in campus and provide more professors who are passionate in what they are teaching.

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I do not side with this proposal because I already pay so much tuition per year to attend UBC. An increase of tuition would mean that it will be harder for me to pay off my student loans. In addition, you need to consider that some students come from low-income families (like myself), so it may easy for another family to pay for tuition while another family is in debt. Lastly, I find it difficult to understand why students are asked for feedback when the proposal will go through anyway.

Do not increase tuition. Instead, lobby the provincial and federal government to increase university funding. UBC is a large institution, and one of the top 3 universities in Canada. It has the power to put significant pressure on both B.C. and the federal Canadian government to supply better funding for students. It is not equitable for the university to increase tuition without reflecting on how students are able to pay for their increasingly expensive degrees. On average, undergraduate degrees cost 40% more now than they did a decade ago. We all know that jobs are not paying students 40% more now than they did ten years ago - how are students expected to keep up with this inflation? If a UBC degree is something that we want any and all students to be able to attain (not just those who are wealthy), the university needs to advocate for cheaper degrees (i.e. get the funding elsewhere). This is INCREDIBLY important for UBC, as Vancouver and UBC are not livable areas; the cost of living is astronomical.

I think that it is a bit unfair how international students get the highest proposed increase in tuition, as we already pay three times more than the domestic student. You are already getting a lot of money from us...

Sure, though have my salary (TAships) and award offers for 2019/20 increase accordingly.

With the growing costs of tuition at UBC even at the "low" rate of 2%, school is becoming less and less affordable. Those who have to pay their way have the hardest time as the cost of school along with living constantly goes up. Additionally, scholarships/bursaries offered by UBC, of which I am a recipient, are of the same monetary value. I understand that we are privileged to be receiving any financial support but this trend is not sustainable. I hope that you take my comments into consideration. Thank you.

Unfortunately, the cost of tuition is currently very close to preventing me from continuing my education. Any increases will make this even more of a problem and it is likely that I will have to choose between continuing to struggle through school financially or giving up on education and find a job just in order to support myself and attempt to pay off my current student debt of almost \$20,000 after only 3 years of undergraduate school.

Stop increasing fees on students when we receive absolutely nothing extra to show for it. The SUP is completely corrupt, money is wasted on pointless events for university staff, and why are ALL students required to pay an athletics and recreation fee when the only students who benefit from it are those on the sports teams?

My vote is:
New international undergraduate students' tuition to increase at 4%
Continuing international undergraduate students' tuition to increase at 3%

If voting really matters, as a domestic immigrant student from middle income family, I hardly can study in Vancouver. I cannot afford the rental fees and soon I won't be able to complete my degree and am pushed out by the system. UBC is complicit to the system and becoming undemocratic when it puts the poor out by increasing fees. So if the international demand continues to be high, why do we infer the weight on the citizens who pay taxes and work here and do not own or cannot own property. Why do you even ask? I work 3 jobs and I cannot afford UBC. Tell me the price for my education is me slaving for decades paying my loans when there are little employment opportunities on sight. They teach us about neoliberalism, the irony is UBC administration is complicit to it with its austerity measures.

Tuition is already expensive enough, especially for international students and I think UBC spends more of our money on the aesthetics of the campus rather than our learning experiences. You do not need to raise tuition, all that needs to be done is a redistribution of funds. Do not raise tuition.

I think if UBC is going to implement this increase (which is going in the wrong direction, education should not be a class gateway), UBC should make educators move away from expensive textbooks and mandatory subscription services that end up costing undergraduate students hundred of dollars each year, and instead move towards open source and free learning resources. This should be implemented within the two years following the tuition hike.

I could understand the importance of the university budget (being used in some critical or essential fields), but I feel like keep increasing the rate of tuition, especially for us international students, really put a hard time for us. Sometimes it makes me anxious and stressful. I keep thinking that what if I fail my parents while they spend so much money on my school. I have too much pressure. And when I successfully adjust myself like "okay, I could do this," the tuition increases again for the next year. Then there will be another wave of mental adjustment following for me. I only want to comment on my own opinion here. I love this school very much, I enjoy studying here, but sometimes it is just too hard.

I disagree 100% to increasing tuition and student fees. I don't even know why UBC asks for our feedback, to be honest. When I went to Brock Hall to ask how to pay my fees in my 1st year, the front desk staff told me to make sure to budget 2% to what I was going to pay because "tuition fees WILL increase."

I was shocked because the tuition fee increase survey proposal for the upcoming year was ONGOING. I have since been skeptical about the use of these surveys since then. I have also since been skeptical that students would vote to increase fees every year.

Also, it isn't fair for UBC to tout the need for increases in tuition every year because of all these additional needs of the university (e.g., inflation.), BUT never factor in inflation and higher costs of living for scholarships and fellowships (4yF funding has remained static). I would think if UBC is under inflation pressures, students would, too.

Maybe cutting administration paid a lot of money might help the financial burden UBC says it is under. E.g., UBC appointed Dr. Dermot Kelleher, Dean of Medicine, to the Vice-President, Health. Do we really need another VP?

From <https://www.princegeorgecitizen.com/math-doesn-t-add-up-1.1785498>: "Dr. Dermot Kelleher was named this week as the new dean of the faculty of medicine at UBC. Starting in September, Kelleher will overlook UBC's medical school, of which the Northern Medical Program at UNBC is a part. His pay, not to be president of UBC but just a senior dean, will be \$500,000."

I would be supportive of tuition increases ****IF AND ONLY IF**** UBC at least pretends that students are under serious financial pressure, and actually takes the effort to do something about it. I think it's great we are aiming to climb in the international rankings. I can appreciate that we need to keep up with the changes in education and research and technology. I can appreciate life in general, especially in Vancouver, is increasing. But, seriously, don't be a hypocrite. Don't pass your financial burden to students. Right now, this is a vehement NO to tuition and fee increases.

Tuition fees for international students in their current levels are already difficult to manage. For students from countries with weak currencies, even a small increase in fee would be a significant increase in terms of their home currency. I would suggest that fees remain the same for international students, especially for students already enrolled at the university.

I would appreciate a more open, available summary of University funding strategies, to the extent that it could provide a more holistic picture of the role played by student tuition in funding initiatives. Without a complete picture, this "tuition consultation" is but cast as propaganda amongst the affected. For one example: to what extent does the University believe that the increased divide between Domestic and International tuition will play a role in the University's ability to attract top-level International graduate talent.

Hi,
I don't think students feedback can change anything.
Scholarships stay the same, TAing almost stay the same (not every student gets opportunity for working full time 12h per week), rent is increasing, transport is increasing and tuition is increasing every year? At some point, you will stop losing students too. I'm in my third year of phd and won't quit now. If i were in first, I would quit and leave. This is getting ridiculous! Increase wage for TAs, give all students opportunity to work 12h per week (TAing), increase scholarship, and force supervisors to give extra money for students.

Tuition fees are rising and real income is falling. Perhaps not raising tuition won't solve the problem, but even 100 dollars a year in students pockets is a lot. Unless UBC is willing to compensate the losers of this deal (students), raising tuition seems like a bad way to keep students content.

Why are you screwing over international students so much. They already have it hard enough

<p>The increase in tuition seems unnecessary to me. Ubc is increasing raising prices for no reason like making the parking pass more expensive and it seems unfair to me.</p>
<p>I think this is absolutely ridiculous! I am a Master's student who has to do two, count them, two unpaid practicums and UBC, the multi-million dollar corporation for which I have already indebted myself to the tune of \$30,000, is saying they want to increase tuition? How do you sleep at night?</p> <p>kind regards, [...]</p>
<p>An increase in tuition fees would only worsen my condition as a student right now. I transit from Port Moody everyday to get to school with commute time usually being 3.5-4 hours a day. It would be financially difficult to set aside funds to live on residence and so I would appreciate tuition fees to be as low as possible. Increasing fees for me and others in the similar situation would only take a turn for the worse and so I would kindly ask that you consider keeping tuition fees at around the same cost.</p>
<p>To be perfectly honest, your reasons for increasing the budget is incredibly vague. I've been a student at UBC from 2012 until now, in 2018, and I honestly have not noticed any particularly beneficial changes in my personal quality of schooling despite gradual increases in tuition. I'd be more than happy to pay additional tuition if specific were given as to how the money is being allocated.</p>
<p>Increase in tuition fees creates a lot of pressure on the students. With graduate salary staying the same, increasing tuition fees hampers the minimum quality of student life.</p>
<p>I hope that tuition fees do not increase for the new year, as it is already costly.</p>
<p>Is it just due diligence that you ask for us, the students, feedback? One can assume that 99% of respondents would have a negative reaction to such news. Even after that, it's highly doubtful that you would actually heed our comments and neglect such changes.</p>
<p>Vancouver is one of the most expensive cities in the world to live in. International graduate students are already struggling financially, and these proposed increases will hurt us. Without any parallel increases in TA pay, the international student partial tuition fund, or other financial supports that graduate students draw on, I don't see how any international graduate student could possibly pay these increases in tuition without it hurting their already precarious financial situation. A two percent increase in international graduate student tuition will work out at around \$170. While this may seem like a small amount, this is \$170 less that students have to help pay for research expenses or attend conferences. It effects our' ability to fulfill the research excellence that UBC prides itself on and expects from its students.</p> <p>But even more pressing, this is \$170 less to cover rent, food bills, and utilities. It is no exaggeration to say that graduate students will go cold and hungry if these proposed tuition hikes are introduced, many already are.</p>
<p>The increase in rates would be appropriate if the student loan grants reflected this as well. Vancouver is an expensive city to live in and currently the provincial and national student loan does not even give enough money to survive living here while going to school. I agree that international students should pay more, and I would propose raising that to even 5% as there are a lot of international students that attend UBC.</p>
<p>Don't increase the tuition, it is already so high that an increase in it could potentially cause a decrease in applicant/ returning students.</p>
<p>Tuition fee should not increase. It is not affordable and causing students to drop out or even discontinuing their education. If you want to see progress in this country and worldwide. Education should be inclusive and available to everybody.</p>

<p>I feel that the increased flow of funds is indeed necessary, but I also feel that there could be alternate ways of acquiring sufficient funds for the university. Perhaps a more aggressive push for donors and sponsors? While I understand that won't guarantee inflow, it may relieve some amount of pressure off of students. There will eventually be incoming students who cannot afford to attend the university, even if they seek out student loans should the annual 2% increase continue</p>
<p>I propose that we keep the original prices of tuition, since students already have enough financial stress. The university should find alternatives to increase their budget instead of putting even more financial pressure on their students.</p>
<p>In my opinion the increase in international undergraduate student fee is too much. This should be compensated by increasing the domestic student fee as the international student fee is already too much.</p>
<p>I think the new tuition proposal is fair and necessary to maintain UBCO as one of Canada's leading universities and recognized internationally as well. Inflation costs are great and if we want to see improvements to the campus then its recognizable that costs will have to increase as well. Being a domestic student, I am happy paying an extra \$105 to ensure the university I am dedicated to continues to improve.</p>
<p>One of the reasons provided for increasing tuition is the "building and supporting world-class research infrastructure". While research is indisputably essential to the University, there is a severe lack of on-campus housing. Living at Totem Park's ɔ́snaʔəm House, there were multiple people residing and continuing to reside in floor lounges. I implore the Administration and the Board of Governors to focus more on the current and relevant issues facing the student body today.</p> <p>Furthermore, the University currently spends a lot of time, and I assume money, improving the aesthetics on campus. While I appreciate living and studying on a beautiful campus, I strongly believe that the University should redistribute funds and re-prioritize their goals so that they can achieve the goals stated in the 2019/2020 Tuition Consultation while decreasing the cost passed on to students.</p>
<p>As a international student it is already expensive as is. Sadly we need all these credits to finish the degree and may have do a certain amount years to finish them. Let me just put it in caps to say it is EXPENSIVE AS IS.</p> <p>My scholarship I'm getting doesn't cover the entire tuition anymore and so I've had to take out a student loan. You're welcome for the feedback I've provided.</p> <p>Regardless you will still increase for all students.</p>
<p>As an international student, I think we are paying more than we should !!!!! Our tuition already helps the goals proposed.</p>
<p>I oppose on heavier increase toward international students. Tuition fee for international students in UBC is already heavy enough, and paying times more than domestic students. I think UBC also agrees with the term, as increase rate is different between continuing and new students. However, keeping increase rate for domestic students low and take more from international students is not a way UBC should focus, if the university wants to maintain global-wide campus. If the university has to increase tuition fee, it should be increased to all students fairly.</p> <p>Please do not consider international students as a banker, even without treating them better.</p>
<p>We are already paying thousands of dollars to come to this institution but it seems that institution is more concerned about making profit then providing better education to its students. Facilities on campus are out of date. The lack of study space on the campus is appalling and what limited space there is is taken over by professors and changed into useless areas that provide little enhancement to our education or they are booked by clubs for events that have</p>

<p>nothing to do with classes at the most critical times in the school year. Without addressing the concerns of the student body the institution should not consider raising the tuition.</p>
<p>While the proposed tuition increases are modest and seem to be in line with inflation, I am worried that continued tuition increases are offloading UBC's "cost pressure from a range of sources" on its students. I worry that continued increases in tuition will deter bright students from pursuing post-secondary education, thereby, making university only accessible to those applicants with wealthy parents. When I walk around campus and see new, beautiful buildings popping up every year, and new dinosaur skeletons being hung from the atrium in the Earth Sciences Building, I ask myself: could this money be spent in better ways to improve the quality of education of students at UBC? I usually come to the conclusion that, yes it could. For example, I am a teaching assistant for a course where I run a tutorial for 175 students in a single room. Every year, the student evaluations overwhelmingly say: "the tutorials would be more effective if the section was split into smaller groups with one TA for each group, e.g. like in first year physics where ~30-40 students are assigned too one TA and the group is small enough that students feel safe asking questions and the TA can go through blackboard problems and be stopped when students have questions". Instead of offloading UBC cost pressures on its students, I would be happier to have fewer dinosaur skeletons, fewer whale skeletons, fewer extravagant buildings, and more tutorial sections for the students that I TA.</p>
<p>I do not think that there should be the increase in tuition or mandatory fees.</p>
<p>The current tuition for me in 18/19 is being difficult for my father to fund. Now increasing it by 3%? At least, have some sympathy for international students, or else some of us have to leave university and work instead.</p>
<p>As a graduate student who is funded by scholarships, I have no issue with the tuition raises proposed.</p>
<p>This increase in tuition will effect my financials a lot as i am an International student and i dont have any waiver or any other kind of scholarships</p>
<p>Part of why I chose to study in Canada is for its record of making education and health care affordable for its residents, ideals which are more in line with my own values than those in the US. The reality for me though since arriving in Canada has not lived up to those expectations. I currently receive a \$20,000 stipend, >\$8,500 of which goes to my tuition. I have no financial support from my parents, and I currently owe the US government ~\$20,000 in student loans. The US federal student loans I am eligible for as a graduate student are unsubsidized by my government, meaning that they have a relatively high interest rate (6.5%) and are accruing interest even while I'm in school. Because I am international, I am not eligible for many of the awards that my fellow Canadian students apply for.</p> <p>I do not regret pursuing graduate education, though I didn't realize at the time how financially irresponsible it would be for me. I am considering continuing on to a PhD program, but the high cost of living here in Vancouver coupled with the very little I receive in my stipend is making it unrealistic to do so here at UBC. Many universities in the US waive tuition for PhD students, on top of granting support from supervisors or salary from teaching assistant appointments. An increase in tuition would further persuade me to return back to the US. What a shame! For me to have to leave UBC purely for financial reasons is very sad indeed. Does UBC really want to attract only wealthy international students?</p>

<p>Students should not have to have an increase in tuition because the government is posing and employer health tax since we are neither the employers nor the employees, and we are already paying fees for the student healthcare. We do not fit in this equation, so the reason as to why we are the ones who have to pay for it is unclear. Frankly, from a students perspective, the staff is really not "exemplary," maybe the upper year professors but the first and second-year professors are definitely not exemplary, which once again opposes the increase in tuition. However, if the increase in tuition was to go through, then there should be an increase in scholarships, bursaries, and financial aid. It would be great if there could be a bit more explanation for the IRP and why it is necessary. The current system is user-friendly enough so if you could expand a bit more on why we need it and why it requires "significant new resources," that would be helpful.</p>
<p>I think we should try to cut back in other areas as possible to be able to not increase tuition every year. I would like to see the breakdown of where the tuition is going and the historical data of how often and how much the tuition has increased every year.</p>
<p>The tuition will be really expensive and it will affect international students more. As an international student I do not like this proposal.</p>
<p>Are the awards and fellowships going to follow this increase? For example the International Tuition Award or International Doctoral Fellowship. Thank you</p>
<p>Do not increase tuition fees</p>
<p>I do not agree. First, in the Okanagan campus, not enough sophisticated course is provided for Ph.D. students. I am a Ph.D. student, but due to the lack of good material course for this level, I always use online courses or study by myself.</p> <p>So these amount of tuition that I am paying now seems enough for the amount of facility that I am using.</p>
<p>Personally, I don't think increasing mandatory fees should increase. Student fees are already very expensive, and for students who do not use the amenities on campus, it feels like AMS is stealing from me. For example, I do not use the Compass Card, as I have to drive straight from work in North Vancouver to my classes at campus. Spending money on the card felt wrong to me - there should have been more options to opt out. If there are more increases to mandatory student fees without the option to opt out, I think I will look for education elsewhere, where the fees are more manageable.</p>
<p>pls don't</p>
<p>It's way too expensive for low income families</p>
<p>Don't you already charge us enough. Maybe update MacLeod with all this money you're stealing from us</p>
<p>It wasn't as expensive as I thought, but if each course fee was lowered by even just 10% it'd help the students pay off the tuition extremely. Also, I thought the prices of the textbook were too overpriced.</p>
<p>International students are already paying a lot of money plus the exchange rate is not favourable too. Increasing the fees is not going to be a good idea as most people are already struggling to pay the old amount and it will not be fair to increase it. I don't see any reason why there should be an increase as we weren't even provided with how this increase is going to be to our advantage. I do not agree with this increase of 4% for international students. Thank you</p>

Hi, thank you for sharing the information and asking for my feedback. I understand the need for increasing tuitions each year and I support it. But I am a graduate student in the School of Engineering at UBCO and I have not received an entrance scholarship even though I was eligible and I also have not received an UGF even though I am still eligible. I am very involved on several leadership roles on campus and being an international student, I find it very expensive to keep up with the increased tuitions/expenses. On a similar note, we are not allowed to use the gym without paying extra membership fees, even though we pay a yearly recreational fee. UBCO should ensure a minimum level of funding for international graduate students like other universities before raising tuitions. Thank you.

Tuition is already considered unaffordable for most students, and I believe a further increase is unacceptable, especially for international students who also have to manage their housing and living expenses.

I understand the increases to tuition are based upon inflation and to meet the needs for new supplies, programs, etc. Although I understand the increase in tuition, a part of me still wishes that education was free and accessible to anyone. I understand within the current Canadian economy, and governing system this is not a reality, however, I hope one day it might be.

The price hike for continuing and incoming international students seems a bit ridiculous. I believe the university should have an equal increase for domestic and international students % wise especially considering that the impact on domestic students is almost minimal compared to international students. The university already has a reputation of accepting lots of international students at high fees and then dropping them when they don't meet the academic standings. If prices were lowered I honestly think a lot of stronger candidates would consider applying here and would pay the tuition for 4 years instead of only receiving 1 year of tuition from those who drop out.

For the Graduate international students, i think we need to think for decreasing their fees. Most of us as international students came her for UBC to complete our post graduate studies in Canada based on different funding sources either based on the university funds or the supervisor funds. It is not a secret that these funds are not sufficient for the graduate student to live her in Kelowna in a good way and we have to work in more casual jobs to be able to survive. That posses a lot of pressure to the graduate students as the research requires a lot of focusing on what you are doing not looking for your daily living earnings.

Hence, it is a call for who is responsible here in UBC Okanagan to look for decreasing the graduate students fees.

To be honest, i am not sure if someone is gonna see this message or not, but you have to know that the graduate students her in UBC Okanagan are struggling just to be able to do their daily work and it is not good neither for them or for the university.

We know that in UBC Vancouver all the graduate students get a fund from the university for around 3000 CAD to pay their tuition so they just pay around 6,000 CAD for the PhD students as example but her in UBC Okanagan i pay around 9,500 CAD for every year.

I don't agree with the increase. UBC receives enough money from donors and the government. Why can't they subsidize education like in Europe?

Raising the prices of student tuition is a disservice and disrespect to the student body. As if enough fees and tuition is not paid by every student. It should be illegal for school to just raise prices as they desire as they function a government institution. Government meaning by the people. Universities function only by the students: no students, no teachers needed, no school. Therefore for you to even consider raising tuition should be processed just in a manner taxes are offered to be raised and thats through the government and therefore through the people and by the people only. Oh yeah and maybe consider creating a better security system for this lazy excuse of a campus. Do

you even notice the theft and other criminal activity goes on around our campus. Install a camera or two since were in the 21st century now?

I think that the building costs for UBC are much higher than they should be, as we construct many unnecessary features such as the blue lights around the nest and the paved tree beside the nest.

We spent all this time putting bricks beside the Nest just to rip them out 3 months later and re replace them. IN addition, after renovating Hebb theatre, we promptly closed it to re renovate the area, taking away a large amount of class space and taking extra time and money. If we had just done the entire renovation at the same time maybe it would have been more efficient and cost less money.

I would prefer cutting costs to building and/or putting more money into student support and library resources, or alternatively not increasing student tuition to pay for more buildings with unnecessary features.

It seems odd to me that the international costs are increasing so much more than the domestic costs, considering they already pay more in fees. The improvements mentioned should not be affected by international vs domestic student status from what I have understood by reading through the reasons for the increase. Additionally, while the domestic increase of around 2% corresponds to the expected inflation rate in Canada over the coming year, the 4% seems exceptionally high, double the rate of inflation, as well as the 3% for domestic undergraduates. So, in that case, are the domestic students paying for the inflation increases and the international students shouldering all the costs for the improvements?

I think that the international student fee per course is already an extremely high price. As a science student I pay 4500 cad for ONE chemistry course for ONE semester. Domestic students pay around 5000 cad for the WHOLE semester. If you are looking to increase tuition fees, I would suggest increasing those of the domestic students as it would be difficult for international students to pay these fees. Especially since there is very little financial support provided for international students from UBC whereas domestic students can receive both grants from the BC government and bursaries from UBC throughout all years of their undergraduate program.

UBC needs to look a delivery model review. Courses like intro Psych could be supplemented with on line learning, in fact a number of these type of low facility intensive courses could be offered electronically reducing course delivery costs. As well it could increase UBC's global footprint by allowing more students to obtain course credits remotely then attending in person for more senior level courses that require interaction. This would allow for a redistribution of the course funding to offset the increases the university is facing.

The currency exposure is a bit of a red herring, UBC has been increasing foreign student enrollments and could take more currencies for payment as well we should have a treasury function that manages FX and if it doesn't it's time to replace your CFO.

The fee for international students should not be increased or at least the increase should be equal to the increase in fees for domestic students as the fee for international students is already very high and the increase can make it difficult for some continuing international students to complete their degree at UBC. The international fees has already seen a steep increase in the last few years and I feel there is no need for a further increase now as the University should not try and put all the financial burden on International Students.

<p>I'm against the idea of increasing the fees. International students already are paying 6 times the fee of domestic students and with the current inflation and the increasing dollar rates, it is incredibly difficult for students to cope with the increase in tuition.</p> <p>Many international students like me take student loans to come to institutions like yours and they would really suffer if UBC increases the fee.</p>
<p>I do not think very highly of this increase and consider it extraordinarily dubious.</p>
<p>I take an undergraduate program that calls for 18k tuition per year (pharmD). Considering that 2% is a huge increase. Looking back at the previous years it looks like this has always been the case. Please consider domestic students in non-conventional programs and consider our cost of tuition too. We're also supporting our own education with loans and the increase puts a huge burden on our everyday living cost too.</p>
<p>Tuition should not be increased, students have voiced their opinions that they do not like how the school is spending their money and tuition should not increase until those discrepancies and demands are met</p>
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Why are international student fees increasing by double of the domestic fees? International student fees are already immensely more expensive, so why keep increasing the gap? This may not seem fair to new incoming international students. 2. How come tuition fees continuously increase each year but I don't see any large positive effects affecting the students studying in UBC today? We are giving in to UBC more financial inputs, but see no difference in the outputs UBC provide in return.
<p>This is ridiculous, for no reason should tuition be going up this much. My first degree cost \$25000 in tuition alone, my second has cost \$13000 and I have made less than that working part time. It used to be that you could work for a summer and have enough money to spend and live for 2 semesters. That is not the case anymore inflation is not 2% a year increase in minimum wage, or any employers wages. you are money gouging people. Stop increasing tuition. If Quebec doesn't neither should we.</p>
<p>As an international student that did not receive a scholarship, the 3% increase will only make paying tuition much harder for my parents. I have a younger sister who goes to a private high school (which is ~\$24,000) and so having to pay that plus the ~\$39,000 for tuition and housing is too much, even with loans. The school should work to help support its international students more by either opening up more scholarship opportunities targeted at those students or reduce the cost of tuition for those students.</p>
<p>A general 2% increase in fee makes sense, not a 3/4% hike in International Undergraduate fees. Simply because an average 3 credit course cost for an international student is pretty much 7 times what it is for domestic students. It's unfair to hike this by an amount greater than that for domestic students.</p>
<p>Please don't raise international tuition. It is already impossible to pay it myself and if it continues to increase it will be a strain on my family. 4% doesn't sound like much but it would raise my tuition by \$ 738.00 a semester or \$1476.00 a year. These kinds of rising costs make it near impossible for middle class and low income students to attend college in America. Do you really want Canada to head the same way?</p>

<p>We as international students already pay almost eight times (8x) the tuition fee of that of a domestic student for every credit that we take. And still it's proposed to hike fee for the international students by 3% and 2% for the domestic students. This hike might be a small number for the university but it has a very big impact on us. As far as the CAD dollar depreciating is concerned, I don't see how is it depreciating? I check the Currency rates and I find its strengthening against the USD. Rather the Indian Rupee is the worst performing currency now because it has depreciated to an all time low for all currencies. I come from India and I know how much extra I've to pay because of the rupee depreciating. If there is an increase in fee, It'll make it really tough for us. Domestic students don't have to pay that much amount as compared to us. We're already paying a huge amount for the fee. Rather accommodation rent could be hiked instead of the fee for all students regardless of whether they're undergraduates or graduates.</p>
<p>Continuing international student fees should not increase more than 2%</p>
<p>The tuition change should affect, if at all, the incoming students. The continuing students like me have a plan about education and finances. With the other everyday expenses that are increasing, it's hard to keep up with these financials already. Tuition increase will impose troubling burden and can affect personally. In my opinion, graduate students receiving an assistantship or scholarship should not be paying fees themselves, like it happens in the Universities in the USA. That helps a lot and relieves unnecessary pressures.</p>
<p>way too expensive you can't expect us to pay for all of this or at the very least make, for example, textbooks a bit more affordable.</p>
<p>Our Provincial and Federal taxes are already high enough to account for inflation. This should be taken into account by Provincial and Federal Government's spending on education and not by reaching into pockets of students themselves. All tuition increases should be capped over 5 year periods instead of ad-hoc increase for the next year. This could make it hard for students who are already struggling with the costs of living in an city with off roof living costs. This increase is just further pushing those students into debt.</p>
<p>Hello</p> <p>I really think that the increase is legit. However, I would like to suggest that the minimum Research Assistantship should also see a similar amount of increase. The reason I think so is that we usually save from our Research and Teaching assistantship money to pay for the fees in installments. Increasing around 500\$ is 1/3rd of our minimum RA that we receive.</p> <p>Thank you for reading.</p> <p>Best Regards</p>
<p>I think a 0% increase in fees would better reflect the wishes of most students. I would advocate the university look for savings within it's current administrative model before raising fees.</p>
<p>I hope you inform departments and supervisors about the increase in the tuition fees. Especially since our stipend does not get adjusted. We would still receive the same stipend as supervisors are not aware of the increase in tuition fees. It would have been good if the changes could be limited to new students. Thanks!</p>
<p>I understand that you want to keep exemplary staff and students but how can the students continually afford these tuition increases? Most of us are already working the low minimum wage jobs we can, and we are paying for rent and food. Sure it might only seem like an extra 110 dollars a year but that adds up, and may be the factor in a person's not being able to afford the tuition this year. I already think that the tuition is much too high and is ignoring people who can't afford it creating this elitist organization</p>

Don't agree with the increase on the fees for international students. We already pay way more than domestic and it's been already difficult for my family to pay for my education in UBC. I'll consider transferring to another university

Raising tuition again is a terrible idea. I and many other students are already struggling financially to pay for tuition and living costs and raising it, even by 2%, would only make things worse.

Tuition is already very expensive, and in something as "little" as a 3% increase can be a make or break investment for many students. If we allow these increases to occur, who is to say that more increases won't follow? I believe that a better budgeting of the money the university already has would allow the university to upkeep its long running history of a high standard, as well as help the students afford the courses, that are already very expensive.

I agree on the tuition increase, but more assistance should be given in scholarships, TAs or RAs to graduate international students since we are also contributing with the scientific international QS ranking of the University with our publications, colloquiums, academic networking, etc.

International graduate student families (usually more experienced graduate researchers) face a very difficult time in Vancouver due to expensive child care and very limited affordable housing options near or within UBC (long wait lists). Investments should be done in this matter to provide the basic needs so researchers and students can focus on their work and not in finding part-time jobs to cover basic living costs.

Thank you. Regards,
[...]

Stop inflating international students costs more than domestic. It creates bad blood and not attracting internationals. I only came here cuz it was cheaper than back home but if I were to come now I don't think I would've gone here. Internationals already spend so much money on the country as a whole bringing the money of their country here. They pay for planes and storage and healthcare and another phone. Give us a fucking break. Bring up the tuition of the domestics instead. They pay so little already

Generally, the increases make sense except you fail to appreciate graduate students that do the research that promotes your university.

In order to maintain world class research programs you should consider more funding/scholarships for graduate researcher students and/or not increase the fees of graduates students that do research. To be clear you can increase the fees for graduate students in professional programs. Other Canadian Universities provide tuition (but not fees like athletic facility, insurance etc) coverage to research students that maintain a certain GPA. These universities consider that graduate research students contribute to the advancement of research and their world class status. It was very disheartening to not receive your often touted tuition coverage when starting my research despite my excellent GPA, research ability, and the numerous awards I've received in the past. If it were not for my supervisor covering all tuition fees and a higher than average stipend I would not have chosen UBC. I think it's ridiculous that my current supervisor sees enough potential in me to pay me 150% above the minimum set by the program, but UBC does not.

I am strongly against the proposed tuition increase for the upcoming school year. While I understand that each year there are increases in operating costs, having annual tuition increases such as the proposed ones without any appreciable benefit toward students is not the correct way to go about it. As it is, it is hard enough to live in Vancouver, the second most expensive city in Canada, as a student. A 2% domestic increase in tuition, which is the equivalent of a few hundred dollars a year, may seem like a small cost to a university board (most of whom have enjoyed financial security for most of their lives), but for most students in the city that's a month's worth of healthy food that they lose. This is even higher for international students, where an increase of 4% is more like a month and a half's rent. My tuition should not go to things like artwork on campus or paying the \$200,000 salary of a professor who has poor teaching skills but published a few papers in high impact journals. If there MUST be a tuition increase of 2%, it should go toward increased mental health services, sexual health centres, and other student-focused services. I would ask that any tuition increase come with a detailed explanation of where this money will go, and accountability from the university to ensure that this money paid by students goes to things that directly benefit students.

I'd love for my 2% tuition increase to be accompanied by a 2% stipend increase to make up the difference (especially considering I am paid from external scholarships and grants - my work as a graduate student doesn't cost the university a cent, and thus am saving the university tens of thousands of dollars already), but grad student stipends have barely increased in years.

I realize that no matter how many students write these opinions, the tuition will be increased regardless (I've sat in on board of governor meetings at my undergraduate university, where the board walked through a rally of hundreds of students and proceeded to vote unanimously on a record 4.5% tuition increase). All I urge is for there to be accountability and to have these tuition increases benefit students in a tangible way.

I feel it is unfair that the fees are being increased for existing students. These fees can be increased for the new incoming students but for the one's already enrolled for it, we don't have a choice.

And UBC should be supporting domestic students. Ideally, the fee increment should be only for international students.

Thank you!

International graduate students on the Vancouver campus are eligible for the International Tuition Award in order to make the fees they pay more in line with domestic students. Since we are part of the same institution, why are international graduate students at the Okanagan campus not also eligible for this award? Not offering this award seems highly counter-intuitive as the Okanagan campus is a rapidly growing part of UBC and its reputation with regards to research will be vital if it wants to compete on an international level. If you will want to attract the best graduate students from around the world to come study here you will need to give them an incentive, otherwise, you will risk losing them to the Vancouver Campus and other universities. If this award can be offered to the much larger international graduate community in Vancouver, it should also be offered at the Okanagan campus.

Don't raise tuition without guarantee from the Ministry of Education and Student aid BC guaranteeing they will increase loan amounts. It might be news to everyone but those of us on student loan budgets cannot afford another increase in tuition. Period.

The amount proposed is a reasonable amount, however campus wireless connection should also be improved. While on campus and residents internet connections are separate, both need to be updated. The speeds at which they operate at are usable, but not the best. Aside from this, the proposal is a understandable and acceptable one.

Increase of tuition seems fair. Although, I would like a clearer break-down of where the extra tuition is going. I also believe that it should be easier to opt out of certain services like the health plan, bus pass etc.

I would request the tuition fees stays the same and does not increase. Although I had won enough scholarships for first year, I most likely won't be able to cover years 2-4 with scholarships alone since there aren't as many that years 2-4 are eligible for when compared to high school graduates going into first year. And I will be working over the summer, but I'll still be in the red. As a student from the inner city, I would appreciate it if I can continue my studies here at UBC.

Also I see that it says our voice counts, but does it really? I mean are there going to be any disclosures on how the students have voted? So we as the students can see how the general student population has voted. I'm asking because it feels like all the decisions are going to be in closed doors with little transparency for us as the students, regardless of how we voted.

Based on the Report to the Board of Governors Agenda Item #5.1, 92% of those who provided feedback were against the proposal of increased tuition. Yet their voices weren't heard. So saying our voice is important is kind of misleading.

Sending an email about the text above and clarifying what I said would be nice. Or just sending an email to the general student population of how we actually do have a voice (though I am afraid not) would be appreciated.

Yet sadly I suppose there won't be any such email.

And if you are going to increase tuition which is probably going to happen regardless, perhaps increasing the percentage increase of fees international students have to pay while decreasing the percentage increase for domestic students would be better. International students pay much more for tuition than any domestic students, so their pockets must be deep enough to afford such costs. At one point, there was a proposed 11% increase for international students. I'm not saying do that, but perhaps increasing the percentage increase for international students while decreasing the percentage increase for domestic students would be better.

I am an undergraduate student in a BSc program. I understand that it is becoming more and more competitive to find a career in biology, especially if you only have a Bachelors. So many students go into this knowing they will most likely have to pursue a Masters degree to achieve the high standards required to find a relevant job. The tuition increase proposed here seems minor in the grand picture of my education journey but enough is enough. I am only being supported by provincial loans and grants to fund my education. The debt i will have to face is already incredibly overwhelming. Do not pressure and discourage students even further. UBCO is a great campus with great facilities. We have enough. I understand you are a business but all that this will do is decrease student motivation and even possibly affect future student enrolments or the success rates of graduate students.

Tuition has been steadily increasing over the years that I have been a student here, and the proposed tuition fee increase yet again is absolutely preposterous! For instance on the mandatory fees that I pay, other than medical or dental fees, I have never benefitted from any of the Student union fees or athletic and recreation fees. For students that already are struggling to pay tuition as it is, this increase is ridiculous and seems like a reason for students to not pursue post-secondary education. In addition, students who commute to school via cars need to pay parking passes, which have also increased in price over the years, and it is still difficult to find parking on most days. A tuition increase would only result in further financial struggles on top of academic struggles.

Graduate student stipends don't increase at the same rate as inflation and cost of living index. Increased tuition fees only make it more difficult to live in the city. Moreover, failing infrastructure and poorly funded departments and facilities never seem to be improved with tuition increases.

I am in the midst of taking my first MET course. So far, I have found that my expectations have yet to be met.

I expected a class that had working links to all resources. No.

I expected readings that were at least from within the last 5 years. No.

I expected an LMS that was simple to use across multiple platforms. No.

Broken links for required readings and resources have forced me to go online and find them myself..and some of the readings have been very time-consuming to locate. Given the sheer number of readings required each week, this is time I would have preferred to spend reading, not looking for something to read.

The online discussion threads quickly become cumbersome and time-consuming to navigate and comment on due to the way Canvas displays them. If viewed on a mobile device, it's even worse. You'll be scrolling for days to find the comment you want to reply to instead of being able to filter based on comments you've been mentioned in.

In discussions with my classmates, I've learned this is not an isolated phenomenon - most MET classes have the same broken link issues and some require even more online discussion communication, exacerbating the navigation issues inherent to Canvas.

How in the world can you trumpet claims of "supporting an excellent student learning experience " when your professors, who apparently need more money, cannot even be bothered to check the links they are providing for their classes?!

Please do better.

[...]

I believe that the proposal is reasonable.

I have budgeted for the amount of tuition that I was told I would pay when I enrolled and I my finances and budget would be hurt by the over \$1,000 increase in my tuition every year. University is already expensive, and this increase without an increase in the amount of funding available for international students could make continuing with their education at UBC impossible. I hope the university can find another way to fund these increases without such a big impact on international students.

Parking is WAY TOO EXPENSIVE. and there isn't even enough space in the parkade for all the vehicles that have the parking pass.

Please stop increasing the tuition every single year. Thanks!

Tuition is already extremely expensive if anything the cost should be decreasing not increasing 2% is a lot of money for a student already struggling to meet the current tuition.

I believe that the proposal makes sense, but might be a large impact on the students, especially the international ones.

I also believe it would be overall beneficial the current international graduate program students that it is only a 3% increase rather than a range of 2-4%, to maintain equality (although I am unsure how this is determined so I could be incorrect in suggesting this).

As a domestic student, this doesn't affect me as much, but will still be a situation necessary of adaptation.

I feel the increment in Tuition fee does not reflect the availability of resources given to graduate students throughout the academic year especially during the summer time when limited resources are open for use. Also as an international student one observes the sense of negligence on issues regarding to tuition payments as some countries still have a hard Time making payments outside the wire transfer

International students are always at loss especially a MENG student who is not even eligible to any form of scholarships (the reason for which is not clear) and this increase in the fees will be a real burden on me.

With the increased tuition fees it would be better if you also inform us on what are the new benefits that we are going to get with it? Will there be more power engineering courses added?

I am on a study loan and my bank only provides me the fees based on my offer letter. Will the university provide me a new offer letter with the increased fee and reason for the increase in it?

I completed a 5-year undergraduate degree at UBC (BSc) and am now enrolled in the 4-year MD program at the UBC - Vancouver campus. I have spent quite a bite of time here, and by the looks of it will continue to do so. I support the tuition increases. However, funds must be allocated appropriately. UBC has immense potential due to its size and location. Unfortunately, there is a habit of superfluous spending, which although well meant, ends up being a large waste of time and money. These include things such as the large tree shadow drawn in front of the nest which has yielded very little positive impact for students, the large obnoxious metallic UBC signs found near the Shoppers Drug Mart on campus and at UBC Robson which are not representative of UBC whatsoever (when I think of UBC I think sustainability, innovation, and progress - none of which are represented by large bulky metallic signs with neon lights), and finally creating things for students such as double rimmed concrete basketball courts right in front of Hebb theatre which are woefully underutilized. These initiatives show a disconnect between those who are spending the money and those who know what would actually benefit the students. I have provided my email if any further comments are requested, and would welcome the opportunity to become more involved in student relations by UBC.

As a domestic student who lives and holds a previous career in Vancouver, which strongly influenced my decision to attend UBC, the tuition increase will impact my financial well-being. I understand that there is a plan in place to make UBC a "destination" for international students and faculty, and this means improvements to structures on the UBC campus for purely aesthetic reasons that fully disregard function to "keep up". As a domestic student who is trying to complete a degree so that I can continue to stay and work in the local area, not receive a degree at a "destination school" and then return to the country I hold citizenship in, I feel strongly that domestic tuition should not be increased (although I understand that general student fees would increase as the services that they are intended to cover are universally utilized). UBC is making its stance very clear with who they care about having in their school - and it is entirely based on money, instead of skills, abilities, and opportunities for the people who live in the country it operates its business in. Please weigh your pros and cons and understand how UBC is beginning to be viewed within the city it resides by those who do not go here - very poorly, and a major driver in the unsustainable living expectations that are seen as commonplace in Vancouver.

I feel that due to the rebounding Canadian dollar, less of an increase in tuition is required. Hopefully a 0% increase on domestic tuition can be achieved.

tuition is too high

Hey dawg, how bout u decrease tuition.

As an international graduate student increasing student tuition is not a good option. Since international students do not have enough opportunities to apply for scholarships compare to citizens and PR holders. Plus we are mostly dependent on RA would be difficult for us to manage the extra amount.

I hope UBC management finalize the decision considering the fact of international graduate students situation along with their limited opportunities.

Thank you.

Waaaaaaaaaaaaay too expensive for international student

To whom it may concern,

I am an international PhD student in my second year. I really enjoy my field of study and know that I want to do this for the rest of my life. I am hard working and don't mind the intense hours expected from a graduate student in the health sciences (experimental medicine). However, I am barely able to afford my rent let alone any other expenses. I work 60+ hours a week, sometimes 12 hours a day just to come home to worries about not being able to continue my program. This is because with my salary I am just able to afford my living but then am faced with thousands of dollars in tuition fees and I simply do not know where this money is supposed to come from. There are two options for me: a second job which understandably my supervisor does not want or fellowships which are insanely competitive and most are not even possible for me because they are not open for international students. Please do not increase the tuition fees. They are impossible already. If you do, you should consider increasing the pay for a PhD student as Vancouver is out of control in terms of rent and other expenses. If you want to keep qualified individuals at UBC please take what I said into consideration.

Thank you.

Given the increases that would directly affect me (mandatory fees and 2% tuition increase), the proposal seems reasonable if it is required for upholding the quality of UBC's faculty, and infrastructure as well as implementing new systems. Overall, my biggest concern regarding the proposal is the drastic increase of tuition for international students. The diversity at UBC is one of its greatest assets, and it would be a shame to see a decline in international enrollment due to unmanageable tuition costs.

Good morning,

After hearing about the increase in tuition, I think that it is absolutely insane because I am already short on the budget this year. Since the Student Aid BC and parents contribution combined cannot cover my financial need this year, I will have to work part-time over the school year as well as during the breaks. As an engineering student, this puts an enormous amount of pressure on me and it will likely have a negative impact on my well-being and grades. The reason why I chose UBC is that it is relatively cheaper than Ontario schools. However, if the tuition raises further, I will have a hard time continuing my degree.

Thank you for your consideration,

[...]

I love my university, but UBC takes advantage of its international students and frankly it is sickening. I find it frustrating that tuition has increased by approximately \$1500 every year that I have attended UBC. In 2016 the inflation rate was 1.42%, 2017 it was 1.61% and 2018 it was 2.16%. In my four years at UBC, I have never seen a reasonable explanation where the increase benefits the STUDENTS, not employers.

While overall I am not adverse to the tuition bump I have several questions that are not clarified for me here.

In reviewing prior years tuition increases and statements regarding maximum tuition increases I noticed that it seem each year tuition is hiked by the maximum legal amount for a variety of reasons. (e.g. 2%) for Domestic Students, based on this statement in last years report:

Current provincial government policy has limited domestic tuition and all mandatory fee increases for 2018-2019 to 2% for all programs, including differentiated, post-baccalaureate and professional graduate programs. The Tuition Limit Policy has been in place since 2005.

My criticism here is that the solution to increased funding needs is not to have university cost more but to have increased government support. I would suggest that the University push forward towards lobbying to the government both federally and provincially for increased funding towards universities.

Frankly if European countries can provide free university, so to should Canada.

What it comes down to, is; if the university increases tuition by the maximum legal amount every year they're doing something wrong. Steps should be taken to address and remove this increased cost, including but not limited to getting increased funding from the government.

I can't afford this. Help.

I would object to the new increases to the tuition increases. I personally do not feel as if this will generate a beneficial impact to students in the form of greater access to resources, more course offerings, or program benefits as this appears to just be a proposed tuition increase to meet rising fees. Vancouver is an ever changing and growing population, but its diversity is dwindling as the cost of living rises and with low increase in wages to counter this. I personally do not feel as if increase fees by (in some cases) hundreds of dollars, the impact is not a positive benefit to counteract the added monetary. Please don't be like Ontario where the costs were raised so high for so many years that students take on additional cost of education that compounds over their repayment years. Please do be considerate to students sensitive financial situations. Thank you!

Students to not have the financial means to put up with increases each year. The cost of additional items such as textbooks is ridiculous especially with all of the free available online resources. The level of instruction of faculty is not high enough to support paying even more for tuition and classes.

I do not support the tuition increase. The tuition and student fees are already way too high and more deliberation needs to happen regarding the elimination of tuition fees all together. If European Universities were able to do it, then we should as well here in North America. A model has been created and we should be using it and modifying it for 'our' situation. If we really care about our future generations and supporting education, then we need to change the conversation and the burden from the poorest demographic to those who have already accumulated their wealth. Asking students to fund their own education and then entering the work force in debt is a broken leg to start off on. It is time to change this broken education system, please.

<p>Shame on you UBC. Ever since the moratorium on tuition fees was lifted in the early 2000's you have been not only increasing tuition fees above the rate of inflation, but using the unceded endowment lands as your personal property development enterprise (and selling the condos at a tidy profit). Furthermore, ever since graduating with a Bachelor of Education (\$11 000 for one year of domestic tuition) in 2009, I have been receiving phone calls demanding donations to this institution even though teaching does not even come close to paying the bills in Vancouver. A public school is meant to service the public, not force those who seek education into years of debt. And the worst thing: your obvious exploitation of international students; increasing their tuition by twice as much while they are already paying outrageous rates. You have no honour UBC. Shame on you.</p>
<p>I do not feel as though fees should be raised as I do not have an understanding where the money is going. The ubc Okanagan campus is severely over capacity. Some students have to sit on the floor in certain classes, there is very minimal study space at all times during the week, and even the microwaves have a minimal 8 minute waiting time. Last year, the Atrium off campus housing was delayed by over a month and students were forced to live in a hotel while it was being finished. This year, the library was supposed to be finished to accommodate for an increase in the number of students and now certain classes are required to be in the ADM 026 which is in no way appropriate or comfortable for a calculus class. At this time, I do not have faith that my extra money will be used in an efficient or timely manner to better my university experience.</p>
<p>I disagree with the increases because they just increased tuition last year and I don't understand why the university wastes money on useless projects like making a tree shadow in front of the nest instead of using that money to finance their expenses</p>
<p>As an international student, I already pay almost 5 times more than what domestic students pay. The tuition fees are already expensive for me and as a student that has financial problems, an increase of 3% to my tuition fees is a lot. It may not seem that significant but that 3 % does make a difference. Also, since the university refused to help me when I asked for financial help as it offers little help to international students compared to domestic students, an increase in my tuition fees is almost making it impossible for me to continue my studies at UBC.</p>
<p>The tuition proposal is fine. The greater concern is affordable housing. The university currently operates the residences at extremely similar rates to market housing, which is prohibitive for any student below a certain familial income bracket. I would highly suggest subsidized housing over tuition freezes.</p>
<p>Personally, I would be able to afford the increased price of tuition, however, there is the concern for others that they would not be able to. I would have to use loans for any part of my tuition anyway, so adding more money onto that just gives me more debt, but it is not so severe that I would be struggling to make ends meet.</p>
<p>I believe this is a clear example of private institutions' capitalist corruption manifesting itself as budget/tuition increases for a more "improved" university experience when in reality, UBC/aka you probably already have the funds for this "venture" and that if this is not the case, funding could certainly easily and should be directed for certain other aspects of the university that are getting too much funding or undeserved funding. Also, it wouldn't kill the higher standing wealthy elite of this wonderful institution to donate as opposed to the harder working students who are mostly already in debt.</p>
<p>A PhD student</p>
<p>I believe that increasing the tuition fees on top of the high housing prices is not a good idea, unless the funding's for housing are going to be provided, or more scholarships.</p>
<p>While I understand the necessity of the changes in tuition cost, it will also put a higher burden on lower-income students and their families. I feel that this change may prevent some students from continuing their studies and that perhaps attempting to find ways to minimize the amount extra that would come from increased tuition would be the best solution.</p>

I only hope the tuition fee for continuing international students can increase as less as possible because the tuition fee for international students is already very expensive.
This increase is only feasible if there is a standard employment wage increase of 2% every year.
I am an international student and I cannot use a lot of facilities such as student job, loans, line of credits and so on. Besides, living in a new country and culture is a challenge for me as well. In this regard, increasing in tuition and fee without enhancing in financial support for international students can be made me worried and nervous.
Not ecstatic about the tuition increase but since it is not a dramatic increase, that is fine.
Defining what a “competitive” salary is for faculty/staff is important. It doesn’t seem like you need to increase this for it to be true. There is a lot of money wasted on landscaping and just making the campus pretty. How much are you going to increase the grad students salary? You increase my tuition to pay for my supervisor (essentially) and my rent increases. I am now working long hours for less money. How can you remedy this? That’s not sustainable. Attract all the researchers you want - if students can’t afford to live in Vancouver they won’t come. So is ubc just a school for students whose parents have a lot of money? I can’t even get a part time job because it would interfere with my research. That’s supposed to be my main thing... doesn’t seem like this plan is well thought out for all involved!
Unfortunately, the fees for attending UBC are already very high. This school cannot be afforded by many and thousands of student loans are taken out every year. The increase in tuition will likely lead to very unhappy students and many complaints.
I do not support a tuition increase, the tuition is already so high that many people struggle to pay it. If the tuition is increased, scholarships and financial aid should be increased as well.
Why even do this consultation? The decision has been taken. You are increasing tuition. Why do you ask our opinion. Nothing will change the fact that tuition will increase.
I don’t like this. I don’t think all the mandatory fees should be increased. We pay \$150 for athletics and recreation but we have to pay \$140 for a gym membership? That’s ridiculous, what does our athletics and recreation fee cover then because I don’t play sports so I shouldn’t have to pay that. These mandatory fee increase will be very infuriating
Some students can barley afford to eat and 100\$ MATTERS to them. UBC is already unaffordable to many so I disagree with any type of tuition increase.
I don't like it.

It's 9:00AM as I write this with a \$7 coffee and muffin in hand. The timing for this feedback request couldn't have been better (during the busiest time of the school year).

Regardless, I will keep brevity in mind and give my take on the budget 'issue':

1. International student tuition is the MOST expensive at UBC, compared to all other public higher-education programs in Canada. Additionally, the price of international tuition has already been hiked over 40% in the span of the last three years (<https://www.ubyssey.ca/news/tuition-increases-announced/>). Long story short, there is NO reason to increase tuition cost beyond inflation rates.

2. The fact that this report (and others) is being sent to the administrators first is also largely part of the problem. There are too many administrators. A university is a place to think, express ideas, and grow. What it has grown into is a money-making factory run by MBAs and business-minded folks. This isn't a problem specific to UBC, but I wonder what percentage of these price hikes will go towards hiring more administrative staff for unnecessary complexity in the higher-educational system.

Tuition should not increase.

Inflation can easily be dealt with by innovating smarter options and labor distributions in order to minimize the man-hours it takes to run, administer, and bureaucratize UBC.

In the same way, the institution (which has fairly new infrastructure already) should only invest in new infrastructure if it can afford it, not build on an IOU and then scream because they can't afford it.

For aging technology, again, find the smartest, most efficient, and cheapest way to modernize. If any costs can be saved, the university owes that to its students, and the taxpayer.

MOST IMPORTANTLY, UBC is already very subsidized by the government (federal and provincial), and the institution should realize that students are not an infinite supply of money, and the only thing allowing so many domestic students to get a degree is cheap interest rates and easily accessible student loans. Now more than ever, students are borrowing from the future as tuition rates rise much faster than wages, and I don't think this is desirable or sustainable.

Increasing the cost of education like this every year is criminal! As an international student, I already pay more the 6-7 times what a domestic student does and over that, the University want to increase our cost of education!? With an inflexible course structure, UBC is almost screwing the students over! This is honestly not what I expected from a center of higher learning.

This is wrong... we have a fixed funding at the beginning of our program. We have to pay housing, tuition and fees to the university (I live here with my family). All our costs increase but our revenues don't. All the inflationary pressure ends up in households that struggle to survive while trying to contribute to science. Since I started my research here in UBC I went from having an OK budget to a "I have to pull my kids out of daycare" budget.

I think the education is way too expensive compared to the quality that we receive.

I would appreciate it if it was lower.

Do not raise tuition!!!!!!!!!!!! You can receive the required funding from donors. You can also slow the progress or have less construction as it is always more important to make ubc affordable not shiny. I hope this reaches you well.

[...]

Seems fair.

Stop wasting money on stupid things. You can easily find the money by operating leaner rather than constantly jacking up our rates.

the rate of increase is a little bit high
The tuition is too high and it increases every year. There is a huge gap between international student and domestic student. It is not reasonable.
<p>The tuition fee increase seems unreasonable for international students. I understand that we are cash cows which UBC wants to take advantage of, and that's something we need to accept before coming here. However, the percentage increase in our tuition is significantly more in dollar terms than the domestic group. I propose reducing the international percentage increase rate for professional masters and undergraduate programs. Something around 2% flat for all programs seems reasonable. You have to also consider how our home currencies, with which we usually pay our fees from, depreciate so life becomes more expensive than the 4% proposed.</p> <p>Furthermore, please split the payment plan for the term tuition fees to 2 instalments. So for the winter semester, it can be paid in four instalments. This can help us manage our money better.</p>
UBC should not increase tuition any more than by CPI each year. If UBC wishes to fund other programs it should do so by securing alternative funding and not by placing further financial burden on already indebted young people/students.
Increase tuition only for new students, not students who are already in their programs/in progress of their undergraduate degrees. This goes for both domestic and international students.
<p>Tuition hikes for international graduate students without proportional increase in Faculty of Graduate Studies international tuition awards will be a financial blow to international graduate students.</p> <p>Graduate students with financial instability are less likely to produce high quality research. UBC's international reputation will suffer. Do not hike international graduate student tuition without proportional increase in international tuition awards.</p> <p>Thanks for reading, [...]</p>
i believe that ubc has decided to focus its branding on 'the next 100 years' - if the tuition fees shall be increased by 2% every year in the next 100 years (without adjusting for inflation) then by 2118 the domestic tuition for a 3-credit course shall be \$3835 CAD as of 2018 so what i am saying is that if you are so interested in absorbing all of our money like a vacuum cleaner then please plan your budget in advance instead of insidiously increasing the cost every year - thank you very much
I think the increasing rate is too high and not reasonable and the fee gap between the domestic students and international students is also that high and shocking. It is necessary to shorten the difference between the domestic students and international students. I just wonder why the international students have to pay such a high tuition fee especially the fee increases every year. This is not very proper. University should at least control the increasing rate, aren't they?
Post secondary is one of, if not the highest, stress on young adults from the age 18+. With factors like student loans, minimum wages, and parent financial assistance, this increase is the last thing we, as students, want to see. We just want a working career in our province without having 10+ years of student loans to pay back. An increase could even show a decrease in enrollment because people won't be able to afford education anymore.
stop raising tuition! I can barely afford it now and I'm a domestic student. Instead of raising tuitions, you should not do pointless construction to newer buildings or have paid for the shadow. (But please fix up ANSO because our building is sad)

Tuition is too high for international students. Soon enough, if prices keep hiking, less and less students will come to UBC. And you need the best to be the best university.
International students are already paying a lot more comparatively to domestic students, I dont think a 3% increase for continuing international students is just. Taking into account university spending operations, there are a lot of costly projects on campus that only exist to beauty the campus ie. tree brick project in front of the Nest. Should money be diverted from tuition and spent instead of unnecessary installations? Rather a 1% (or no increase at all) raise to tuition would be more suitable for international students who are already isolated and away from family and comforts of home. Thank you for your consideration.
International students already have to pay \$40,000 a year, which is outrageous. This price is something nobody can afford and if tuition is raised, students will have to pay off their student loans for even longer. North American schools have the highest tuition in the world and there's no excuse for it. There's absolutely no reason why the cost of tuition is so high when universities in Europe are basically free for domestic students and maybe \$15000 for international students.
All post-secondary education should be free! end of story.
Every year? Really? Didn't UBC have a large budget surplus last year? don't increase tuition.
The proposal is rather vague, further details on 'supporting an excellent student learning experience' could be provided. Increasing the international student tuition, which is already multiple times the cost of domestic tuition, by 4% is a drastic increase and would make financial situations for many students difficult.
While I understand the need for tuition to increase similar in line with inflation at 2%, will university expenditures actually increase by 2% provided that there is no new spending?
Absolutely not. How much of my money will you take from me before you are satisfied? No tuition increases please.
It is my fourth and last year at UBC, and I agree with the tuition increase proposal for 2019/2020. Over the last 4 years, I have only seen improvements to the Campus and the quality of education and I am very satisfied with what has been given to me and to my fellow peers. Feedback 1: The proposal states that the tuition money goes into hiring world-class faculty and investment on research, but sometimes I have felt that some faculties receive more of that investment than others and some classes end up having professors which do not seem to fit the culture and level of the university (my opinion). Feedback 2: What I love about UBC is its diversity. As much as I agree with the increase in tuition fees, I do not understand why international fees are being increased by a higher percentage than domestic fees. International students already pay a substantial amount of money and I believe that increasing this amount even more may become a disincentive in the future for International students to attend UBC. Why not just increase them by the same percentage?
While im not looking forward to the increase in tuition i would like to see an increase in transparency to see where this 2-4% increase is going and where the impact will be seen most. And preferably not just to increase the profits of the university
I understand the inflationary pressures and the need to ensure UBC is a top academic school, however I feel if tuition continues to rise ubc will inevitably cut out a portion of students who could've been a great asset to the school but can no longer afford to attend. It is because of this that I do not support this proposal, as well being from a single income family with a parent who is trying her very best to afford the current tuition.

<p>Please be aware that some degrees have their tuition covered by bursaries and other means while others have to pay out of pocket. I think these should be considered differently as affordability should not be a deterrent for any knowledge seeker.</p>
<p>Although I know that much thought and research goes into the decision, I feel concerned about ongoing increases in tuition fees for aging infrastructure and building that are not conducive to the current learning environment.</p>
<p>I would suggest saving money by hiring fewer professors and switching to digital in which only the top-tier educators offer their knowledge online. E.g. Khan Academy.</p>
<p>I am not in favour of the tuition increase as tuition and other expenses as a student are already much too high (tuition, books, residence, parking, food on campus, etc..).</p>
<p>I can understand the reasons for increasing tuition fees, and I am willing to support UBC to be one of the leading universities in the world. But I do feel disappointed about how the gap of tuition fees between international and domestic students increases year by year. We've paid a lot more already to have the same resources and same study environment, and now we're even gonna pay \$1400 more than the domestic students. It's just not fair.</p>
<p>The Tuition Consultation 2019/20 document provides UBC's rationale for the tuition increase with five specifics.</p> <p>1) Competitive salaries for faculty and staff: This seems irrational since most of the faculty members are recruited based on their research merits, and not their teaching merits. Of course, research merits are important, especially for those undergraduate students who wish to pursue further graduate studies, but it is important to recognize that this is a very small portion. Most of the undergraduate students will not conduct research or pursue an academic career, so it is unclear why this is being proposed as a rationale for the tuition increase.</p> <p>2) Research infrastructure: Again, having world-class research infrastructure will only benefit a small portion of undergraduate students.</p> <p>3) IRP: As a student, I would like to see a detailed breakdown of budgetary proposals highlighting the increased costs in offering new technology systems at UBC. In no way, the details provided here justify the increase in tuition fees. Saying we need more money, so we will ask for more is not a legitimate rationale</p> <p>4) New Employer Health Tax: Again, more details are needed. "We need more money, so we will ask more" is not fair to students.</p> <p>5) Weak currency: Weak Canadian currency is not a new phenomenon. Are there plans to decrease the tuition if CAD becomes stronger? It is probably not in the plans.</p>
<p>No thanks, reduce costs in aspects like the infamous Shadow.</p>

The athletics and recreation fee concerns me the most. I have never used these facilities, and if I wanted to, I would like to choose to purchase the relevant memberships rather than being forced to do so myself.

It is necessary that a graduate student, unlike undergraduates, have flexibility in spending options, as in the athletics and recreation fee. This is for several reasons, including low or no stipends or scholarships for certain programs or students, the high cost of living in Vancouver, and the vast difference in how graduate and undergraduate students navigate campus life.

First, stipends are generally near or below minimum wage. The discrepancy between stipends and minimum wage becomes disturbingly large once the long working hours of a typical graduate student's day are taken into consideration. Although there are scholarships, studentships, TAs, and other sources of funding available, there are limitations on eligibility, a general lack of availability, and high competition for these awards. Consequently, many students, especially in their initial stages of graduate school, struggle financially, which has direct implications on academic and research success as well as quality of life. Furthermore, it is also in the best interests of the university and the supervisors of new graduate students to ensure that beginning graduate students do not struggle financially. Students who qualify for graduate studies at UBC will typically qualify at other, similarly highly ranked institutions, both within and outside Canada. Financial burden compromises the degree to which our school's reputation attracts talent from all over the world by motivating students to seek better-funded programs and more opportune environments elsewhere.

Second, it is well-known that the Lower Mainland, especially Metro Vancouver, is an incredibly difficult location to live in comfortably. Many graduate students intend to live close to campus, but cannot due to financial limitations. Although this situation is by no means one that the university can single-handedly amend, there are ways in which graduate students' living situations can be improved. One would be increasing financial flexibility by removing extraneous tuition components.

Third, graduate students live very different lives from their undergraduate counterparts. Typically, classes play a small role in graduate school, and instead, most graduate students spend their days toiling away in research, either on or off campus. Moreover, graduate school involves a very different, often formalized, set of obligations, which necessarily entail a very different lifestyle. As a result, graduate students have less opportunities to participate in, or make use of, the activities, resources, and facilities often intended for the use of the entire student body, but actually see use or participation from mainly undergraduates.

The present excellence of this institution rests largely upon the quality of our graduate students and their capacity to serve their individual functions. To ensure the continued success of our research efforts, maintain and improve the quality of undergraduate and graduate education, and further our reputation within and beyond Canada, it would be wise to amend graduate student tuitions to involve less required fees. Have graduate students decide individually whether they want to use a particular resource, and charge them the flat rate. By doing so, UBC will be respecting the undeniable differences that distinguish graduate and undergraduate student needs and goals. If such changes are implemented, I am confident that this will have a tremendous, positive impact for the future of UBC.

I am a graduate student.

I have no courses and I don't even come to UBC. My research is in Children's hospital.

Supervisors pay \$22,000/year, but UBC somehow cuts it in a way I only get \$900/month. This is not acceptable, it's slavery, it's stealing. Stealing from students and stealing from education.

I do not support UBC in taking advantage of students, and absolutely do not support tuition increase.

I cannot believe UBC is proposing yet another increase in tuition and what for... 'world class facilities'. Ubc should instead be focusing on building more housing as many prospective students are deterred from attending UBC due to Vancouver's expensive housing market and the university's lack of incentive for providing affordable housing.

Please don't increase the tuition for international students that much. It's already such a heavy burden for them. Thank you.

I understand where the reasoning for an increase in tuition fees comes from, but I think that you should consider external factors affecting international students such as inflation and increasing exchange rates. Given the fact that it is impossible to measure that for every single country, I think it makes sense to leave the tuition fee constant.

What the fuck man

The tuition is too expensive.

It is entirely inappropriate to raise tuition overall for all students. Any sort of increase should be based on parental income, with the highest earners bearing the increase, and the lower income students receiving tuition reductions. by raising international tuition, UBC is being actively xenophobic by blocking access for students who couldn't afford to bear the increase, reducing diversity and showing that a world class education is only for the sons and daughters of billionaires.

I believe the added increase for international student's tuition is unfair, considering there are few scholarship applications we are allowed to apply for and we have limited opportunities for governmental support and loans. International students already pay much more than domestic students (which is understandable given Canada's tax system); however, since we are already paying more it seems unfair that our tuition will be increased by a larger percentage.

Furthermore, by making the cost of education disproportionately higher for international students, without offering financial assistance, UBCO does not and will not attract a diverse array of international students; UBCO will attract international students who primarily come from rich backgrounds (likely rich, white Americans). Is this what UBCO wants? International students are intended to increase the diversity of thought and cultures of an institution, to add value and vibrancy, but this is not what will happen at UBCO. It is one thing to filter students based on intellectual capacity, desire to learn, and a hard work ethic (as all universities do), but international students are filtered more by their finances than any intellectual factor.

The higher cost will mean my parents have to pay more out of their retirement money. Coming from a 3rd world country the increase is very significant for me, not to mention the declining currency value. The international tuitions are very high to begin with. Now to pay this additional cost my parents have to show other sources of income to our local government and increase limit or send the money using other means. I am not okay with a 3% and 4% increase in international tuition.

IRP is cited as a need for money, but the SIS renewal has been going on for a long time with little progress. UBC currently lacks the means for internal change and suffers badly from Conway's Law: "organizations which design systems ... are constrained to produce designs which are copies of the communication structures of these organizations." Don't spend the money until you've shuffled the org chart.

Also tuition goes up every year and the consultation process is kind of a joke. Up and to the right!

<p>Though I understand the necessity to increase tuition due to outside pressures (decreased buying power of the Canadian Dollar, increased taxes, and new costs), the continual increase in students costs (decreased buying power of Canadian dollar, and increased costs of housing, food, gas etc., and now tuition, without a similar increase in student aid, welfare programs, and wages pose an undue stress on many students attending UBC. Perhaps if more bursaries (not more loans) were provided to students from low-income families to compensate the increased costs, the proposal would be more palatable to students.</p>
<p>I think it sounds unfair to the international students because we've been paying our fees at least 400% of that of the domestic students fees. And our increase is higher than theirs in term of percentage and even the quantity. 2% of domestic students fees just contribute so little compared to 4% of international students fees. Us international students also have the same cost of living as a student in Canada. And now with this increase, it means more burden to us. If the increase is inevitable, I strongly believe it should be increase in a same specific value and not percentage to both domestic and international students. The benefits are the same to both parties. We as an international student suffers more from this increase in fee if the increase still in term of percentage.</p>
<p>in a city where it is so expensive to live and in a program where we are recommended to not work and when tuition is so high it seems a bit crazy to require us to buy textbooks when similar if not more relevant resources are available online. The level of instruction here is not high enough to raise tuition.</p>
<p>You're planning to raise fees, but how can students, even on base level scholarship afford the university? As the university's costs have risen, so too has the cost of living in Vancouver!!!! (Unless they come from wealthy families of course. And that seems to be the type of student UBC is after anyway?) Maybe you could cut the salaries of those at the top instead???? Or just keep raising fees...us students will end up at the food bank.</p>
<p>The 4% increase in international students, could it be shared with the other students?</p>
<p>Tuition should decrease.</p>
<p>I have seen a tuition increase every year. I was financially stretched at the beginning, and I have been unable to take all the courses I wanted to take because of the financial burden--I have had to take on extra work so that I could afford the fifth course. Now that I am at UBC, I cannot see leaving the campus, but the financial stress is something that I have had to deal with on a daily basis. I cannot see how the school can continually justify raising the prices for international students, especially since its unlikely that we'll leave. Please, reconsider this decision.</p>
<p>I think that's ok because you need to increase your tuition to keep the your standards</p>
<p>We can barely afford tuition as it is, increasing the piece would just kill us</p>
<p>continuing student should pay the exactly same amount as last time. The constantly increasing tuition made our financial plan hard to formulate. Or we have the right to pay the rest of tuition by once, which also in a other way to fix our tuition amount</p>
<p>Tuition is a little bit high for international students, all of us have to sustain a high economic pressure.</p>
<p>Tuition at UBCO is quite cheap (for domestic students)- not so much for international students. It is true that the dollar is weak and that makes sense for having to increase tuition because of that. I understand wanting to make UBCO seen as more prominent in the eyes of the world and etc, however, I do not think the new technology system is necessary and therefore believe it would be suitable for tuition to be raised by 1%. This new technology system does nothing except increases the needs of students for technology- there is nothing wrong with the programs there are now. Just a thought.</p>
<p>The fees at UBC are already ridiculous. I see no reason to raise the fees more than inflation, which was 1.6% in 2017.</p>

To whom it may concern,

The proposed tuition increases are nothing short of preposterous. The mentioned "inflationary pressures" are almost entirely created by the institution itself. Marketing "North American exclusive college experience" to affluent international students with the hope of conceptualizing certain demands as inelastic is one of the most self-destructive strategies I can think of. Ultimately damaging domestic students the most. "A place of mind" does not mean "a place of eye-catching physical infrastructure and facilities".

Sincerely,
[...]

I propose for a lower increase in tuition for international students.

I can understand the need for an increase in tuition, however I would think that a 2% increase for domestic students and 4% for international students would generate a very significant amount of money for the university. And I wonder if there could be alternative percentages used? As well, will the students get a more detailed breakdown as to where the money would go? I would be more interested to see that, rather than the generic list provided. As one of the thousands of undergraduate students attending this university, I would believe that I and everyone else deserve to see exactly how much these upgrades cost. However I do understand the need to account for inflation and other economic and political situations, and so I would agree to a general increase

international student tuition fee is much more than other types of students.

I think it is fair that international students must pay more as they have not invested in the Canadian economy that subsidizes UBC. I also think that the price increase for domestic students is okay. What I would like to see is more careful spending by all the departments, and less trivial development projects that do not seem to benefit anything but aesthetics. If the costs are getting too high, I'd rather see UBC spend less on aesthetics and more on research or classrooms.

Seems sensible.

I think the tuition fee for the international students is way too much more than that for the local students. There are several reasons.

- 1) Since we are international students, we mostly do not have a home here so that we have to rent a room, which means our living cost is definitely higher than the local students.
- 2) Also, we are international students, which means we have to pay for the expensive flight tickets to get back to our home every year.

Based on what I mentioned above and a lot of reasons like that, the living expense for us is already much higher than the local students, why are we paying much more extra money than them??

I understand we have to pay extra, but the amount should be more reasonable.

Getting a post-secondary education is very important in this day and age, but it is at immense financial cost. In order to go to school, I work 3 jobs during the summer, and two jobs while I am attending school. On top of that, I have to take out student loans that are projected to add up to about \$50,000 for my undergraduate degree alone. There have been many times over the past few years that I have had to question whether this is all "worth it" and if I should continue my education. The financial stress imposed on me has resulted in an indescribable amount of hardship, to the point where I am unable to succeed to the best of abilities academically. I understand the need to increase revenue to keep up with financial demands, however there should be some sort of progressive model for this. I am surrounded by peers who have their parents completely funding their education, and an extra \$10,000 towards that would probably go unnoticed. I am not sure exactly what this would look like but I think it is something that should be explored. People in difficult financial situations should be cut some breaks, and people who are more than able to pay more should be used as a form of extra revenue.

I am not in favor of these tuition increases. This is my second year at UBC and tuition has already risen since my first year, so this increase in tuition would be more than just the 3% proposed based on the original amount that I was paying. I am satisfied with the way that UBC is currently working and functioning and do not think that this increase is necessary to cover the mentioned costs. In selecting UBC I did not plan for there to be yearly tuition increases, and since international student tuition is already significantly higher than that of Canadian citizens and PRs even an amount that seems as small as 3% really ends up adding up, especially since, as I mentioned, there was already an increase from my first to second year here.

I don't know what to say about the fee increase it is never a good idea in a world where post secondary education should be fully free... how do you expect people to grow mentally if you put a fee, a high fee, to do that!

Ok what is really annoying is the fact that while I was working on my thesis, I was given some scholarship... however, imagine a student fully unemployed as they are in the process of finishing and defending! And you expect them to pay the terms fee when they're about to defend... why do we pay for the term when we are just writing a thesis? Don't you think it's unfair. Regardless of the scholarships I had to pay \$500 and I have bed. Unemployed since couple months because my supervisor told me In order to finish I need to focus fully but the tuition makes it so hard! UBC if you want students to succeed pls make the right tuition decisions!

Please do not raise tuition! I will not be able to afford it and you don't offer many scholarships.

The feedback form is USELESS cause UBC will increase the tuition anyways.
If by any chances, do NOT increase the tuition fees!!!!!!

No student wants an increase in tuition. We can hardly afford it as it is and don't want even bigger loans to pay off at the end. Increasing it is dumb and a great way to ensure that fewer people get access to education

This fee increase is another in a long line of fee increases that provide no tangible benefit for the student at UBC. Since I joined in 2014, the tuition fee has been "proposed" then increased like clockwork despite strong student opposition each year. This 2% increase for domestic students and 4% for international students only further serves to act against the students' interests in pursuit of construction projects that do not benefit students in any useful manner and cause such inconveniences in day to day student life that the campus becomes a chore to both navigate and study in. The constant construction noise and fencing off of shorter routes are only two of the ways that this has become an active step backwards in campus quality of life.

As for the reasoning that fee increases are needed to support faculty salaries, past fee increases have not made more sections of classes available or added new courses to the catalog. Even now, the computer science and math undergraduate programs have a severe shortage of lecturers to take more sections of classes that have wait lists every year and there has been no commitment from the administration to help out department heads that try their best to make ends meet.

Furthermore, despite having a record size freshman class as well as a record number of international students, who pay vastly more than domestic students for the same education, the administration still insists they need a 2 or 4% fee increase with only a very vague outline to inform us of what they plan to do with it. This kind of openly profiteering behavior from a public university is unreasonable in my eyes and while it may not be anything different from the decisions taken at other high-ranking universities around the world, these unnecessary expenditures that don't directly improve the quality of education offered at UBC and at times actually worsen the quality of student life at the school seem to be too quickly accepted as the new normal without sufficient explanation for why they are so necessary that they are proposed every year.

Every time the fees are increased, this school moves further and further away from the purpose it is meant to serve as a public institution of higher learning. I plead whomever this concerns to reconsider the push for annual routine fee increases and to focus on allocating the budget that is available now to making changes that directly affect and improve student life at UBC rather than pursuing never-ending construction projects that do almost nothing for the students that bear these fees.

I'm confused as to how a predicted 1.9% inflation rate leads to a 4% increase for international students. It seems like international student tuition is already so inflated to what domestic students pay, as well to the actual education. Don't get me wrong, the education is fine, but so far it is not what I would consider worth \$37,000 CAD.

I'm starting off my experience at UBC with 2nd year standing and \$50K USD in a school fund and I already don't think I'll be able to complete my degree without excessive debt. I'm a good student, but I think will be able to continue attending UBC with these prices.

Honestly, with feeling this hustled by a school, it feels like I'm still in the States.

Thank you.

Too expensive!!!! Cannot afford for it!!!!

Thank you for the opportunity to review and provide feedback. As a new BSN student in the accelerated program at UBC Vancouver, I would like to share my experience for your consideration. I understand that additional fees are commonly associated with many programs at UBC and other universities, and I realize that this is separate from the tuition structure (perhaps out of scope for this consultation). Nevertheless, I hope that you will consider this information.

While students were advised that we would incur additional fees of close to \$6500 on top of our tuition costs (https://nursing.ubc.ca/sites/nursing.ubc.ca/files/documents/2017%20Additional%20Program%20Costs_0.pdf), my opinion is that this is quite steep compared to other UBC programs and compared to other Nursing programs in BC. Since starting in the program, I have continued to pay unanticipated additional fees for the program. Over the course of my first month of studies, it seemed like every week there was a new \$100-200 registration fee or cost for supplies that had not been previously accounted for. Once again, I do understand that this is part of delivering an excellent program, but I wonder whether there is opportunity to provide this information upfront, or to find a way to include it in predetermined fees so that students have a more accurate picture of the total cost of the program. For those of us who are fortunate to be receiving student loans and other sources of financial support, not having an accurate figure to provide to funders makes it difficult to balance the my fixed budget at the end of the day. For example, if I had been aware of these fees and could have included them in my application for loans and bursaries, I would be in a better financial position today (only 1 month into the program). As it stands, I am uncertain about how I will be able to cover my expenses for this term and perhaps future terms, should additional fees continue to pop up in this way. Anything that can be done to share this information earlier in the process would go a long way to supporting students in making informed decisions about their education, and would certainly be appreciated.

Thank you.

Increasing tuition by 2% and 4% every year to account for "inflation and other factors" is another excuse by UBC to increase tuition without providing any additional benefit to students. As a fourth year at UBC I am disappointed to know that the university I have grown to love is so eager and willing to hurt its students financially. UBC is already an expensive institution and I know multiple students who were are unable to attend, even without this new increase. UBC will begin to lose students if it continues on this path.

I have no doubt that the majority of the students providing feedback will agree with me, yet, UBC will make this change, regardless of the opinion of students.

Noooo, no, no, no, no! At least provide more financial aid if you're going to increase fees. We're drowning in debt, already.

I think I agree with the proposed increase in tuition.

Approximately 1000 Dollars increase every year makes hard for us to pay the tuition. I am from Turkey and the economy in my country gets worse these years. Therefore for me, UBC's tuition is already got higher.

Every year students are hit with a 2% increase in tuition. You claim that this is due to inflation and "numerous other reasons" (whatever that means). It's not like students working minimum wage jobs get raises every year to pay for all of the extra costs we are subject to. I'm paying at least \$30 more per class compared to when I started University yet the education is the exact same. To me it feels like UBC is raising prices because they know no one will speak out against it.

Please do not increase international tuition any more than it is. The reason I came to Canada from the US is because of the lower tuition. If the tuition increases, the drive to stay in the states will be higher due to a higher grade of education and job prospects. The biggest advantage UBC has it the tuition, so raising it will simply lower international applications.

<p>The list of demands seem justifiable for which the tuition increases. However, being an international grad student, it may be difficult for us to afford as the funding we are receiving may not be adequate to adjust the increased tuition along with our living expenses (housing + meals).</p>
<p>Its quite frustrating that every year tuition costs increase. When I was choosing which university to go to a couple years ago, I remember clearly that the guides told us that our tuition fees would not change throughout our time at UBC. Now, I see that tuition is increasing for continuing students as well. International student fees are already too high, and I could write so much more on this topic. To keep it short, I think that its very deceiving and sneaky for you to increase tuition every year and I would rllly disapprove if the university were to do that. UBC has so much money already, if you try and use the excuse that education is expensive and that you need more money for a better education, thats a lie, you have a ton of money already, stop wastefully spending it on stupid brick tree layouts. You have enough money, start using it more responsibly, and if you increase my tuition fees, I will fight back against it, its just greedy, and your turning education into a business.</p>
<p>Increasing tuition at the rate of inflation seems reasonable. Tuition for international students after 4% will still be better than most North American universities. My comment goes to excessive construction costs at UBC. I am confident that if this budget was spent on big research projects that bring several groups together the impact would have been much greater. Most top universities in the world like Oxford, Cambridge, UofT have very old buildings but great academic performance.</p>
<p>I do not like the new proposed tuition and do NOT think it should be put in place.</p>
<p>This increase is unnecessary, fees are already too high and absolutely not reflective of the quality of education we receive. Where would this money actually go to?</p>
<p>i think each year tuition is increasing too much and too fast I am going to have less money to eat and more depressed</p>
<p>International tuition should not be increased for students who are already enrolled. It is ridiculous that UBC continues to subject students and their families that are already enrolled to continuous tuition increases. Considering that UBC does not offer ample scholarship opportunists to international students, the proposed increase is cruel. Not all international students can afford UBC tuition, let alone if it continues to increase.</p>
<p>It sometimes seems as though first year professors aren't as qualified as upper year. This shouldn't be true as first year is an important integration year. If fees are improving, the professors better be good teachers, not just researchers.</p>
<p>I am baffled as to how anyone thinks these exercises have any legitimacy. Our voice do not count. The increases are relentless, and nothing ever changes through these faux consultations. Can UBC admin be so deluded that they think asking students every year how they feel about tuition increases, and then ignoring the feedback has any authenticity?</p> <p>My son is attending UBC right now. The classroom conditions are appalling, class sizes are out of control, the lack of availability of teaching staff, professors and TAs alike, is dreadful, the lack of attention given by professors to their students and pedagogical standards is stunning. UBC is ripping students off. I seriously don't know how you can live with yourselves, nor how you can continue to mouth the platitudes about the calibre of the institution.</p> <p>Also, the institution failure to control the epidemic of cheating is profoundly disillusioning.</p> <p>UBC admin needs to wake up.</p>

<p>It sometimes seems as though first year professors aren't as qualified as upper year. This shouldn't be true as first year is an important integration year. If fees are increasing, the professors better be good teachers, not just researchers.</p>
<p>International students should not have to pay more than domestic students. Many of these students come from poorer countries compared to Canada and do not have savings. I can't count on my hands the number of struggling PhD and masters students. I feel horrible paying less tuition than they do. These people worked very hard to get here and continue to do great things for the university despite paying more.</p> <p>Change the proposal to balance the increases in tuition for international students (more of an increase for domestic students, less of an increase for international students).</p>
<p>International students should pay more.</p>
<p>If tuition were to go up, I would expect to have more resources available to me as an Arts student. Currently, there are not that many resources for us, in terms of career planning and degree navigating, compared to other faculties.</p>
<p>I will be unable to afford a post-secondary education unless I attain bursaries/scholarships. I understand the need for inflation, but I also worry about having to transfer to a cheaper university in the following years. It would be messy, but I don't see how I am going to manage. I think what students have to pay for "mandatory" should be reconsidered. 100 dollars is a big deal to some of us.</p>
<p>Although, as a domestic undergraduate student, I believe I personally could handle an increase in my tuition, it would make it a little harder for me to finance, and I'm sure there are students at UBC for whom it would be more difficult. I understand why tuition increases are necessary as time goes on, but I would prefer to see more of the increases being on international students, seeing as their families don't pay taxes in Canada.</p>
<p>I do not agree with the proposal, as the justifications provided are not convincing, and in part, not clear on how they directly help my academic success.</p> <p>In your proposal, please make sure to identify how each proposed change directly identifies with the aims and objectives of the overall proposal, rather than using an abstract language.</p>
<p>This is ridiculous, for no reason should tuition being going up this much. My first degree cost \$25000 in tuition alone, my second has cost \$13000 and I have made less than that working part time. It used to be that you could work for a summer and have enough money to spend and live for 2 semesters. That is not the case anymore inflation is not 2% a year increase in minimum wage, or any employers wages. you are money gouging people. Stop increasing tuition. If Quebec doesn't neither should we.</p>
<p>I understand that there has to be increases but we're all so broke so it's hard to keep up with tuition increases every year</p>
<p>While I understand the pressures of increasing costs on the university as a whole, I believe that international students are unfairly penalised in the application of fee increases. However, when compared with fees for international students in other parts of the world, UBC presents as a more affordable option and this may attract higher quality and a greater range of student applications, which ultimately enhances the reputation of the university.</p> <p>Please continue to do all you can to raise the necessary funds from other sources to avoid the application of fee increases across the board, and to increase UBC's ability to provide more equitable opportunities for students from all over the world and from all socio-economic backgrounds. This will ultimately ensure a richer academic</p>

<p>environment in which graduates are exposed to a wider range of perspectives and contexts to bring out into the world.</p>
<p>As a domestic student working 2 jobs while doing a full time Math degree it never feels good to have fees and tuition go up. However I value my education and believe the cost of tuition is worth it. Potentially limiting the outrageous cost of Student Union fees, that are wasted on debt and parties that only put pressure on First Responders and lead to an unsafe campus environment, would be a good way to make our education more affordable while still increasing fees for inflation.</p>
<p>Please do not increase the tuition fees for graduate students.</p>
<p>Please stop RIPPING US OFF</p>
<p>Raising the international fees by 2% more than the domestic student fees will result in alienating a large portion of the student body. The international student fees are already so high enough as it already is, and by raising it by 4% more can force some students to drop out purely for financial reasons.</p>
<p>There is no denial that cost needs to be increased due to the all factors involved but I still believe increasing 4% for international graduate is a bit steep considering annualized nationwide inflation rate of Canada was less than 2% since last 5 years and expensive housing cost in Vancouver specially for students. Thanks</p>
<p>As an international student, I am working hard to get into the CS graduate program at UBC. I am currently continuing doing research and taking more courses but the tuition already seems so high. This adds a heavy extra burden to my family so that I may not keep my current plan for long.</p>
<p>I understand that there is inflation throughout the years. However, as an international student that already pays an absurd amount of money, there is not enough resources at UBC for international students.</p> <p>We need to be provided better support - not just the international house. We should have events, study spaces, and even more financial help than what is currently offered at UBC.</p> <p>Why is there only a few awards to International students? I know their prices are allocated accordingly by most of them are not even enough to cover one entire term of 30 credits.</p>
<p>International students tuition is increased more than domestic tuition and its justified however, there can actually be a proportionate improvement in services specific to international student such as increase in advising resources, more intercultural adjustment opportunities and international student housing support. If the changes made to services are same across the board it doesnt make sense to have a bigger increase in international student tuition just because domestic tuition is capped by the government.</p>
<p>I am against the proposal to increase tuition for UBC students. Attending university is a massive financial burden already, and adding to the cost of it makes the opportunity to receive university education increasingly out of reach to lower class Canadians. I myself, am in over \$40,000.00 of student debt at the beginning of my fourth year at UBC. I come from a lower-class, single-parent household, and I have been financially independent since the age of 18. Making tuition prices even higher squeezes out more people like myself from participating in the university experience. By reserving the UBC experience to only the most wealthy in society, UBC simultaneously loses the chance to enrich its community with a diverse student body from many social classes, and perpetuates the neoliberal social structure that keeps lower class people from achieving upward social mobility.</p>
<p>This is not in the best interest of the students! Many of us struggle to pay for the fees and already have student loans. Any sort of increase in fees will just add to that stress. Unless more scholarship opportunities will be open, this is a bad idea.</p>

I understand that there may be inflation
I think the tuition should stay the same. Students have enough of a burden already trying to make ends meet, why add to the burden? Many students, like myself, owe the government thousands as it is. Please do not increase tuition or other fees. They are high enough as it is.
No, everything is too expensive already.
Student funding for the university has increased and is still increasing at a disproportionate rate than government contribution. The university needs to work more to ensure fairness increases from funding sources, but has instead chosen to rob the bank accounts of students. Increases in tuition fees should be met by a proportionate increase in available student aid and scholarships. Increases in mandatory fees need to be met with increased oversight as spending in varsity sports and other areas is wasteful and does not provide a reasonable return on investment, yet students have no recourse or ability to manage this expense.
I agree with tuition rising. Things are not free in life and my education is worth about 100\$ more than expected.
The tuition fee for international students are really too expensive!
The tuition fees are already pretty high for international students, and the plans are to still increase international fees for twice the amount as you are increasing domestic? I don't think that is fair.
No domestic tuition fee increases please, our student costs increase with inflation too and increased tuition just makes it worse
ITS TOO EXPENSIVE.
It's too expensive for a poor kid like me. Also scholarship is not very accessible.
The tuition increase by 2% is ridiculous. Increasing the tuition every year doesn't bode well for anyone except the university to spend more money on construction of necessary things (another parking lot by the nest???? is that really necessary??). Living costs in Vancouver are already high enough, to top it off with the obnoxiously high tuition. Does the board ever think about the lives of students the university is supposed to be educating or no?
Inflation works both ways so rise in tuition should also be accounted for in the partial scholarship provided. Else, that remains unaccounted for and students get progressively burdened with more expenses. Should be offset a bit by increasing the partial scholarship amount.
Increase in tuition should be equal for domestic and international students.

It's already very hard to have access to university education at UBC for international students considering our tuition compared to domestic students and the cost of living in Vancouver. I do not believe that UBC has put in effort in dealing with the continuous concern vocalized by international and domestic students about their tuitions. Instead of providing feedback on a potential 3% increase on my tuition, I would much rather provide feedback on different mechanisms that could be put into place to avoid such increases. Or, at the very least, I would like to be informed on what the university is currently trying. Considering the global economy and my country Turkey's current situation, such a dialogue is very distressing for me. I am disappointed that such concerns are only listened to and dealt with 'health workshops to deal with stress'. As an undergraduate student, I hope to see UBC doing what I've been learning in my lectures: have more transparency(including this feedback process; for example actually explain why specifically these increases are necessary, not just where the demand comes from but how the new funding will actually help) and show that you are actually trying to move forward based on our feedback, meaning UBC as an institution should start looking for ways to make university education more accessible especially to international students(as the first of the demands on the university budget reads: "Supporting an excellent student learning experience by attracting and retaining exemplary faculty, staff, and students" and I believe international students count as part of that 'excellent student learning experience".)

I do not want a tuition increase because our faculty never benefits from them. It seems that less significant programs in UBC never gets the support others do. I think that if there was a tuition increase it should stay in each department. The tuition is already gone up and some of my peers are struggling to pay them. If we are to work so much that we cannot study just to pay our tuition. (On top of a student loan) how is this beneficial for us?

im poor

While the importance of these improvements is acknowledged, I do not believe that the proposed tuition fee should be increased.

It would cause an increase in tuition fees that would need to be repaid in student loans. Draining more money from students.

It would also discourage lots of international students from attending, with a larger tuition fee than domestic students.

I do not support the tuition increase to the full extent of 2% for domestic students. Costs do increase and UBC is a competitive university, however wages for working students do not increase by 2% yearly, and this creates an increased reliance on student loans. 2% is too large of a yearly increase, and creates an astronomical cash influx for the university when considering an increase for every single student. 1% is a reasonable increase for the rising cost of university, while also considering the financial hardships facing students.

I understand the need to increase tuition and fees based on external issues like the Canadian exchange rate and competitive costs. The increasing tuition is understandable, but the cost of other required fees payable in September are getting ridiculous. UBC should put a focus on redistribution of funding in order to help students attend school. Isn't that the point of a university? To teach and assist the students? You already milk us dry with the fact we can't use goddamn gift cards on campus chain restaurants, but the amount of construction that goes on at campus is frankly unnecessary and a waste of money. UBC should actively propose to the government and fight for the students in further academic subsidies. Degrees are almost always a requirement for any position and it's horrible how difficult it is to find a job. Also fuck you for building that tree/oil spill brick thing outside the Nest and not asking for donations for things like, you know, education.

I'm sorry, are you screwing with us? The cost of living in Vancouver is excessive, there isn't enough student living to make living on campus a viable option, and now you want to make the cost of attending UBC even higher? That will act as a disincentive for students looking to come to UBC from international schools and hurt students who still choose to attend. If you want to raise tuition, it needs to be matched by more scholarships and more housing options. You don't want to piss off the international student body, we are UBC's cash cow after all.

Already the cost of graduate education is unattainable for many students causing them to rely on loans and go into debt to pursue an education. Some faculties and departments are well funded. I however study in the Educational Counselling and School Psychology program where funding is extremely limited. What is available is extremely competitive, and typically, how funding works is the more funding you receives, the more competitive you are for future funding. It's not a fair system.

As a doctoral student I received a students scholarship. Unfortunately, out of my scholarship over half will be spent on tuition for the year. This is not ethical nor sustainable for students.

Vancouver is an incredibly expensive city to live in. In order to increase diversity in UBC programs and make education attainable for people of varying backgrounds, tuition costs cannot increase. All living costs in the city are going up. Tuition cannot as well as we will be limiting this university as an option for people who can offer a different perspective and voice.

I disagree with the tuition raise...UBC has enough money to make things work. Students are getting in more debt....try to eliminate other things are are not being used by the students from their fees and put them towards the tuition fee. Not everyone uses the gym on campus, other fees can be diminished....make it work. Put the money towards what is more important. We don't need luxuries...

Sounds fair!

Every year, UBC asks for 'feedback' on their proposed tuition fees. Every year, UBC receives countless responses from students ranging from "obviously we do not want to pay any more money" to "who in their right mind would say yes to such a thing" and beyond, to what I'm certain are more vulgar responses.

UBC is clearly aware of the impact international students have on the campus. They give the university a chance to tout 'diversity', with no mention of the excessively positive financial incentive to have more international students. And yet, it is obvious in and of itself from the email - a single domestic student will only pay half the proposed increase (2% domestic vs 4% international), yet yield only 1/10th of the income to the university on a per-student basis (105\$ domestic vs 1500\$ international).

UBC's graduate student stipends are not competitive on a national scale. Vancouverites, other Canadians and other international individuals are well aware of the prohibitively expensive rent costs in Vancouver. Food prices, gas prices, entertainment prices, etc. all contribute to a cost of living for the average UBC student that is a cause of serious financial stress for many students who are here on their own dime, supporting themselves or working throughout their academic degree to afford the expenses. And yet, what does UBC do for these students? Tuition hikes increase the cost of living. Students cannot live on campus, and so are commuting extravagant distances (over 50% of first year students spend >1 hour commuting every day) while still paying exuberant rent prices. Graduate students are receiving stipends that barely cover the cost of living, compounded by the fact that some departments do not waive tuition at the Master's level.

There are countless issues at hand, and the university being short of funds is not one of them. If this institution is for the students, as one would expect a publicly-funded academic institution to be, then more steps need to be taken to improve the quality of life (including reducing financial stress). UBC claims it wishes to "support an excellent student learning experience" - it can start with thinking of the financial burden it poses on students and upgrading the support facilities for students facing mental health problems related to these stressors.

How many times are you gonna increase this? It doesn't make sense... There will be a year where a 3 credit course will cost 1000... I find it hard to believe you need to increase it every damn year...

-- 4th year student who still needs 1 more year

While I understand the need for increased budget, my primary source of discontent with the fee proposal stems from the fact that international students will have to bear the greater cost of the fee increase. Furthermore, with the limited sources of financial aid available to international students - the fee increase will alienate a portion of the student body and in some cases will force students to drop out for purely financial reasons.

The discrepancy in not only the tuition fees for international students, but also with the fee increases for international students also creates a sensation that international students are less valued than domestic students.

Therefore, I am staunchly in opposition to the tuition fee increases, and especially displeased with the fact that international students will be bearing more of the brunt of increased inflammatory pressures that The University faces.

Finally, in previous years there has been little to no follow-up regarding the feedback sent in by students; which, at least in my case, gives the impression that the calls for feedback are largely procedural and providing feedback is a lost cause.

3-4% is an excessively high increase for international students and is not sustainable. Matching the 2% domestic increase would be acceptable.

I disagree with the raise - I reviewed the proposed changes and I feel that the experience at UBC is already sufficient in these areas. I believe we as students already pay more than other universities in Canada to study at UBC and UBC gets an outrageous amount of money from international students, the majority of students at UBC. I don't feel this raise is ethical or necessary.

I think the international tuition increase of 4% for new students and 3% for continuing students is too high. We are already paying 8x what a domestic student would pay, plus international fees and the cost of coming to Canada. Some of us don't even have the money to see our families once a year. Most of our families are sacrificing everything for us to get this education, and it gets harder and harder every year to cope with tuition and housing increases. I believe you should limit tuition increases for international students to the same percentage you would for domestic students. We are already paying a lot more than they are for the exact same education; increasing that gap will not benefit us nor UBC.

I will not be able to attend school here if tuition increases. I am so disappointed by the Tuition Proposal of 2019/2020 to increase international professional graduate program students' tuition because by doing this you are forcing me to drop out of school with an immense amount of debt (that I would not have had if I just went into trade school) and no degree.

With my tuition getting more and more expensive, and world currency are getting worse, it is very hard for me to be able to continue my study peacefully because I would think about my really expensive tuition and I would not be able to focus on my study

I believe these tuition increases are unwarranted and unsustainable if we want to insure that all students regardless of socio economic status are able to study at UBC without putting themselves in serious financial debt. As a student i think the university is being extremely wasteful in building extraneous and useless buildings on campus rather than making tuition more affordable. I also believe that the specific targeting of international students ensures that our university will only attract the richest of the rich international students rather than trying to provide education to all international students regardless of socio economic background. This makes for an unbalanced UBC community that is flooded by rich and privileged students contributing gaps between the poor and rich within Canadian society. I do not support these initiatives and would rather the university find other ways to support its ongoing actions.

Can you not make it more expensive.... like why? School is getting hard to pay for and you increase the price every year

I understand the inflation purposes for increasing the tuition. I just hope resources are more evenly channeled towards both campuses. For example, international graduate students at the Vancouver campus get a tuition waver which is not offered to graduate students at the Okanagan campus. I feel this is a severe discrimination between benefits offered at the two campuses.

I find it quite disappointing that UBC has continued to disproportionately target international students in efforts to raise revenue. As a transfer student who was only barely able to afford coming here (largely because of previous [...]), I am frustrated by UBC's decision to continue raising international tuition, making a UBC education even more inaccessible.

I have met too many international students struggling to make it through their degree, let alone strive. Just yesterday, I met a student from my hometown who said that he will need to take a year off to work with the aim of acquiring PR, because international tuition is simply out of his reach.

I work with [...], and many times, I've thought about what a great fit UBC would be for students from my academically-rigorous [...] high school. I ultimately do not reach out to my high guidance counselor because, while I know many students from my high school would thrive and contribute enormously to UBC, ultimately inaccessible tuition would prevent them from applying.

I personally have made UBC affordable by through transfer credit, AP credit, and taking a majority of my courses thus far through Go Global partner institutions. While I certainly gain tremendous benefit from these international experiences, I also regret missing out on the formative academic opportunities I could have experienced at UBC.

I recognize that this consultation is not seeking to reduce current tuition fees, but I want to take this opportunity to highlight that, despite the enormous increases in international tuition over the last few years, the proposed "inflation" increases still seek a greater inflation rate for international students than for domestic students. The new international student increase (4%), is TWICE the proposed increase for domestic students (2%). Not only would international students be contributing more than domestic students if the rate of increase was equal (due to the fact that we pay roughly 6x as much as domestic students), but now the UBC administration aims to double that inequality.

Inflation is a reality, I accept that. I do not accept, however, that forcing international students to contribute disproportionately to that inflation is justified. With a growing percentage of the UBC student body identifying as "international," I think its more important than ever that the UBC administration demonstrates their appreciation for the diversity and perspectives these students contribute, and not just their money.

From my point view, the university should decrease tuition fees for international students.
My tuition is more than 30,000 CAD, meanwhile I earn only 1,000 CAD.

The tuition fee is quite expensive and the benefits students enjoy are not worthy the fee honestly.
Tuition prices are already high enough, and we also have to pay additional fees. Especially since I am not from BC, and I am in dental hygiene.
Each year, I pay a lot of mandatory fees, such as the AMS club fee, the Ubssey newspaper fee....etc. However, I don't actually participate in any of those activities. So would it be possible to redeem those fees later if we don't participate anyways?
Domestic and International fee increase rates should remain the same. If you claim that international students are not here just as a source of money, then you should stop treating us as such. Increasing our rates by twice the domestic student's just emphasizes the idea that we're only here for the money. Furthermore, you are risking cutting out talent that could further improve the university by raising the price bar.
Why have international tuition increase more than domestic? Furthermore, why spend an exorbitant amount of money (more than 1 Million) on marketing expenses for the university? Why not subsidize tuition or provide more fellowship programs?
I don't support the tuition increase. It would put some financial pressure on the student body who's already paying a lot. We should get more for what we're paying.
Housing is one of the biggest problems Vancouver as a city has and the UBC campus is not an exemption of it. The tuition fees for international students are high but the level of education is worth it. But if you sum the tuition fees + the living expenses of a city as Vancouver it all adds up. I would recommend help international students with the transition and the tuition costs comparing them to domestic students.
It would be greatly appreciated if there could be investments in mental health support initiatives for students.
No! This is unfair. Fair enough there is an increase due to inflation, but why do existing internationals suffer more than domestics. The increase for continuing internationals should be the least possible due to the already much higher fee and fact that we are continuing students.
I understand the need to increasing tuition but at the same time scholarships from the main funding organizations are not increasing to keep up with inflation. I hope that at least, the University's scholarships will increase accordingly.
The tuition fee of international students is too high! It's much higher other universities at the same level.
"Building and supporting world-class research infrastructure. The improvement, operation, and maintenance of our physical infrastructure and facilities have seen increased costs across both campuses" - The only changes I have been seeing are the constant constructions on campus, buildings that I might not even get a chance to use. All I know is that the research facility I work at has no temperature control and it gets unbearably hot or cold. "The impact of foreign exchange rates and the weaker Canadian dollar on library subscriptions, research equipment and software licensing" - the government should be doing something for the Canadian economy, or UBC should be selling more of its resources/services. Also I would like EndNote and OneDrive in my UBC software subscriptions.

<p>i understand that you face cost pressure but u know who else faces cost pressure? YOUR STUDENTS. this is so frustrating - my experience here at UBC has been approximately a solid 8/10 so far but the impending reality of graduating with a pretty degree into a bleak, draining job-seeking adulthood makes me sad and living with student loans and in debt will only compound the problem. at least i'm a domestic student and live off campus but maintaining a work-school-personal life balance is hard enough without having to worry even more about money. this response is not very constructive or practically helpful but this just makes me sad. thanks for your time.</p>
<p>The proposal was somewhat unclear on what sorts of tuition increases that professional students (such as MD and JD) students will face. As a JD student, I can understand the operating costs of the university and tuition increases are needed to address those concerns. I believe, however, that tuition increases for JD students should take into account how specialized we are, and that the resources we used are mostly centered in the Faculty of Law. Unless more funding is to be provided to the Faculty of Law out of our tuition increases or resources that are designated as supporting JD students, I don't believe we should be required to contribute disproportionately to services that are predominantly used by other members of the general undergraduate student population.</p>
<p>I feel UBC amazing how it is and no facility needs improvement that may effect if students can even afford to be enrolled in this university or particular classes.</p>
<p>I don't think the increase in tuition fees reflect the changes that UBC wants to implement. It is very vague and does not give enough description or some of the changes do not apply to the whole student body and only a small sector. To my knowledge, the school has a lot of funding available already, I don't see why these changes can't be implemented using that instead of using this as an excuse to get more money from students.</p>
<p>I understand that the increase in Domestic and International Tuition has taken place due to the implementation of new resources and services that will help UBC. However, I feel it is unfair for international students to receive a bigger increase of their tuition, compared to domestic increase. The thing that makes UBC, a leading university is that it attracts International Students who want the best kind of teaching. A higher increase in International tuition compared to Domestic tuition might make international students think twice before coming to UBC.</p>
<p>I think UBC should charge students tuition according to their first year tuition fees. Instead of mandatory annual increases in international student tuition.</p>
<p>Too many fees</p>
<p>NO.</p>
<p>Tuition is already expensive enough, please don't increase it anymore</p>
<p>Every year you want to increase tuition and every year you receive a resounding NO from the students consulted but increase tuition anyways. These student consultations are disingenuous as you've already made up your mind regarding tuition increases and won't change it regardless of how the consultation goes.</p>
<p>Mo money mo problems.</p>
<p>The current Graduate Research Assistant stipend is hardly sufficient to survive in the booming housing market in Vancouver along with paying the fees. The proposed increase in the tuition fee would make sense if the stipends are also increased accordingly. Otherwise it would be a huge burden on the graduate students pursuing long term research degrees (MAsc and mainly PhD). I would urge the authority to please consider this before taking a decision.</p>
<p>Very expensive tuition and the increase of 4% is very much impregnable, 2% could work but 4% is still very high</p>
<p>2% increase is a lot to manage for many domestic continuing students. In my opinion, 1% increase is fair enough.</p>

<p>I am fine with the change in tuition costs, but I do not think my situation is similar to most other students. I got the majority of my tuition payment from scholarships or academic contests. Meaning that an increase in tuition does not have a large financial impact on me.</p>
<p>I think that the increase in tuition fees will make it even harder for students to be able to pay for their education, especially on minimum wage jobs. This might require students to work more hours of the week, resulting in worse grade point average due to less study time.</p>
<p>Stop increasing the international fees at the same rate as domestic students, we pay 6 times as much, there is no reason to use the same rates for inflation. a 4% increase in domestic tuition is not THE SAME as international tuition. Please dont assume all international students are piggy banks. Some are us are struggling financially too with our expensive tuition fees.</p>
<p>I understand that there may be inflation, and currency changes, but I feel like there are other solutions such as better allocation tuition fees for UBC's expenses. With all the tuition we pay already for each course and extra fees, I think UBC should be more transparent with how the money is used. Compared to other local institutions, it seems that they are getting a better health care plans with smaller class sizes and lower tuition fees overall to fund the university/college's expenses. Questions such as why we, UBC as a whole, chooses to spend student's hard earned money that's put into tuition for watching a on the ground outside the nest over buying a better health care plan. I disagree that there would be a need to so dramatically increase tuition by 2% if we re-evaluated UBC's spendings to fit the tuition costs already being charged.</p>
<p>Based on 2%.. and 150 for 30 credits. In line with inflation, therefore a reasonable expectation of increase to reflect realities of costs in canada. Thx for keeping the increase as low as possible Ubco student first year.</p>
<p>Can a break down of where all our money goes be provided so that it can be judged by the students if paying more is a good investment? If we have to pay more do we get more free functions like free parking, and free textbooks?</p>
<p>Could the increase be increments for the year rather than a full 2% in January?</p>
<p>Bachelor of Arts</p>
<p>Tuition rises each year due to "inflationary pressures" yet my student loans remain the same...</p>
<p>fuck no</p>
<p>International students are not a commodity. While the increases this year are more mild than in recent years, I fear that this will contribute to an extensive 7-10% increase in the near future.</p> <p>Additionally, using BSc as an example is not the best reflection of the impacts this increase will yield as it is one of the least expensive degree programs on campus.</p> <p>Please consider grandfathering tuition rates that students agree to when they enrol at UBC in first year. The amount of money that even small increases have impacted my finances as a domestic student is not what I signed up for.</p>
<p>I'm against tuition increase.</p>
<p>My monthly rent is \$2500. I have incurred over \$200,000 in debt at UBC medical school. My wife and I just had a baby. I know 2% seems like a marginal increase, but paying even an extra \$100 can make or break my budget. Please do not raise tuition fees, Vancouver is a beautiful city but it is devastatingly unaffordable for the average person.</p>

The international student tuition is already hella hella expensive, and while most international students come from fairly wealthy families, an extra \$1000 is a lot and with ridiculously high tuitions already it seems like it could absolutely be lower. There is also the cost of res. It's cheaper than renting an apartment for sure, but for \$750/month for the quad rooms and more for the other rooms, with there being a ton of res rooms, the university makes a shit ton off of that as well as with the crazy high parking fees (ya know, because the cheapest parking spot per month is like \$80). When factoring in the fact that the university is in the middle of nowhere, most students with cars will probably pay the parking fees so there's another big chunk of money. Now, when factoring in tuition, it's hella expensive as is all uni tuition, but for international students is like crazy expensive. The university gets a ton of money and if the budget was shuffled a little bit and maybe budgeted a little better, there would be no need to increase tuition and most college kids are broke anyway, and student loans take forever to pay off so, in the interest of the students, they should not be increased.

Elitist

This is really bad that tuition is increasing. Many students, who are living independently, are already having difficulty to pay rent, will even more economically strained with tuition increasing.

I understand the need to increase prices due to inflation. However, I don't see any justification behind increasing international student fees by 3% other than "because we can".

The university needs to carefully look at the pressure it's putting on international students with these increases.

I believe the increase in domestic students tuition is completely unreasonable. As a student who commutes to campus, the increase in tuition for the 2018/19 year has already had an impact on both myself and many other students. Between the cost of tuition, books and not to mention parking, another 2% increase for the 2019/20 year seems kind of ridiculous considering how expensive UBC tuition already is. As an undergraduate student and the daughter of two UBC alumni who hopes to continue her education after undergrad, if tuition continues to increase at this rate I may consider pursuing graduate school at another institution.

I think it's unfair to increase costs for domestic students so drastically. The mandatory fees for services like the gym are also not fair- especially for people who can't find the time or money to use the services.

The on-campus costs for food have been steadily increasing by the year- I used to be able to get a decent-sized cheese scone for \$2.00 in my first year, then \$2.19 last year. This year, they replaced the scones with two smaller scones for \$2.50. Not cool.

Please do better. Instead of increasing student fees every single year, campaign for more provincial and federal funding. It's impossible that the only funding option left for our university is constant fee increases.

The proposed international tuition increases should match the percentage increases for domestic students, as international students pay substantially more tuition than their domestic counterparts.

I do understand the increasing cost to run an institution such as a University and that it is important to stay ahead of the curve when it comes to research which does come at a cost. Although, in my opinion, education should not be at such a high cost when a portion of the money from students tuition is not going back into their education. As well, the school receives a large amount of funding from the government and for the university to continue to increase tuition for students with minor changes to the quality of education at the undergraduate level that does not seem fair. As a Canadian university, they should be working towards more affordable education and an increase in education quality rather than keeping the same level of education and raising costs.

I do not feel that the increase in tuition is fully justified other than the health tax. Personally, working to pay for a year of school wasted on trying to get into the program you are actually interested in is really frustrating. A price increase would just further this frustration for me year after year.

Reasons provided do not included the faculty cutbacks made to increased tuition and educational quality is not reflected by increased fees

I am against tuition increase as it is not equalled to quality and is the inverse

We are in a recession and the cost of university is already pretty extreme. I'm an engineering student in my second year and because my parents income was too high, I was denied a student loan. As a result, in my first and second year, in order to pay for the cost of tuition, I had to basically earn \$14,000 dollars while going to university at minimum wage and still try to keep up with the workload of 6 course credits.

That's 1217 hours I need to work over the course of a year. Assuming I work for 50 out of 52 weeks of the entire year, only ceasing to work for a week during each final exam period, working thru Christmas and summer vacations, I'd need to work 25 hours per week. That's assuming I pay zero taxes too. After taxes, I have to work about 32 hours a week just to pay for the cost of tuition. So the idea of a mere \$100 dollar raise per 30 credits sounds awful because that means somewhere, within doing a full time engineering course load and working 32 hours a week, I'll have to work another 10 hours at some point during the year.

I guess, I could just do 10 hours of work during the final exam period.

I do not approve this increase. Education is already pretty expensive and increasing the fees will just make it more difficult for students to obtain an education in their desired university. International students are especially impacted the most as they not only already pay a higher tuition but they have to bear other miscellaneous costs as well. Increasing the fees will only add more financial pressure on students and their families both domestic and international.

This is absolutely disgusting. Students are already paying so much money and in much debt before even finishing university. At least offer more accessible scholarships if you're going to increase the tuition. This is just taking advantage of students.

Not sure why the endless tuition increases are happening at all. Not discussing myself but many people are not fortunate enough to have access to endless funds for education, and whether it is a 2 or a 5 percent increase, could affect their abilities to study. UBC makes enough money in my opinion as is.

This feels very arbitrary. None of the reasons given for the tuition increase are solid. All of the reasons are things like "keeping up with other prices that increased" but if thats the case it would make sense to raise everyones tuition equally. I transferred here from UVic and the quality of professors and TAs are all higher, with a considerably lower tuition. And here you are increasing tuition as soon as I get here.

As a current fourth year student looking to graduate before 2020, I am in disagreement with the constant implementation of additional fees, including the raising of fees, which directly contribute towards the building and developing of new facilities. In my opinion it is not very realistic for current students to be required to pay for facilities that they will not be likely to have the opportunity of using. For example, a portion of the budget which was used to fund the new SUB building or Nest, was collected in the tuition of senior students who may have graduated or be near graduation by the time that those facilities were completed. Therefore not being able to use what they had paid in part to fund. I strongly suggest that fees for future projects and buildings be deducted only from those who will still be in their program by the time those facilities are ready for use.
Thank you very much for your consideration.

<p>As a domestic student, I am lucky that my tuition increase would only be \$100. That's about 2 weeks of groceries for me. Or 10 hours at work. However, for an international student, their tuition increases by \$1000. For some, this is nothing, but for many, this is a huge burden making tuition harder to afford. Many have come here to get a better education and this is making it harder. \$1000 is a months rent, or 100 hours of work. Compared to my \$100, it doesnt make sense. I think it would make more sense to increase domestic tuition by say 3% and international by 3% as well. This makes it more fair and the burden is shared.</p>
<p>It is always disappointing to see tuition increases, especially such a large percentage. To give a more reasonable increase, I would look at the average wage increase in Canada throughout the 2017-2018 year. For Canadians between 15-24 (university students) wages increased by 0.5%. If we assume that UBC tuition is already too high for domestic students, why would you increase it faster then the average wage of the domestic student. As for international students, most of them are incredibly wealthy as it. Charge them as much as you can, and bring the tuition for domestic students down! You should be focused on supporting CANADIAN education.</p>
<p>The tuition increase is a little ridiculous, seeing the increase in everything else especially parking passes. For the amount we already pay and the state of the university as it currently is (bathrooms and lecture halls dirty, bathrooms out of toilet paper and paper towel, the microwaves being disgusting) does not add up to the ever-increasing price.</p>
<p>Please don't increase the tuition fee.</p>
<p>Please stop increasing tuition. While \$100 isn't that much, it adds up. Furthermore, by the time my brother gets to university, each term he'll be paying hundreds more than I did. UBC continually disappoints me, and I am not proud to be a student here for a variety of reasons, including several financial ones.</p>
<p>Increasing tuition for the midwifery program is brutal. After our first year at UBC, we continue to pay all the students fees while away on placement and not able to access them. I.e. the Rec fees. We've also had lab fees introduced this year. Hiking tuition again is unfair as it's hard for students in our program to get funding from other sources outside student loans. Leave tuition as is.</p>
<p>While I understand the demand for price increase, I would be interested in seeing an outlined budget and specifically where my tuition is going and why it needs to be increased.</p>
<p>Please raise tuition the same amount as domestic students. I think it's unfair we international students have more of a tuition raise.</p>
<p>It's reasonable.</p>
<p>The percentage of our tuition fee increases too much.</p>
<p>This is my 4th year. Every year, there is a major price hike for students due to cost pressure. Students are tired of being the one having to make up the difference on what can arguably be called excessive spending by the university. UBC is always undergoing construction on some project. The first nations room serve no purpose for student. Unneeded renovations.</p> <p>Undergraduate students are tired of paying for university spending that mostly doesn't help undergrad experience. There's not enough student housing, there's not enough microwaves, textbooks are overpriced, food is overpriced and there is nothing affordable and healthy. Undergrads don't need an alumni centre, we only use it to go to the washroom. We dont need new fountains, nicer roofs, useless renovations. You talk about wanting to keep staff by offering competitive rates. Ever think of keeping good students with competitive fees?</p> <p>Go charge your businesses, charge more for your services you provide. Stop charging the poorest population to pay for things we dont need or have absolutely nothing to do with undergrads.</p>

<p>It would be nice for PhD students to know what the exact total they are expected to pay for tuition and other fees. Our acceptance letters says \$1,600 but it's closer to \$2,200 per semester with incidental fees.</p>
<p>I am not convinced that this increase in tuition is fair and valid. I have seen an increase in tuition for past 6 years and have never experienced any increase or betterment in the service that is provided to me by UBC.</p>
<p>Please stop increasing international student tuitions due to the failure of financial management! It is not our fault that UBC failed to spend the money on the right place! We are now paying \$5000 for a 4 credits courses and learn everything from Google search! Could you take your own responsibility and be an adult, please?</p>
<p>I do not think that tuition should be increased for domestic students. I believe that university education should be affordable for Canadians as we are the ones that will be entering the Canadian work force. I am fine with tuition increasing for international students. I believe that they it is important that UBC continues to accept large numbers of international students, however they should have to pay a larger price to study in our country as they will most likely not use their university degree to help Canada.</p>
<p>As per usual the price goes up but there hasn't been any change in, well anything. Just more expensive everything on campus with barely any improvements.</p> <p>Where can I see the breakdown of where the money is spent?</p>
<p>In the future UBC would not be an affordable choice for post secondary students anymore despite their devotion in continuing studies in this university, and, this proposal is especially harmful to international students and UBC should seriously investigate the qualities of the lectures rather than spending these times doing math in order to squeeze out as much as they can from the poor students. UBC, an university of emptied reputation, welcomes only students from rich families. But if you are rich, go leagues instead.</p>
<p>Costs should not be put unto the student. It's a broken system, and ridiculous.</p>
<p>No comments</p>
<p>The tuition is high right now. It would be better to separate some expenses from the general tuition.</p>
<p>I am concerned by the disparity between the domestic and international increase. Why is the international fee increase proposed twice that of the domestic increase? Are the costs of hosting international students increasing at a disproportionate rate themselves? One could look at this fee increase structure as an exploitative cash grab from foreign students.</p> <p>A fee increase that matches inflation certainly makes sense to me. However, as a masters student, I would expect that the funding package I received, particularly with my on-campus employment that comes with it, would also see an increase that matches inflationary rates, or the rates that are imposed on the student body.</p> <p>Mind you, I actually think that education should be free. But that is a discussion/comment for another time and place.</p>

While I understand the necessity of attracting top teaching talent, facilities regeneration and, of course, expanding the university's research programs as the issues behind the proposed new budget 'ask' for 2019, I wonder about the other side of the fiscal coin: where UBC can find greater efficiencies within operations, its IT departments (how integrated are they, really, and what the heck is happening with CANVAS?) as well as other budget items.

With all the 'good news' that I receive in my inbox each day about all the projects underway at the university, I do hope to see more budgetary highlights about where administration, the board and the AMS are working together to ensure that dollars are wisely spent. For instance, I am astonished at all the new buildings going up on campus. I have visited many and appreciate good architecture, LEED standard, etc. But I also see a lot of under-utilized space--classrooms, meeting rooms--in them as well.

The initial build out of development projects while expensive initially, pales in comparison to sunk costs, taxes and operational fees to follow over decades. Let's ensure that the university or the community or commercial and non-profit organizations have an opportunity to rent/lease space to help make these buildings 'accountable' on their own. If we have 'edifice complex' for the sake of showing a competitive, glossy exterior to the world instead of funneling some of that money to incredible instructors, or programs that promote the best outcomes for our local and international students, I can't see where the benefits will be in producing so many buildings.

I also understand that the university is putting effort into programs that will help more international students integrate into university life here, participate in sports and extra curricular activities, etc. What I would like to see is a more formal system of 'buddying up' between local and foreign students, both on and off campus. This really should be a mandatory part of student life either in freshman or 2nd year. It will expand everyone's horizons in community building and basic worldliness, and perhaps address some of the social issues some offshore students say they are experiencing. It could perhaps be treated as coursework in a liberal arts or social science course (effectively, something that is a degree requirement, regardless of faculty).

So, back to the initial question about more funding. I will review the UBC budget, but, certainly as a local mature student, I would prefer to see a bit of constraint if not a vacation in rises this year, given the cost of living in the Metro Van area. However, I might be moved to support inflationary increases and 'something extra' annually for research if I understand what the research, scholastic and capital expenditures you are asking to be supported are, as line items, much like what we see on our municipal ballots.

Regards,
[...]

Tuition prices should not increase again, they increase every year and it's making post secondary education unaffordable.

Further increases on tuition - especially international tuition - put more and more of a strain on students that already struggle to have enough money on their meal plans to have 3 meals a day, who struggle have healthy food and not just fast food because "it's cheaper". We should not have to worry about having enough money to pay for my education and still have enough to LIVE. There are better financial decisions that can be made to adjust the budget, including - but not limited to - not spending 300k on underwhelming artwork that students neither wanted or needed. This is abusive. There are students who struggle to make ends meet every day, who come from countries undergoing major financial crises, whose home currency has devalued front the Canadian dollar twofold in two years. It is unfair to these students to have to pay even more money, at even a higher rate. NO to tuition increases.

The 3% increase for international students means more than the small number base on the total tuition is so large,. And it is not good idea for students in COOP, who require at least 5year study.

This increase in tuition is adding too much financial pressure on students and providing no benefits. I'm struggling with severe mental illness, which is difficult enough I don't need anymore problems. Having to pay for the school's expenses is ridiculous. Why doesn't UBCO use it's funds on resources that are lacking like health and wellness. And stop using goddamn currency inflation as an excuse, you think international students don't already have to deal with a terrible inflation when paying tuition, why can't we use that excuse to have to pay less. I'm tired of this greedy selfish society, if it turns out that I can't continue university or my BPD just caught up with my meaningless and miserable life, maybe you'll get to clean my dead body off the street. But who cares anyways.

There is no reason for any increase of more than 2%. All increases should be strictly equal to 2%

What do you expect us to write:

"It is great that ubc renovates its infrastructure that i am not going to see it, cause i give a dime to other future students"

"Nah, it doesn't affect my 6-member family, my siblings still can get a job with a high school degree only"

"pff, of course, if i have 30000US that means that my father has more, duuuh so obvious"

"THERE IS NOT ENOUGH MICROWAVES for the love of Beyonce, pls put in every damn building, not skeletons, microwaves" is it hard?

" nobody likes WESTSIDE grind company's food"

Thank you for wasting my time writing smt that is not going to be read,

Sincerely,

Will scholarships increase as well to counter the change in fees? E.g., the Four-Year Fellowship

Just lending my voice to say that I don't agree with increases in tuition, despite inflation rates etc. I understand universities have an obligation to their students in terms of meeting their curricular and extracurricular needs, and that financial support is needed to meet these needs; however, post-secondary education is already too expensive, and verging on unaffordable for many individuals and their families. I know that it's not solely up to universities to slow mounting tuition prices (after all, we know you are running a business), but thorough evaluation of educational priorities must be made at all levels of society in order to more effectively manage these verging-on-unaffordable tuition costs.

I want to speak specifically on the tuition for the PharmD program. This program accepts less people than the MD program and the tuition is approximately the same. The MD program runs across three separate locations meaning three separate institution upkeep, three times the amount of professors, and three different sources of equipment (as I would assume people who choose to go to a different campus cannot be given lesser quality practice equipment). Even if we eliminate one of these problems that is 3 times the amount of general costs for less than three times the class size. Now, if we move into the equipment for both degrees the medication we use in Pharmacy is expired and, realistically, unnecessary because we can learn the same ideas without the real thing. Medicine needs far more expensive and realistic equipment such as cadavers. Which I can only imagine are not the easiest things to procure. You also would need the equipment necessary to practice surgery which cannot be cheap as well. I used medicine as a comparison here because it is deemed as one of the most prestigious and expensive degrees as it should be given the importance and necessary practice they need. If we move into the tuition itself now in the PharmD program we pay ~\$7500 for Pharm100 which we get a maximum of 33 hours a week. Pharm100 breaks down into 6 modules equaling about 6 classes as 33 hours a week is 5.5 hours a week per module, about a normal lecture with a lab. \$7500 by 6 classes is \$1250 per "class" more than double that of a standard course at UBC. You could argue that the labs are more expensive except we have far larger groups in lab than other classes meaning we have far more students paying for a prof to teach that lab. You could argue \$700 dollars per module but thats even a 40% increase in normal classes. I could continue to go on as to how there is no understandably obvious reasons as to why our tuition is so high OR Medicine is so low so I would ask you for a breakdown of what EXACTLY our tuition

<p>goes to because there is a lot of holes in the logic behind our tuition costs. To clarify I would like to see a full break down in explicit detail of what the tuition for a class pays for.</p>
<p>I think that the current tuition fee for international is what it should be. I don't think there is any good reason to increase the fee anymore than it already is. It is already a difficult ask for some international students. I believe that increasing it more would put more pressure on the students.</p>
<p>I don't understand why the international tuition must increase at a higher rate than the domestic students. As far as I've seen, the international students don't cost more than the domestic students and already pay a higher tuition. Is it necessary for the gap between international and domestic costs to also increase?</p>
<p>An easy to find actual breakdown of cost estimates would be nice to see. Currently graduate students campus wide suffer from paychecks that result in us living well below the poverty line. Our department recently agreed to raise stipends but this will have to come out of grant money. I would like to know where specifically this money is going to be allocated.</p> <p>If it is going towards things like building another brick tree in a public walkway frankly I think everyone can do without.</p> <p>To sum up what I'm sure is the basis of most responses to this increase if it is for more aesthetic work on campus expect disgruntlement. That said I understand the need for tuition increases as a means of running a public university but I worry that much of the money raised will simply be lost to bureaucracy.</p> <p>Could a tax of some kind be leveled on non-student residents on campus as a way of generating funds?</p>
<p>It is already extremely difficult for a student regardless if local or international to pay their tuition fees. I find it very difficult to understand why UBC has the ability to do this to it's students who are already enrolled to the university. They may have a set (and most of the time very tight) budget they have for their whole degree. This makes it impossible for a lot of people to graduate without getting themselves into debt. I wish the university would take their students for consideration before deciding upon this. Sometimes I doubt how money is managed at UBC because we don't need a fancy fountain, tree shadow walk way or a first edition Harry Potter book for a decent education.</p>
<p>I feel like increased fees for domestic students are unfortunate, but acceptable, however the increases placed on international students on top of how much they already pay is ridiculous, and reduces the diversity on campus and their quality of student life, which is already likely quite low due to a lack of immediate family support.</p>
<p>Of course raises must be made in order to maintain status of schooling etc. but remember that there needs to be a level off curve at some point. This keeps going up and a lot of students will have to leave school simply because they cannot afford it and not because they have different aspirations and such.</p>
<p>I don't agree with the proposal. Please don't increase my tuition and other fees, I am poor and you have not given me enough a sufficient reason to justify how the increases will actually benefit me during my time at UBC.</p>

The BC Government explained this about the Employer Health Tax in a previous release on the policy, "The transition to the EHT includes funding that ensures public services will not be impacted. This includes funding for colleges and teaching universities, research universities, community-health and social-service providers, school districts and health authorities. After full implementation, the net funding required for the public sector is estimated to be no more than \$90 million annually."

Yet one of the reasons for increase was this tax. I challenge the ethics and knowledge on this.

Second, why are the students the one's that always feel the burden of these budget requirements? It is explained that the funding is required to provide top level instruction by allowing higher payroll for faculty that is desired. Not all profound teachers need a big paycheck, heck many aren't in it about the money any longer. For example, think about Richard Feynman, arguably one of the best physics professors to have existed in modern day. He refused pay increases from other institutes to fuel his employment, he has actually stated this as unimportant.

Of larger scope to the above statement on payroll capacity, why is the university not investing in top level instructors that pull in large amounts of private funding to offset their salaries while providing another revenue stream to the university?

Finally, where is the transparency in the budget? All the students were provided were qualitative reasoning and minor quantitative values of tuition increases. Where are the budget sheets outlining these 'increased' expenditures that the university will be facing? Transparency is VERY CRUCIAL and as a post-secondary institute that strives for professionalism, should also be up front and center.

I already pay way too much to be here. Raise international tuition and lower domestic! Support Canadian students. You're losing man hours and skilled workers in exchange for a moneygrab against the international students.

For the amount of money I pay to be here, I would expect to be able to find a seat or place to study, but it is completely overrun with international students just so you can make your money.

Raising tuition for international graduate students will further disadvantage these students and decrease the ability of the university to recruit top talent from around the world.

Also, the fact that UBC has again raised domestic undergraduate tuition the maximum legal amount is ridiculous. Not that stating my opposition in these comment boxes every year has ever done anything.

The tuition for international students is much higher than for local students. International and local students enjoy the same rights, but the tuition is ten times higher than local students.

I think that it is unfair to raise tuition at a higher rate for international students vs. domestic students. This discriminates against international students when they are already paying much higher tuition fees than domestic students. International students help make UBC one of the top universities in the world, and continuing to increase their already high tuition fees will drive away exceptional applicants in the future. Additionally, I think that increases in fees for graduate programs should be strictly limited, as graduate students are doing the research that makes UBC rank highly, and graduate students tend to struggle financially enough as it is.

I find the UBC tuition very high. Especially for students who come from countries like mine (Iran). My currency has dropped more than 100 percent since April compared to CAD.

Absolutely not tuition is way too expensive as is I can barely keep my head above water

<p>I do not agree with the proposal, I feel that there has not been a sufficient amount of information to justify the increase in tuition fees other than "inflation." It is difficult enough to scrape by with the tuition fees already.</p>
<p>Please do not raise tuition! It is becoming increasingly difficult for young adults to afford an education.</p>
<p>I have no idea why tuition fee for us is extremely expensive. We spend such a long time doing self study through YouTub or Google. So does the course deserve such a high amount of money?</p>
<p>There should be no increases in tuition for funded graduates students unless such funds also include equivalent stipend/funding increasing. This should account for increasing fee costs as well.</p> <p>In other words, for those on funded programs it makes no sense to increase tuition because that is included in funding agreements anyways.</p> <p>In addition, funding needs to go up anyways. Cost of living continues to go up while funding has remained the same. It is almost impossible to live in the city of Vancouver as a student.</p>
<p>graduate research students' tuition shouldn't be increased.</p>
<p>Although the cost of maintenance, building, and repairing of this huge university is so high, I think it is not fair to increase the tuition fee for all the students.</p> <p>As an international student, I have already made a plan for my budget and as far as the university or other organizations that give students the fund for their study did not raise the amount of fund, I did not find it fair at all.</p>
<p>Seems very reasonable....I would suggest also that the increase happen in small amounts every year.</p>
<p>There should not be a difference in percentage of increase of tuition fees between International and domestic students.</p>
<p>I got the email for the purposed tuition increase as I was thinking about how I am going feed myself this week. This email has left me in tears and I honestly don't know how to articulate myself.</p> <p>The audacity that this university has is jarring.</p> <p>I am poor. I am struggling to be here and you want to make it more difficult for me? I do not know how to express how against this proposal I am.</p>
<p>please don't raise tuition more. It has gone up so much since my first year here and I'm constantly being told by advisors not to work and do school at the same time. Yet, this semester I am working and taking 6 courses so I don't need to attend school for an extra year in the future. It's a struggle for me to continue to afford to attend here.</p>
<p>The increase in tuition fees will affect/impact individual students more than the upkeep of staff and buildings. We already pay a large amount of fees for miscellaneous, the most expensive being unable to opt-out of even if I have no interest and dont make use of said miscellaneous. Students also have to pay parking fees (which are more expensive compared to other parking areas) in a school which they already paid to attend. The additional expenses will be harder on students like me, who have little or no income and rely on loans, especially when we dont feel the bebenefits of this increase directly. I'd rather not have an increase in tuition.</p>
<p>Student fees should be the last to increase. Added funds should instead be found from overcompensated staff, such as the dean or chancellor</p>

<p>It becomes increasingly difficult to support ourselves with the ever increasing tuition fee because Vancouver is an expensive city and our salaries as graduate students do not increase.</p>
<p>I'm not inherently opposed to the increases. However, I would like more information regarding what proportion of the increases will go to each field.</p> <p>Is most of it to be put towards increasing pay for instructors and staff? Is our research infrastructure a focus? I'd like to know more specifically how my tuition fees are being spent.</p>
<p>The inflation on international undergraduate student fees is overwhelming. At this rate, by my final undergraduate year, my fees will be almost 10% higher than it was in first year which isn't feasible for all students. Please stop increasing fees for international students so significantly (3%) whereas domestic students pay lower fees and experience smaller inflation (2%). When will these increases stop?</p>
<p>The fees being charged are affordable in the first place, let alone increasing them. Particularly with the current cost of living in Vancouver. I do not agree to fund childcare for the professors. I don't agree that I should have to pay a sexual assault fee when UBC does nothing to prevent it and has been all over the news. I don't think I should have to pay for other people's recreation, athletics, or bicycle repair. Half of the items on the tuition break down don't even make sense. I am highly against paying for all of the excessive items above me getting my education, health care, and bus pass. It would be a far better tactic not to gouge students with tuition while they are going to school and have no money in order to create an appreciative and gainfully employed alumni who would be more than happy to donate to a cause which they know creates the opportunity for students to get an education and set a foundation for a successful future in which they again would be happy to pay it forward.</p>
<p>I understand why UBC has to increase tuition every few years. However I believe that since students have to pay more, there should be more financial aid available to students (other than student loans, because they have to be repayed at some point).</p>
<p>I don't believe that the costs are justified for an increase for international students is justified considering the fact that they already pay 8 times more than a domestic student. I understand that you have new facilities coming up but I feel that getting more funding from outside instead of getting it from the students who come from far off places to study at this wonderful institution. And the increase makes it even harder for them to pay for their tuition is not fair.</p>
<p>International students already pay 20 times more than domestic students. If a higher budget is to be achieved, fees should be increased for domestic students. That was the strain on international students while does not decrease, stays the same.</p>
<p>I am thankful for being consulted regarding the proposed tuition hike. I like how UBC outlined their situation (e.g. the need to attract faculty, SIS project implementation etc...). I cannot imagine it is easy.</p> <p>I am alright with the proposed hike to tuition as it is not a huge amount to me although I believe universities should not default to hiking tuition as a way to cover costs. This should be last resort and post-secondary is a huge leap for some (myself included).</p>
<p>I understand the need to increase tuition, but we should minimize tuition fee increases for international students and for international application fees. These are already too high.</p>
<p>Pls no don't do it</p>
<p>Too expensive</p>

<p>UBC should be finding more ways to make schooling more affordable rather than constantly increasing tuition. The cost of tuition and book costs have already skyrocketed well above the natural increase in inflation. I do not support the increase in tuition costs unless you are using that money in the short term to pay for accountants that will find a way to cut the costs so tuition can be lowered long term.</p>
<p>UBC will continue to lose its merit as a more affordable yet internationally recognized research university if they keep raising the tuition for international students. The administration needs to realize that once UBC's tuition becomes as expensive as other major US universities, there will be a drop in the international student applicants who actually wish to attend UBC. Everyone knows that public schools consider the international tuitions as a business, and when UBC isn't even as great as other large, public US schools, I don't see why a large number of intelligent and qualified international students would come to UBC over their other options.</p>
<p>The cost of living is already so high, and increasing tuition expenses just adds further pressure to international students. Granted that most already do have other mental health issues.</p>
<p>Tuition is already expensive as it is, and many students do not approve of how our tuition money is spent. I disagree with the tuition increase.</p>
<p>Tuition is too expensive and little result is seen from the increase.</p>
<p>Don't do it</p>
<p>We should increase the fees because every year has an increase and these increases are not considered by students and their parents when making the decision of what university to go to. In the end, it leaves a negative impact and negative word of mouth for others. If we can maintain the fees and maybe lower costs in other places, it will not only help us become more efficient with our resources but it will also keep the students motivated to be a part of this university.</p>
<p>I think it is unfair to increase it right after last year's increase as well. If the price is increasing, and new technologies must be added, must the same students bear the burden of improving the University education. The inflation should be increased after 3 years. This tuition change every year disrupts budget plans for students.</p>
<p>I think it is really unfair that domestic students did not have the same increase rate with international students. The international students' fee is already too high to afford. If the discrimination and unfairness continue to improve, I believe there are less international students willing to enter the university.</p>
<p>I am in the UBC PharmD program and the tuition is already outrageously high. As someone who lives on their own without financial support from parents, the debt that I already have taken on through the costs of tuition and high costs of living in Vancouver is already stress-inducing enough.</p>
<p>It is unfortunate that costs are continuing to have to go up when it feels like we're already paying so much for our degrees, but it is understandable as to why the have to go up.</p>

The omission of relevant information in this proposal is a fatal flaw. The proposal has not been clear about the regular rate of tuition increase relative to the rate of inflation. How much extra money will be collected by these proposed changes? We cannot judge whether this proposal is pragmatic or frivolous because we have not been provided a breakdown of costs.

From the top line item, it appears that this increase will primarily benefit the salaries of existing faculty and signing bonuses for 'hot' researchers. How much of the tuition increase is earmarked specifically for faculty raises? Will this benefit class sizes?

You state that physical infrastructure is increasingly expensive. Why? Is that due to recent efforts to beautify the campus? Are the students paying for function, or just aesthetics?

You also state that the Canadian dollar is weaker now. Relative to when? It is certainly not weaker than when you drafted the last annual tuition increase.

The proposed revitalization of SIS, finance and HR systems is problematic in that it poses unclear benefits to those paying for it. You state that the systems are good, but aging. What is the specific problem? Are these systems no longer functional? Is this expense really necessary?

Why is the rate so discrepant between domestic and international students? Overall, how much money is expected to come from each group? Are international students being expected to foot most of this bill? Is that an issue for Equity and Diversity? Is it a disincentive for highly qualified graduate students we may want to recruit?

Thank you for your time.

NO! NO! NO!

The thing about us international students is that not everyone is rich. In my example, half of my tuition is paid by my parents and the other half is paid by my loans from the government. 4% increase in international tuition to some international students may not be much, but for people like us, it is a huge sum of additional money that will be a part of our burden. The University needs to keep in mind one of the significant reasons that international students like me chose UBC is because it provided us with scholarships and it is relatively cheaper compared to other schools. I would suggest lowering the bar of admissions to attract more excellent students that are willing to give back to the university instead of drawing funds by raising tuition of international students. For people like us, even though we are alone, the university needs to know we still have a voice.

Unfair for international students who come here to study for such an increase in each course fee. Increasing the fee is senseless since nothing is done here. Construction takes too long and I do not use the surface. Not to mention the student union fee does not go to anything productive. Also, the gym fee should already include access to the gym. Increasing the fees without notifying the students of where the money will go is idiotic.

Do not increase tuition fee for international students. I have to pay \$2000 more every year. I can't sustain my own living right now. My country's economy is going down, the exchange rate is getting worse and worse. I need to pay \$500 more every month for my rent and I can't afford to pay \$2000 more for tuition. I am going to be homeless and in debt.

Please consider giving international students an increase in student loans; loans that will make a difference in my tuition bill. Right now international students loans barely make a dent in my tuition bill.

Proposed tuition increase is ridiculous.

This is only going to increase the administration and will very unlikely lead to any measurable impact on student achievement or satisfaction (reference every year that you guys have increased tuition and have not seen any impact in these metrics). In fact, this tuition increase will only further strain students and reduce their ability to properly function in society. People shouldn't be so financially hamstrung by an education that they have to result to poor nutrition and lifestyle (again, referencing the fact that you guys do nothing to help us but merely keep taking our money as mental illness, substance abuse, etc. decimates the student body) and even giving up on their aspirations to pay you people.

If you were truly interested in helping to make our collective educational experience better you wouldn't keep feeding money into a bottomless pit of administrators. You would make your systems a bit more efficient and not require so much bureaucratic nonsense so that students could be actually served by their programs rather than administrators.

For these reasons, I vehemently disagree with these continual tuition hikes. The quality of education clearly does not increase with tuition and much of these increases go to nonsensical administrative costs.

P.S. I get that you feel it is appropriate to gouge international students because they are willing to pay this but this is only because the potential pool of applicants is so large. A majority of the actual applicants are exceedingly wealthy because they represent only the wealthiest classes from other countries (who can afford these costs). This seems to me to encourage only accepting people from very wealthy socioeconomic backgrounds and discourages all others. A well documented and accepted social phenomenon occurs in that innovation and progress are typically driven by people hoping to succeed. Therefore, why would you only encourage the LEAST likely to innovate and progress society to apply to your campuses?

To reiterate my point from last year: stop building new, non-academic buildings, reallocate that money toward hiring more and better faculty, and don't increase tuition. For example, the Exchange Residence is projected to cost \$77 million. If you hadn't built it, you'd have \$77 million dollars to invest in faculty and in tuition breaks. What proportion of world-class universities attract top-tier students primarily by their new residences as compared with the proportion that attract these students primarily with their renowned faculty and/or with their affordable tuition?

Thank you for your in depth and insightful review of the tuition costs that UBC students pay. UBC is one of the leaders in Canada for a substantial university that does not cause the majority of its students to take on considerable debt to attend - these changes over the past few years will unfortunately change that reputation. Charging more and more money for tuition is not the solution to UBC's growth, and if UBC wants to continue to be a beacon of what universities should be doing, then you will not allow this proposed increase to go through.

Do not increase tuition for anyone. Decrease domestic continuing undergraduate student's tuition.

As a PharmD student paying close to 20,000 per year a 2% increase means a much more significant amount than most other programs at UBC. I am a mature student who has entirely supported myself through school and this tuition increase will cause me increased student debt with still 3 years to go before I graduate and am able to start working off this debt.

<p>It is such a large financial burden for international students. The renting prices are increasing as well. Before entering UBC, I expected that the tuition to be the same, but since it has been increasing, I will be paying about 9000CAD more overall for tuition. This is more than a year of tuition fee for domestic students. 3% increase for international student is about 30CAD per credit, which converts to 16 percent of domestic students tuition. This worths about 2 extra courses for domestic students. Moreover, I have to pay more for the increasing residence price too. Percentage proposal is very deceiving. If we convert to actual value we realize that the increase is very substantial. The hard part is that although we did not sign up for this when we entered here, I can only accept this fact as a non citizen. Otherwise, I have to consider dropping out of the university because of the increasing financial burden.</p>
<p>I understand that you need to deal with inflation pressures etc. However, for us as international students, it is really hard because of how much our parents have to invest. I, in particular, as an international student have to pay approximately \$45000 every year and face certain challenges due to currency devaluation etc from my home country. Aren't there other avenues of dealing with the inflation issue, etc?</p>
<p>I understand the inflation rate is 2 percent annually in Canada, so I believe it is unfair for international students to see a 4 percents or increase. As you suggested, the 4 percent increase result in a 1500 dollars extra for a term of class. Since most student work on minimum wage, which is 12.65 for a non alcoholic restaurant, it result a more than 100 hours of extra working time we could use for study.</p>
<p>I understand that you need to increase the tuition due to factors and what not. But I think the increase for international students is too much. I don't know how much increase in costs you have. But by increasing international students tuition by so much, and with the number of international students you will get and already have I feel you're asking and will be getting much more than you actually require. In my opinion, it's unnecessary financial pressure on international students.</p>
<p>While I can understand the need to increase cost of tuition, 4% for international students compared to the 2% of domestic students seems a little bit steep, as the already massive difference between domestic and international students fees will continue to grow exponentially. An increased % for domestic students would understandably have less of an increase on the budget, but UBC is fairly cheap for domestic students when compared to other Canadian universities of similar distinction, and a slightly larger increase likely wouldn't be too detrimental</p>
<p>I think that the 2% increase for domestic graduate tuition fees are acceptable.</p>
<p>Given that international student's tuition is already significantly higher than domestic students, I think that an increase in the tuition rate of 3% is a very big increase in an international student's tuition. For this reason, I think it would be fair to increase the scholarship amount given out to international students to decrease the burden.</p>
<p>This is criminal! I take no courses from UBC as a graduate student I and I pay >\$6000 per year. At the very least, I expect UBC to ensure that all students can study in a harassment-free school, which you're failing to do. Students are harassed and bullied at various levels of graduate study by UBC faculty and the problem is very widespread.</p>
<p>I don't see anything in the proposal that sticks out to me as being especially egregious... I support continuing to raise international tuition especially, whatever the market will bear, whatever will be most profitable for UBC. The main focus should continue to be maintain or raise UBC's international ranking, and access to world-class education for domestic students.</p>
<p>I understand the increase of tuition, but feel that offloading new expenses so heavily onto international students is slightly unfair.</p>

<p>I understand that there are more costs, but we just raised tuition last year, and if this becomes a yearly increase I am not in support in anyway. University already is extremely expensive, and students are not able to support themselves without loans or parental support. If we keep increasing by a small 2% every year, this will add up quickly making university more in-affordable. I don't think I can support this increase.</p>
<p>Stop increasing tuition. Tuition increases but student loans don't. Make education more available not only for the privileged.</p>
<p>According to the 2017-2018 Financial Report, UBC turned a profit of \$121 million last year and already makes \$725 million in revenue from tuition alone. The expenses already encompass the plans to improve the campus so I really don't see how the university can justify increasing tuition apart from increasing their bottom line.</p> <p>This is an increasingly frustrating reality that there is a blurred line between educational and financial institutions.</p>
<p>A 3% percent increase in tuition would be detrimental to my budgeting and finances as I have already calculated prior that I have enough money to pay for all four years of my undergraduate, but the 3% increase was not taken into account and if you were to increase costs, I may not be able to afford tuition and may end up unable to complete my undergraduate.</p>
<p>I completed my PhD at UBC and I'm in the JD program there now. I think UBC should STOP giving bursary money to JD students and any other students simply because they are receiving student loans. Use this money instead to fund some of the things that need to be funded through increasing tuition. Students in my program receive \$5000 each if they have maximum student loan funding and most of them lie about their relationship status and parental contributions to receive itself (common law versus single). I'm not eligible for student loans because I do not lie about this even though my partner cannot support me and so I don't get this benefit. Also raise international rates to 6%.</p>
<p>The tuition-fees for international graduate students in MEng is already quite high and there is also no funding for opportunity for us. This increase will directly impact budget and living of students.</p>
<p>Stop raising the fucking tuition for a bit and maybe, just maybe, stop wasting money on things such as \$1,000,000 fountain resurfacing. I think there needs to be a temporary tuition freeze, then have it follow inflation (not above inflation). Loans aren't even enough to cover the costs of school for many. I'm about to graduate, so this doesn't effect me.</p>
<p>In regards to the tuition increases, I strongly feel that tuition costs should already encompass additional costs of any events outside of the coursework that students are required to attend. For example, for a B.Ed student, the tuition cost should already incorporate the costs of Pro-D Days and any fees associated with school visits (if applicable). This helps the student when filing for government loans and assistance and doesn't catch the students off guard or by surprise when they are required to pay additional costs that are compulsory to their degree requirements.</p>

I understand the inflammatory costs of operating a higher education institute and the need to fund those expenses, but that burden should not be placed on students alone. I full appreciate all of the resources available to us as students, however, many of them go unused or even unknown. Mandatory fees often fund things that not every student utilizes. Despite that being an individual choice, it is still a few they pay. Those are just a few examples of where cost cuts could be made if needed. As a student, just as many others, I struggle to make ends meet. I don't qualify for loans and the competition for bursaries and scholarships makes that means often unattainable. Tuition increases limit an already very restricted demographic. I have worked hard to get into university and continue to work had in university to ensure I can continue my education. I think it's beyond important to keep in mind that if the university is costing more to run, then it is also costing those who fund the university more to live. Students and staff alike have to cope with increased living expenses, so why should students be the ones to fund educators, while they struggle to make ends meet.

I do not want to attend a university that puts profit over its students, especially one that prides itself on being inclusive and diverse.

Please do not restrict people's ability to attend post secondary any more than it already is.

I understand that costs go up over time, and tuition is not immune to this effect; however, the reasons for the tuition increase (infrastructure, faculty recruitment and retention, cost of licensing) seem to me to be disturbingly lacking in ways to improve the student learning experience. Although I can see the indirect benefits of improved infrastructure and excellent faculty, it concerns me that many of these changes cost students more, but offer them no direct benefits. For me, and improvement would be if some of the extra cost in tuition went towards improving teaching and learning experiences. Currently the changes seem to be either related to recovering costs of depreciation, or attracting research dollars. I would like to see more focus on improving student learning.

The tuition increase proposal is reasonable due to inflationary pressures.

Stop taking more and more of our money you monsters. Work on improving the things you need to improve instead of creating art installations and hosting controversial presenters. Create more student housing, better protection for your campus, especially the first year dorms which can possibly house literal CHILDREN, put more money into our student health services and mental health services your students are literally killing themselves and you continue to take their money and put it towards things that do nothing for us. No I don't agree to raising our tuition costs as the benefit to us continues to get worse and worse.

The tuition increases seem reasonable.

This increase should, however, be reflected by an increase in graduate student stipends

I agree that it is important for the University to have the funds required to improve. I agree with this very modest increase.

If there is a 2% raise for tuition, then I would expect a 2% increase to my funding package accordingly, as inflation affects us all and your provisions need to reflect this.

I would be curious to hear why it is that international students are charged double, and what this has to do with inflationary economics.

In early this year I was accepted by both UToronto and UBC. The biggest reason I chose UBC is the lower costs in tuition fees. But as you increase tuition fees every year, it is catching the back of UToronto. UBC is losing its biggest advantage.

First of all, as the proposal says that increasing tuition fees enhance the qualification of education, but over the years UBC has fallen from the top 30 of global universities to outside the top 50. This proves that tuition increases are not effective in raising academic standards. Secondly, if the tuition fees are equal to UToronto, there must be the equal facilities in school, but there is nothing can compare with UToronto and McGill. For example, UToronto as an entirely new building for its architecture school with well-equipped lecture halls and other convenient facilities. The same school in McGill renewed their facilities this year. What about us, SALA students? We do not have a building to accommodate our studio class, which is the core class in our program. Three main majors in SALA are scattered in three different buildings. It takes 20 minutes to walk from Lasserre to MC Millan, that's when I rush from one class to another. Professionally saying, the cooperation between architecture, landscape architecture and urban design is getting even more essential today. As everyone has witnessed in the past few years, UBC has been built several dorms in campus trying to earn more money with a high rent from students. In SALA, we even need to pay for laser cut, which is totally free for those real world-top universities like UPenn and Cornell University. What's more, some good universities have high tuition fees, but there is also high scholarship coverage. UBC is known for its well cost performance, as well as for its lack of scholarship.

There have been complaining about the increase in the tuition fees among students, many of them did not recommend younger generations to apply for UBC all because of the unreasonable and less effective increase in tuition. If it continues to increase each year, it will fall into a vicious circle. There might be the argument that other schools have sponsors, but it's the school's own business, not the students'. If the school wants to get sponsorship from alumni in the future, it should spend more money on students first, instead of increasing tuition just because of financial problems.

It is crazy, the cost grows, but the salary does not. Following this trend in my 8 years, I am studying here the increase in tuition is 16 %, considering annual increase of 2%. My salary increases 1\$/year max

While I understand the need to increase tuition in order to compensate for the rate of inflation, I believe that an increase in current international student costs should not increase at this rate. I do not believe that it is right that while international students make up about 26.3 percent of the university population, they contribute a very large portion of the income of the university. Considering that International students pay about 6.7 times more (Based on Applied Science Tuition rates) I do not believe that an increase in this amount is necessary. I know that this is probably going to get thrown out but if you actually read this good on you. Hopefully some change will come from it.

Stop increasing tuition rates! We already have to pay so much for food and housing, it's bad enough that a university with so much money needs to keep asking for more.

Also, the quality of instruction (especially in engineering) is definitely not worth the current tuition so until we get better professors, I refuse to support a tuition raise.

Vancouver is an incredibly expensive place to live and raising the tuition fees, especially for international students means that only elite candidates can study at this institution. Having a homogenous population of students makes the learning experience very bland and narrow. Further the university's actions to mitigate this by providing funding opportunities usually require students to pay upfront and then receive reimbursements- which again limits opportunities to only students who have the ability gain immediate access to large amounts of money. Students who pay late are penalized.

In addition, programs that are seen as alternative - not hard sciences, not business - are given far less funding opportunities for both Canadian and international students. Alternative programs are also not given the same press opportunities that would allow for more funding opportunities.

<p>You just increased my tuition and now you're asking if I want to increase it again? You're already bleeding me for all I'm worth.</p> <p>I very much do not support this increase.</p>
<p>As an undergraduate PharmD student I already pay close to \$ 20 000 per year. This is doubled from the BSc. Pharmacy program yet PharmD graduates are not paid any more. Do not raise our tuition.</p>
<p>Surely there is sufficient funding to meet the required demands UBC has to remain competitive and fund all relevant aspects of schooling. Profit from the past years of tuition? Or maybe cut back on land expansion? Not all students can afford tuition as it is, let alone with yet another increase. Slowly but surely UBC is gouging students for what feels like no return on the student end. The constant increase in demand for money by the university is not sustainable for the students, and will eventually either harm the students irreparably or lead to backlash. UBC makes massive profits; use some of it for the students instead of just asking for more every year.</p>
<p>A 2% year-over-year increase would be very reasonable considering the national 2.2% inflation rate IF tuition weren't already too high. Many students are struggling with the cost of living in Vancouver (which increases close to 5-10% annually). Rather than spending exorbitant sums on ugly public art, alumni centres and the like, maybe UBC could cut back on tuition increases a bit and give less wealthy students a chance?</p>
<p>Don't spend money on chaining bricks on the floor, rather put it in the betterment of our education and well being, mental health, residences</p>
<p>The current tuition is already creating a huge financial burden on my family. In addition to the high cost of living in Canada, I will be unable to sustain myself with the increase in the tuition. A 3% increase on my currently 34 credits course load results in an additional 1300 CAD expense. This is equivalent to around 4 months of money allocated toward my daily expenses. Next year, my course load will increase to 38 course credits, which would mean a further increase in my already significant expenses.</p> <p>Please do consider the impact this budgeting will have on student lives. While the increase may be viewed as "minimal" to the university, it translates into tighter budgeting, controlled portioning of meals and increased mental stress for students.</p>
<p>This is unacceptable. You are pricing people out of an education. Decrease administrative costs and the school will save quite a bit of money. The salaries for the top admin do not correspond with the amount of effort they put in.</p> <p>Also, instead of fundraising for new buildings and paving stone tree art ask donors to donate to less 'sexy' things that actually contribute to the education students receive.</p>
<p>Personally, I think students in this country spend a lot of money on tuition (WITHOUT even taking into consideration the price of tuition in other countries). There is currently a housing and affordability crisis, and a rise in homelessness. These increases in tuition would reinforce the marginalization of students that have lower incomes, or come from low income families. Therefore, post secondary education would be reserved for the wealthy. Education, although it is a privilege, it should be thought of as more of a right. And, while it remains a privilege, for too many students this privilege comes with the heavy burden of walking into the workforce and housing market with an inhibiting debt totalling tens of thousands of dollars. This reality should not be the case! Therefore, while I understand improvements are required, I wonder who is truly benefiting? \$100-200 may not seem like a lot per semester, but as a student it is substantial.</p>

It is not right for UBC to demand a greater increase in tuition for international students than for domestic students, especially considering that the cost for international students to study here at UBC is already far greater than it is for domestic students. If UBC must increase tuition because of exterior pressures (though I very much so doubt that this is even the case) it would only be fair that the percent of increase be equal between domestic, international, graduate and undergraduate students. As the international tuition is already so bleedingly high, the higher percentage affects our tuition MUCH MORE than it would to a domestic tuition. I would very much so hope that you actually pay heed to this concern, though I have the sinking feeling that the increase in tuition has almost certainly already been formalized, and that this is a mere gesture or an afterthought to give the impression that we students have a say in the matter.

I am currently studying under the faculty of Applied Science (and the faculty of Medicine, but my fees are dictated as Applied Science), which already pays an increased amount above regular domestic tuition fees (currently \$176.45 per credit for domestic students, but \$188.35 per credit for upper year applied sciences, this is already a roughly 6.7% tuition increase from first year to second year).

Applied Science students also need to take more credits, which means our total tuition costs are much higher than other students (120 credits at \$176.45 a credit results in \$21,174 in total tuition.

For applied science students (and based off my own credit amounts), 37 credits at \$176.45 a credit (NOTE; YOUR WEBSITE FOR TUITION COSTS IS INCORRECT IN NUMBER OF CREDITS FOR FIRST YEAR APPLIED SCIENCE) plus the remaining $150-37=113$ credits at \$188.35 is a total of \$27,812.20 in total tuition. (NOTE; THIS IS DIFFERENT THAN INFORMATION STATED ONLINE, WHICH STATES FIRST YEAR APPLIED SCIENCE PAYS \$6,175.75 IN TUITION, IT SHOULD BE \$6,528.65 DUE TO NUMBER OF CREDITS)

This is a difference of \$6,638.2 in total tuition between Applied Science and regular domestic tuition, or 31% when taking in additional credits. This means that if a proposed 2% increase to domestic tuition is applied, regular domestic tuition to \$21,597.48 but Applied Science tuition to \$28,368.44, which a difference of \$6770.96.

If you are going to increase tuition, at least provide correct information regarding credits needed and tuition costs in total. A 2% increase will cost the average Applied Science student \$556.24 more, compared to the \$423.48 of a regular domestic student. Information provided online does not fully explain this, and currently does not reflect the actual academic schedule of first year Applied Science students.

The tuition fees for international students is already high. Maybe, you can increase the tuition fees for international students by 1%

I believe increasing the tuition every year (for returning students) is an outrage.

One reason I came to UBC was because of the tuition prices (being an international student, going to an in-state school was not even an option, as even some of those schools charge \$60,000 for one year).

It would put so much more stress on me while attending UBC if the prices keep increasing. I would have to take out more loans (most of the time with huge interest rates), that would make coming to UBC not worth it to international students anymore.

Just this year, I have to be very careful with what I spend my money on because I know that tuition will take up most of my student loans (since there was an increase last year). I even have to work to pay for groceries. I can forget about going out with my friends, I don't have extra money for that!

I also believe the drastic difference between domestic and international students is not fair. I am paying five times what a domestic student is paying- and we are getting the same university experience! I do not care that domestic students are paying less, there is just too huge of a gap between international and domestic fees!

High tuition costs and increases are unfortunate and barrier to accessing education, however, I understand why the increases are needed.

Many many students are already struggling to pay the tuition every year, which is obvious when considering the number of students who rely on student loans (myself included) to even have the opportunity to get an education at UBC. As more students pursue graduate studies, increasing the tuition will only pile onto the debt they have acquired when earning their undergraduate degree. Additionally, as the cost of living in Vancouver is increasing, students need all the money they earn from part-time jobs or scholarships to pay for living essentials such as housing and food. Many students simply cannot afford a tuition increase. Furthermore, UBC spends a large fraction of money on beautification projects and construction projects that should not penalize the students. Students are fortunate to have the UBC campus infrastructure and technology; improvements are in everyone's interest, but not if that results in increasing the tuition for students who are not earning enough money (or any money at all) to afford such luxuries.

The tuition was increased by the same Percentage last year as well, I feel you need to understand that studying here is already very expensive and you are further putting financial stress on all the international students by doing this. This increase (if absolutely necessary) should atleast be bi-yearly it once in 3 years. Increasing it every year is not acceptable.

Dear Sir or Madame,

I am an international student in the [...] program. I am coming from Turkey and there has been a devaluation in my country within the last 6 months. The exchange rate, USD vs Turkish lira had increased over 50% within the last 6 months. This all happened after I received the offer from UBC and took the decision to quit my job, decide to move to Canada with my family. I was lucky that my residency status has been updated as "Permanent Resident" after I arrived to Canada. So that I decided to apply for governmental student loan and bursary at UBC, and got a deferral for my tuition payments.

But I don't know what would happen to an international student who is in the same position with me... Most probably, he would need to go back with a huge disappointment.

I think, UBC's tuition fares are reasonable according the Canada standards, but expensive according to global standards for students from EU or MEA. Also, most of the tuition support is given to domestic students. Sauder School of Business has a vision to make the program more global, which creates the real value of this program. But if this is the case, may be there should be more supporting activities for the international students as well. They don't have much more options if anything goes wrong in their country.

This newest raise in tuition rates is unacceptable. According to the most recent financial statements released in 2017 the University of British Columbia is doing financially very well, and many of the top administration like chancellor Santa Ono are making in excess of \$300,000 a year plus added expense, and most staff are making excess of \$100,000. Instead of looking at reducing expenses incurred by staff or capping their salaries the university claims that this increase in tuition is needed to increase their salaries. In the consultation it is detailed that the increase in tuition will go to raising their salaries. This is cruel to many of UBC's students and their families that are already struggling financially. The University theorizes that its a good idea to raise tuition on students that are sometimes living off of minimum wage to be able to afford another increase in their tuition, this idea is misguided and in many aspects cruel. The university also claims that this money will go to services in the school, however, this was also claimed in the last tuition increase, and UBC still has deplorable mental health resources. I am currently on exchange at the University of Edinburgh a school that has no tuition for Scottish students, and I have found their resources to be vastly better than the resources found at UBC. If the university is going to ignore consultation and implement this tuition increase anyway then can there at least be a direct infusion of money into mental health to help all of the students that will be entering a state of distress as they struggle to pay their debts and are forced to work extra shifts or enter states of depression due to the increased stress. This tuition increase proposal should be withdrawn immediately and the University of British Columbia needs to look at the students that will be put into greater jeopardy by this increase and look at if the highly paid staff at this university need another pay increase for the second year in a row.

If the money from this tuition increase does not go to increasing the amount of parking on campus or supplying all bathrooms on campus with 2-ply toilet paper, then I will personally never donate to UBC as an alumni and you do not realize the needs of the students on this campus. You think I might be joking but I can assure you that I am not. These are serious issues that are present on this campus.

This board is incredibly out of touch with the issues that plague students on a daily basis. I am willing to bet that the money made from this increase will not go to fixing any of those.

You probably won't even read this feedback because this has to be done to show that you are attempting to get real students opinions on the matter. Tuition is expensive enough. Stop paying the professors in Vancouver so much money if you want UBC to have more money to allocate to different areas.

No increase

The increase in tuition is going to make it extremely difficult for graduate students pursuing research at UBC to fund their living in Vancouver. Given the heightened prices of basic commodities especially accommodation in Vancouver, it shall leave students with no savings for emergencies.

The costs of tuition is no simple problem. It involves the university and its needs incorporating into our academic and personal lives. Unfortunately, in providing support for new programs and buildings the range of students eligible under domestic residence become limited. For the fortunate, an increase in a couple percent can be slightly worrisome but nothing to be overly concerned with. For the others, those either were thinking about entering university or currently are, it will spike a certain voice in their minds to say "can I continue attending?" because it is not about whether they want to stay but are they able to stay, to continue being enrolled.

I am only able to say increases in tuition are ok because I am a fortunate. I would still be able to have a positive and healthy mind and body even with an increase in tuition. But there are many others who can not say the same, and it is something to take into consideration whenever new consultations such as these are being introduced.

Many have said it before and I'll say it again. Stop putting so much financial stress on international students! I can barely keep up with the current amount of fees I have to pay in order to keep studying as it is. Adding another 1.5K is not going to help! Of course many will say, "got get scholarships and then you won't have to worry about tuition" yet 90% of the time, the scholarships I find are not for me, they are for the domestic students; those who are Canadian citizens. The rest of us international students have to fight over a limited few of scholarships which are so competitive that they are virtually hopeless. Stop adding to the weight international students have to carry. Put some of the load on the domestic students! They have greater resources through their own government which has a competent education system. I understand you need money to keep up with the times, but many of the international students don't have it.

It seems as though the increase is designed to gouge students and their wallets.

Though I understand and agree with the reasons for the proposed tuition increase, I strongly believe there should not be an impartial increase for Undergraduate International student tuition as compared to its domestic counterpart. This is unfair to international students, many of which - myself included, are in tight financial circumstances. The international student tuition is already significantly higher than domestic tuition and a small percentage increase affects us significantly more, putting us under increased pressure and stress, leading to a multitude of issues such as socio-economic conditions and more importantly, mental health conditions. I sincerely hope and request that the percentage increase of International Student tuition be decreased from 4%/3% to 2%, equaling that of domestic tuition.

I firmly believe an increase in what are already multitudes higher than domestic rates for continuing international students is completely uncalled for. Especially since, as an international student from the US, I had my pick of similarly priced, upstanding universities to attend in my own country, yet I chose to come to UBC. A large reason for this was UBC's policy on maintaining the rate for tuition for students once accepted (in other words, the tuition would not increase every year). Many US universities do this, and it is a high point of contention for US students who can often barely afford what they pay the first year they attend the university. Also taking into account that no financial aid, besides one scholarship awarded to a few singular international students, is accepted by UBC, I believe an increase in tuition for continuing international students is uncalled for and a breach of trust established for many international students when they accepted their offer of enrollment.

I understand that universities have pressure to increase fees due to many reasons you've outlined.

For me, as an online international graduate student, I have received no additional support, no additional benefits for paying more. Yes I agree many of your systems are so old and difficult to use, should be replaced.

But even when you do replace systems, the student experience has not really improved. Moving from Blackboard to Canvas is an example. [...] should be one of your pioneers in using Canvas and yet, as a student, my experience of 2 courses on Canvas is not really much different compared to being on Connect.

Why? Most of our instructors can't seem to work with Canvas to save their lives. It seems like they aren't allowed to fix any broken links in Canvas themselves, they have to refer back to the design team.

Why are there broken links and not just the odd occasional ones in one course. It is an online programme, so we rely on being able to access the right information on day one. There are links in course module pages still pointing to Connect, broken links to the syllabus file, broken links for readings. In addition, there are broken links in the library resource, that system also seems like it's seen better days and needs to be replaced. It does not integrate into the LMS, there's so many clicks to eventually get to the resource.

If you are going to spend money on software, spend some effort to ensure they can be used efficiently. Otherwise your return on investment is really low. As students, we rather not be funding your inefficiencies.

Not to mention, some instructors in our programme, seem to need to overload themselves with teaching to earn enough to survive. Then the quality of teaching we get is so bad that I avoid certain instructors sections. Student evaluations seem to go nowhere and have no impact, why are we being emailed every 2-3 days to remind us to do it, if the faculties aren't taking them seriously?

Yes the SIS system also looks tired and could be renewed. While you are at it, would you also consider something like <https://www.myequals.net/> for providing students with their transcripts and the certificates for their qualification online. If the Australian and New Zealand institutions with less financial resources can make it happen, if you are going to increase the fees anyway, please make the services better!

I find it hard to accept paying yet more fees to receive reduced services. Weak Canadian dollars, try living with Nz dollars, every \$1 increase is a \$1.25 increase for me. plus an additional 1.75% credit card convenience fee. Do I get any special instructions or support for me with my payments proactively from the institution as an international student?

No. Nothing. I have to look to multiple places before I found the right link to enrol and to pay. The experience was frustrating.

Is there any easier way for an international students to pay their fees? Not really. The institution hasn't made it any easier for me when you want to charge me more money. Yes I know I don't come with government subsidies like your domestic students do. But if I am paying me, I expect better service! Being an online student, I cost no more to teach than your domestic students as I don't get any additional support. So having to pay even more is not really welcome.

If you want to charge us more, we want the improvements to be visible to students and our learning experience.

So far, for me, [...] was kind enough to only charge me domestic rate for my first 3 courses, within that, I received a varying degree of learning experience. Summer and Winter term for 2018, well... again, varying degree of learning experience. I pay 25% more but no improvements in my learning experience.

How about increasing the fees less for your continuing students? Although I guess your SIS can't cope with that.

Anyway, I do wish you'd consider a lower % increase if an increase is a must. But then be prepared to deliver more.

The hike in tuition should be the same between international and domestic students.

I understand the need for tuition increases, however, it seems like every single year the tuition is going up by 2%. These increases make people less likely to pursue post secondary education due to the high costs. UBC should look at other ways to increase its revenue besides taking more money from students that are just trying to provide themselves a better life.

Stop increasing the fees, stop making unnecessary changes (eg. Changing all the unc signs to electric when the board ones were fine), start creating more opportunities for students like scholarships and awards for both locals and international students. We are sick of paying more for less.

As a student I don't believe that the university should increase tuition and instead look at places where it is inefficiently wasting money. Considering how much we spend on tuition compared to other schools in Canada we don't get very much out of it. Our professors may be experienced in the area they teach but usually lack good teaching skills. We get a bus pass and a couple other on campus resources but that's it. The university should have an efficient budget and not over spend in areas that have no return on investment.

The fees for international students are already more than 5 times higher than that of domestic students. A further increase in international students' fees would be a burden on most international students as the extra expenses such as housing, food and personal are already very expensive for us.

I think it is really unfair to increase the tuition fee since Vancouver itself is really expensive city and we already have high living cost. So, I absolutely disagree with increasing the tuition.

Thanks!

Increasing costs does not attract more students, it only allows those that can afford it to attend. Being the top university may be nice to say, but when you have no money it does not matter in the slightest what your ranking is. Tuition is already unaffordable. Please don't make it impossible for students like myself to obtain a degree simply because I wasn't born with money.

One point stated to raise tuition is to "Supporting an excellent student learning experience by attracting and retaining exemplary faculty, staff, and students", however we, in the Nursing faculty, believe our staff is already exemplary material.

Another point, was to "Building and supporting world-class research infrastructure", though our brand new library is almost done being built thus how many more buildings do we need?

Lastly, "The implementation of the Integrated Renewal Program (IRP)" which is great for technology innovations however it is easier to hack.

Thank you.

As an international student the current tuition is already a large amount especially in comparison with domestic tuition and I don't think it would be fair to increase our tuition. When applying and accepting my offer I was not made fully aware of the cost and I was shocked by the amount. During the first month of my study I have also had to spend a lot on textbooks, mastering codes, and lab materials that I will only be using for one year. We have had to pay so much more than domestic students and it is understandable that they pay less but the amount of our tuition does not seem reasonable in comparison to theirs. If you were to increase the tuition I think that it is only fair to increase international and domestic by the same amount (not percentage).

The increases to graduate student fees (both domestic and international) are unacceptable. While a few hundred dollars may not seem like a lot of money to someone who makes a salary over \$50,000/year, most graduate students (who are not from privileged backgrounds) live on less than \$30,000/ year. These increases to tuition fees perpetuate the already worrisome affordability crisis for students living in Vancouver. The budget statement claims that UBC needs to retain "excellence" by attracting top students and top teachers. Instead of pitting students and teachers (in dialectal hegemony), why doesn't the administrative bureaucracy of UBC take away from their salaries and give it to teaching faculty?

I understand the need to increase the tuition but what I do not understand is why UBC spends so much money on things that don't matter like \$200k on making a tree pattern into the road on Main Mall and University Boulevard. Also, the tuition is already high enough for international students and having a higher increase rate than domestic students screams discrimination to me.

I feel that the need for money is justified but it should only be spent on things that are declared in the proposal and not on stupid beautification projects.

While it is good to see a more equitable hike of tuition fees for domestic and international students, I have several issues with what's being increased, and how it's being used. Firstly, I don't understand the rationale for increases in mandatory fees. If the tuition hikes are supposed to support infrastructure and operations already, why are mandatory fees being increased as well (also need to elucidate what exactly these encompass and otherwise exclude)? Secondly, with the proposed tuition hikes, is the University also planning to give monetary support to low-income students who excel academically, international or otherwise? Or do these tuition hikes come with commensurate support to domestic students only? Thirdly, the BC employer health tax was meant to eventually support low-income BC residents, includes funding for universities to prevent any impact on their services, and exempts payrolls below a certain threshold. It isn't clear to me how UBC has justifiable costs under the EHT, and would like to see more details on the same. Furthermore, isn't UBC defying the whole point of this tax by trying to use student fees to cover their payments (so now you're a business, and not a public educational institute?)?

Education should be free for students to encourage them attending school.

i agree with the proposal as a fair proposal, but I think that the graduate international student increase should be the same as the undergraduate.

It's just too expensive for international student, especially for commerce student. And the residence fee is keeping rising as well, I believe my parent are experiencing a hard time right now...it is sad.

stop spending on unnecessary changes to campus infrastructure and buildings. art pieces are cool but when it impedes student activity it is strongly disliked.

I understand that there are inflationary pressures, but I think that there are many ways that UBC could divert some of its funds to ensuring that students can afford to go to school here, and importantly afford to live, eat, and exist as students within such an absurdly expensive place to live. I do not support any increases to the tuition costs here at UBC, and believe that if the school cares about the wellbeing of its students and the accessibility of the school in general it will freeze prices and look into offering more bursaries, scholarships, and assistance.

Tuition increase is okay and all, but 2-3% increase for International undergraduate students really adds up over the course of 4-5 years of the degree (in my case, 6 years). Please factor this in and maybe reduce the undergraduate tuition increase (for both domestic and international students) to 1 to 1.5% per year.

I do not see why tuition needs to increase in order to provide the "best" professors. Langara College offers a diverse faculty at half the price and the professors know their stuff and know how to teach. I also believe that certain fees in the mandatory tuition do not hold much value to a student and should be removed.

It is reasonable and acceptable.

Increasing tuition so drastically for international students will decrease the diversity at UBC and decrease the number of international applicants at the school. International tuition and domestic tuition should be raised by the same percentage if necessary to raise tuition.

Until the upper administration and the highest paid officials at UBC is willing to take a pay cut, I do not—under any circumstance—support a tuition increase of any kind. Until this happens, students are NOT being supported in ways that they need it. And further more, I am not interested in paying more tuition after reading about the current Human Rights complaints recently filed against UBC. I am rather horrified and disgusted that our university has behaved in such a way.

We do not need to further increase tuition in any way, shape or form for domestic students. The University can however increase it for international students to meet its "demands" because that is clearly where the most significant portion money is coming from. We have had tuition increase little by little every year and in the big scheme of things it is getting out of hand. I'd recommend we actually set back a decrease for domestic students to where it was a couple of years prior. We are Canadian citizens and should have it easier to match our provinces inflation. BC's domestic students are already struggling to find jobs, pay off the ridiculous rent prices, and insurance. Please, If there is a strong requirement to increase tuition once again, DON'T do it for domestic students.

It's ridiculous that UBC raises tuition every year, students pay enough already, and though 2% is "small" when it applies to \$5000+ just for domestic students it adds up! I already work full time while going to school, and increasing tuition is just an increased burden to your students.

The increase in tuition in the recent years has been too much for many students to handle. This is especially true for those with very expensive fees, despite being domestic students (e.g. around \$1700 for dental hygienists); 2 percent for us can mean a lot. I think one way to decrease tuition is to allow for opt-in/out choices for some of the fees. When I click on the fees distribution on the SSC page, there are a lot of fees we have to pay for other than our school fees. These costs add up! While I'm happy to pay for things such as the refugee fund, there are many fees that fund for programs that I don't use such as the bicycle shack or the UBC intramurals program and many others. I feel that if we opt out of some of these fees by providing a proper reason, this will help control the student fee increases.

Please don't increase tuition. Faculty/staff can survive on their current salaries without increased raises, but students can't be students anymore if you increase tuition even more. Nobody will be able to go to school anymore, domestic or international students.

Please do not increase tuition!

I do not believe an increase in tuition is needed as the cost of classes at ubc/o is already quite high. The Okanagan college provides equivalent classes for first and second year, but cost is one to two hundred dollars less than ubco. With the smaller class sizes and labs they also provide an arguably better education. The massive budget UBC has to work with should be more than enough to not need a tuition increase every single year. I don't believe the thousands of UBC students are being held in the best interest. A university should care about educating their students who chose UBC out of all other universities. Instead it seems as though UBC is just a company looking to make a profit. Increasing tuition will eventually make it impossible for the average population to get a post secondary education.

I believe that the adjustment is going to impact graduate student negatively. It is already a fairly depressing situation from the economic point of view. Graduate students struggle to afford expenses in this city, considering that the UBC minimum retributions are too low and that the actual work at UBC consumes almost all of the time.

UBC forces supervisors to give a minimum (usual in reality) "salary" (which is not the right legal description for this money I know). This money is not enough to sustain the living in the city, and as graduate students, we need to prioritize our meals, so we can afford school.

If UBC decides to update the tuition fees, the same should be done with the money that graduate students receive in order to sustain the increasing rate of researchers over the next years... Otherwise, It will be very hard to actually keep people doing this, especially if they don't have any extra income which happens in a great percentage of the cases.

<p>This is an unreasonable increase on international graduate students. As a [...] student I am not allowed to seek employment outside of my TA appointment per my research supervisor. The department does not cover additional increases in the international student tuition. An extra \$300 a year on top of the skyrocketing rental prices in Vancouver makes it almost impossible to live on a graduate stipend. This is unreasonable to expect especially as UBC depends on the labor of its graduate students. Nearly 2200 students pass through [...] every year, each of them is in a lab run by an graduate teaching assistant. Personally, I have over 90 students between all of my teaching lab groups and collectively those students represent hundreds of thousands of dollars to UBC. The administration is failing to acknowledge the tight budgets that graduate students function and the difference that even a few hundred dollars a year can make on our lives.</p>
<p>I find it unreasonable that the discrepancy between tuition costs for international and domestic students, as well as the increase in %, is much higher for international students. Due to the fact that international students comprise a large percentage of the school and the costs associated with being from outside the country, I believe that the situation is quite unfair. With misc. costs included, the fees I am paying to stay in this country for a degree is around 50,000 a year. Although I am not a PR or citizen, I believe that we deserve some form of generosity in terms of academic tuition fees.</p>
<p>I understand these changes and appreciate the transparency</p>
<p>The increase in tuition fees can be problematic</p>
<p>Completely ridiculous how you treat international students. We pay enough to begin with without the price hiking even more for us than for domestic. Once I started attending this university you realised you had me locked in and could milk every dollar possible. Everyone responsible should be utterly ashamed for the tuition increase each year, you are a disgrace to this world.</p>
<p>Now the tuition fees for international students are already high enough. I don't think it is necessary to be higher.</p>
<p>Should not increase the tuition fees as its already so expensive for international students.</p>
<p>Why is the fee of international students being increased by 4% while at the same time domestic students' fee is only increased by 2%, even though international students pay 3x the fee paid by domestic students?</p>
<p>If there's going to be an increase in cost, there needs to be an increase in financial assistance and awards.</p>

It is clear that UBC strives to improve the student's learning experience through its various improvements and investments. It is also understandable that these new development projects to improve the campus infrastructure and communication networks requires the university to raise enough fund to do so, however, it would be much more convincing if UBC can be transparent about the amount of financing needed. Raising the tuition fees implies that the tuition covered by students and funding provided by the government isn't currently enough to sustain the university and its daily operations, ongoing developments, future investments, and other related costs, thus, more funds are naturally needed. However, these information are not easily accessible to everyone, thus, I believe it is only fair if UBC provides easily accessible information on its current operational costs, ongoing developments, future investment plans, and other related costs to justify the raise in tuition fee each year. Although I have oversimplified the complications of running such a big organisation, and other problems that may occur from disclosing sensitive financial information, it is the reason why this tuition consultation was offered in the first place; to understand the perspective of students. By at least giving us a big picture of where the funds are going towards would be better than vague statements about increased costs given on the tuition consultation page. Looking up UBC's budget allocation made public each year and the numbers of students accepted, I can see a positive trend in UBC accepting more students, especially international students which is responsible for a significant part of the university's revenue. As such, the recurring incoming of the university should be increase along with the increase in average size of the student body each year. A rough estimate would be \$32,000,000 in additional revenue each year (with 800 new students at \$40000 average tuition fee) if these positive trends continue. By subjecting the current international students to 3% increase in tuition, and 4% for new international students, the university will gain a somewhere in the millions of dollars in addition to its already increasing revenue and left over reserves from previous years. Each year UBC has budget reserves numbering tens of millions, and in my opinion, it is not necessary to increase any further. The increase in cost each year does not change significantly, and is well below the reserves left over from previous years, therefore, the university shouldn't have to increase the tuition until it is forecasted that its expenses will exceed or comes close to exceeding its income in any given year.

How about increase scholarship as well?

It's reasonable, thank you.

Please try and bring down these rates. Tuition is already high, even for domestic students, let alone international graduate students.

I don't think there should be a difference in increases between domestic and international students. Even more when you consider that international students don't have access to the same government support programs as domestic students. Please consider reorganizing the increase according to faculty, with differences dependent on how much use of a resource a given program makes.

If you increase my tuition, pay me more please.
Otherwise please don't.

I can understand the need of the university to increase tuitions. However, as an international student, I almost need to pay 20000 CAD if I have full credit each term. It's only three or four months. Besides, the exchange rate is 1:5, and my family needs to support me around 100000 Chinese Yuan each term. The continuing international students' tuition will increase at 3%, and I hope it will decrease to 2%. Thanks.

The tuition fee is tooooooo high for international students. Annual increase is unfair since students admitted in different years pay different amount of additional fee. And the difference is increasing every year.

I appreciate the decision not to increase the international graduate fees more than those for domestic students. Like many other international graduate students, I lack significant financial support from home and a large increase in fees would have made my financial situation perilous. The widespread impression that, as an international student, I "must" be wealthy is unjustified - I pay my own rent, living costs, tuition costs and flights home with my University-provided research stipend, not with savings or through wealthy parents.

I would strongly encourage the University to mandate a matching increase in TA/GRA pay to accommodate the fee hike - a dollar-for-dollar increase. Your increasing costs are reflective of our own, and the increased financial pressure of higher fees, coupled with Vancouver's rising housing and living costs, will inevitably mean that bright students from low and middle income backgrounds will increasingly avoid this University. As much as I love this city, the low funding and high cost of living certainly contribute to my decision not to stay on for a PhD. Matching the fee increase with a funding boost would go some way to retaining students who, like me, must support themselves.

I think it's unreasonable to be constantly be increasing the cost of everything at the university each and every year when it's known how hard students struggle with paying for tuition and living expenses. It's fine and dandy that you wanna pay the teachers more and fund research but for some who are only able to work 1 or 2 shifts a week (at minimum wage) while going to school, paying more for tuition is inconceivable.

Further, the school already forces us to pay for things that we would never use including gym maintenance and U-passes (even though we're buying a parking pass).. could you not take that funding and apply it to salaries? I'm not alone in thinking that this university poorly manages the way they use their finances...

Finally, I think its flat out dismissive and demeaning to say that certain programs that finish in June are unable to participate in a graduation ceremony for a full year when we do pay such high prices to be able to go to school and GRADUATE. Many students come from other countries or provinces and will not return a year later. Would an increase in tuition allow for that...? A celebration of our success even if we still have 2 weeks of classes... I mean, it's not like anyone will be failing their program with only two weeks of classes left...

if there is to be an increase in tuition I would suggest that said moneys also be allotted to the CCS building as there are issues with overcrowding in classes and equipment that is old or needs proper ventilation systems instead of the jerry rigging we as students had to work around because of the university's frugal decisions. for example the U.V dryer in the print shop should be able to operate all day, however because the decision was made to make an inappropriate ventilation system, it can only run for a maximum of 15 minutes before it over heats. if this machine were to break it would mean the end of the print program. the classrooms are adequately sized for a small class of 8 or 10 however e have classes ranging from 15 to 20. it is very crowded and becomes frustrating for other students that are trying to complete their projects.

I would suggest using the increase in tuition to increase storage and install a proper ventilation system so that we don't have to worry about starting a fire or blowing a \$800-900 dollar bulb.

thank you

The limited availability of UBC fellowships/scholarships available to incoming graduate students means that for at least the first year and maybe for their entire degree PhD students are having to complete their research at a cost. External scholarships are increasingly competitive as internal funding for students decreases. The guaranteed funding for PhD students is less than the Canadian poverty line BEFORE UBC requires a full third in tuition payments. Tuition fees for PhD programs across campus are already too high and do not reflect the contributions that Graduate students make to UBC through their research. An increase in tuition is a hit to the most vulnerable and least supported students pursuing their training at UBC. This will have a serious impact on students already registered here and will deter potential students who will choose universities who are invested in supporting their graduate students to complete research and publish meaningful work, rather than having to pursue part-time employment to pay tuition fees.

<p>Increase in international student tuition seems a lot. While international students paying a lot of money they shouldn't receive an increase of 4 per cent.</p>
<p>How can you talk about attracting faculty talent when an increasing share of teaching here is done by precarious, casualised workers? For the vast majority of workers, pay doesn't go up in proportion to fees, and the discrepancies in pay between top-paid management -- and a very few top-paid faculty -- vs what the adjuncts and TAs who deliver so much teaching receive, are really alarming. Students do have a sense of this, too -- that pay increases are lining someone's pockets, but not in a way that helps us.</p>
<p>As continuing student, I feel that the tuition increase for internationals should be 2%. If new students experience a 4% increase, well, they signed up for it. But continuing students don't have the same choice of which university to go to according to their price hikes.</p>
<p>I have not been happy or benefited by the prior increases in tuition. UBC consistently dedicates funds to trivial things (such as multicoloured lights for a sign and other "aesthetic improvements") and not to things which actually improve my experience or enhance my education. The increases are also falling disproportionately on international students. We already pay more than domestic, and our tuition is also set to increase by double the percentage of domestic students. I have paid enough money to fund useless projects and wasteful events (just ask Scholar's catering how much food is wasted at UBC-funded events alone), and the continued increases to tuition prices are absurd.</p>
<p>I will only support this tuition increase if the IRP directly improves the current state of facilities at the UBC School of Music.</p>
<p>Don't raise it</p>
<p>I believe if the awards will also be increased as in the same rate as tuition and other fee increases than it would not create a huge burden for students. Otherwise that might be a bit costly for graduate students to meet the requirements of both tuition fee and other non-tuition fees considering the fact that Vancouver is a highly expensive city to live in. Thank you for giving us the opportunity to provide our feedback.</p> <p>Sincerely</p>
<p>I think it's shitty that you guys keep hiking up tuition especially that's it's more for international student who already pay so much more, \$1,500 is a lot for a student and means I'll have even more to pay off after graduation. If you can waste \$300,000 on a tree that really just looks like wet tiles, students shouldn't be made to pay more.</p>
<p>While I do understand the role inflation and the weaker Canadian dollar play, I dont understand why you cant just increase the international students tuition by 5 percent to cover for the domestic students. I mean we already pay income tax as citizens which feed partially into the post-secondary system.</p>
<p>Of course no students want to see increases in tuition, but I don't mind as long as it's necessary. The most painful thing to pay for is the athletic fees for students who are not involved in or interested in athletics programs. Please consider removing or decreasing this fee.</p>
<p>You got your international students bent over a barrel already.</p>
<p>I do agree with the increases to tuition. It is a naturally occurring process that every school increases their tuition and fees every year. However, I do think that the increase should be equal for domestic and international students. Tuition for international students is already more expensive than for domestic students so why should you increase a greater percentage to international student tuition than domestic students?</p>

<p>I don't support the tuition increase because everything around campus already accounts for that. For ex, food price for a Bulgogi Beef bowl at Orchard Commons Open Kitchen last year cost 5.99. Now it is \$9</p> <p>Is it even human to increase something by that amount? Students who can't afford to eat will now pinch their pockets even more. Money is an issue and increasing tuition is not going to help.</p>
<p>Maybe UBC should ask the Province or the Federal government help on how to DECREASE tuition; instead of INCREASING THEM.</p> <p>Inflation is just a pathetic excuse for increasing tuition fees.</p> <p>UBC is not a poor, mediocre, unknown university. UBC should allow and help student getting an education at an accessible tuition fee (a few thousands a YEAR!) without putting in jeopardy the first decade of their professional lives (or more!). UBC, SHAME ON YOU!</p>
<p>I support the proposed increases</p>
<p>The tuition changes seem completely fair. I wanted to ask if UBC would consider having a flat yearly tuition fee model where you may take more or less courses for the same fees as this might promote faster graduation times and more people choosing to take minors.</p>
<p>I do not agree with the proposed tuition increase.</p> <p>While I do recognize the importance of retaining staff with a competitive salary, I know many of my peers who have to work to pay off student loans would face an even greater struggle. Food on campus and books are already quite expensive.</p>
<p>The increase on international student fees is excessively high when it comes to dollar numbers on an already high differential tuition.</p> <p>I do not see the grounds for the differentiation and increase, making the students with less of a voice (being in a vulnerable temporary residency status) carry the heaviest burden.</p>
<p>Any tuition increase is too much.</p> <p>It is sad that our government does not see the need and value in supporting post-secondary students to receive education that increases quality of life and enhances determinants of health for the whole community..</p>
<p>The rate at which fees are increasing for international students is significantly large. Just 4 years ago the fees increased by a significant amount and the new proposal is asking to increase the fees by greater than inflation rate. At the same time, continuing students should not be required to pay more than the inflation rate, especially since they increased had taken into account only the expected 2% increase when they decided to come to UBC.</p>
<p>DO NOT increase the tuition fee!!!</p> <p>Every year UBC increases its tuition fee, especially for international students. It is really unfair.</p>
<p>Tuition rates are already way too high— please don't make post-secondary education even more unaffordable.</p>
<p>The increase on the international tuition does not seem valid to me. The international tuition itself is a large number, 4% with a large base is not what every international student could afford. Also it does not seem valid that the percentage increase of international tuition is twice of domestic students. I urge the decision making council to think twice about the consequence of this tuition raise on the reputation of UBC to prospective international students.</p>

UBC increases our tuition every year. It has come to the point where many students are ridden with debt due to the continuous yearly increase. Some students are barely making ends meet due to the hike in tuition rates. It has been known that a lot of students at UBC are unable to meet the basic necessities of living because the living wages are so low, and the tuition rates so high. Some students work three to four jobs just to pay for their tuition. To increase our tuition is equivalent to making a lot of student give up on education, because they are unable to afford it. I know UBC believes that everyone has the right to education, no matter wealthy or poor. It takes graduates a minimum of 10 years to repay our student loans. Another increase will put a lot of students in jeopardy.

Horrible. UBC is always hiking the tuition, year after year after year. Where is this money going? How much do our professors get paid? Why is campus food so expensive? How are students expected to survive like this? How much debt are we expected to owe after a university education??

Stop raising the our tuitions. I swear. The cost of living in Vancouver is already so high, and we hear these excuses every year that 'we need to keep it competitive with U of T and McGill/ inflation' - stop, please. When will it be so too much?

If UBC actually cares about its students (especially the draw of international ones), it would not keep up this trend. 105.60? That is my food. I need to eat. Help me eat.

increasing fees for international students is killing the whole essence of education. its already increased, why increase more! students who come here may be intelligent but definitely rich, students who don't aren't rich but may outsmart people here. UBC needs to understand the plight of families of the international students!

The tuition fee of international students is too high to afford already. It is almost 10 times as the domestic one. School should concern more about the financial burden of the students to ease their pressure. Do not go high for every single year!!!! The living expense goes up but never same as the salary! Hard for students!!

I am from Turkey, Istanbul and my parents live and earn there money based on Turkey's currency, which is Turkish Lira. As Turkish Lira lost lots and lots of value in their currency, increasing the tuition will effect students from Turkey in a negative way.

I'm wondering if our school is under short budget, why would the campus always under construction? (Not like repair, but the real construction).International students actually suffer much more from inflationary pressure, and sometimes it's even hard for us to transfer such huge amount of money.

I think tuition is high enough, and does not need to increase.

These tuition increases are too high when compared to the cost of inflation. In addition, I fail to see my tuition spent productively and in ways that align with student goals. I think all students should see their tuition costs rise according only the price of inflation.

I do not think that the tuition should be increased. A lot of students already are financially struggling to attend UBCO, and increasing the fees would make it more difficult to attend.

I believe international students are already paying a really high tuition. It might cause financial pressure for many of international students.

The increase in tuition might affect the choices that upcoming freshman students make about the college they want to accept their offer of admission.

There are many post secondary institutions with frozen tuition fees (both for international and domestic students) for many years. (it is important to note that these institutions do not necessarily have a very high tuition compared to the others so their tuition is somehow in the same range) This definitely given them an edge when prospective students are making choices about the colleges they want to go to.

And finally cost of education and knowledge and science acquisition should not be a barrier for the ones seeking it .

Tuition is already expensive enough. There's no need to increase tuition by this much. Especially when UBC spends it on general aesthetically pleasing things around campus that aren't necessary. Maybe if increasing tuition meant that there would be more sections for the classes that I need to graduate so that I can actually register in them I would be ok with a tuition increase.

Tuition at UBC increases every year. Other Canadian universities experience the same amount of inflation as Vancouver however their tuition is not rising at these rate and definitely not every year. (I have 2 siblings going to other universities in Canada and have their tuition payments over four years to prove that). Students attending University in Vancouver already have to deal with the harsh economic climate, trying to afford housing and necessities such as groceries, without over the top tuition payments adding to their financial burden. Students will stop looking to UBC as a top option if this tuition continues to rise. Secondly, stop charging tuition and then having additional course fees for certain classes. If it is a "course fee" it should be included into the tuition of that class. It makes it very difficult for people to plan their expenses for the year when they find out three of their classes have additional fees of \$50-\$100 each, on top of their already outrageous tuition. What is your goal here? To educate students and allowing people to create opportunities for a promising and stable future, or making money?

While I was glad to see that international graduate student tuition increased at the same rate as domestic graduate student tuition for graduate *research* programs, the potential increase of up to 4% for *professional* programs is troubling, and would place an undue hardship on students. If the university recognizes that graduate students in research programs -- many of whom have families to support -- should have the same 2% increase as domestic students, why not have the same parity for those in professional programs? As a graduate student in SLAIS, I have worked 2-3 jobs throughout my time in the program so far. Since I know my pay will not go up 4% next year, a tuition increase of that amount would be a burden to myself and my partner.

You are already one of the most expensive schools in Canada, providing an education in the most expensive city in Canada, and you want to increase tuition...

You realize how ridiculous that is right

As a domestic student, it's difficult to make ends meet enough as it is in Vancouver's current environment. If students are going to pay more for UBC, then I want to be able to observe tangible benefits for us students - who deserve to reap the benefits of their payment beyond the course credits and UPASS.

For example, I actively utilize resources like UBC's Centre for Accessibility and UBC SHS + Psychiatry. These programs could be greatly improved if there was more space allotted and prepared for the treatment of mental health at UBC. There aren't enough offices for each of the doctors, and the offices themselves are not conducive to the improvement of health (loud, harsh artificial lighting, cramped office quarters and no natural light). The waitlists are long, poorly advertised (interestingly, my first point of contact at UBC Counselling told me that my case/condition made it unlikely that I'd even be able to see a psychiatrist, which I truly do need), and the justification they made for this claim was that they held a masters degree with a large amount of experience.

Until the UBC Board of Governors is more transparent and act on claims of putting students first, I do not support the tuition increase.

Thanks for your time, and I appreciate that there is a consultation process. I hope that in the future, UBC will be able to find a proper balance between profit (which I understand is necessary) and value, without sacrificing student happiness and accessibility.

Being a student who pays tuition out of a GRA stipend, it will be really difficult to pay the increase in the tuition if the increase does not reflect an increase in the GRA as well. This 2% increase will be out of my budget limit.

Very saddened by this. Consistent inflation in tuition is very heavy on my parents. Please do considering lowering the rate for continuing international students.

I think that the proposed increase is unnecessary and problematic for those students who must pay for themselves to finish school. I think the increase of costs to attend UBCO makes it more difficult for students to attend and do well at UBCO. I also feel that the money which is spent at UBCO is spent in an irresponsible way and negatively impacts the lives of students while attending UBCO.

I understand increasing the tuition for all of those reasons. However, I am certain there is enough unnecessary spending occurring that can be eliminated in order to mitigate this tuition increase. Students are already having a difficult time making ends meet. Education is becoming harder and harder to access for people. Cut it out.

Try and keep the tuition the same as this year.

TOO EXPENSIVE. I am still in school and the tuition is so high.

I personally do not agree with the increase in tuition because it is unreasonable.

As an international student, I am already paying ten times more tuition than domestic students, which is understandable, given the fact that the university can use our money to buy precise equipment and also use it for construction.

However, as an Arts student, I do not think that I have taken so much of the schools' resources for the school to go as in raising the tuition. Considering the fact that we only go to the classrooms to listen to the professors, using NO delicate instruments for labs, nor fancy projectors for presentation, nor expansive chemical things for experiment. We literally just go to the classrooms, with textbooks bought with our own extra money, listen to the professors lecturing, then go home, write essays with our own laptops, and print them out either with our own printers or the money in UBCard, which is also not included in the tuition but housing and food fees.

Forgive me for my stupidity and that I can not see the reason for the increase of Arts students tuition, as we only need so little resources, and occupying so little too.

Further, the cost of university is not cheap. I have several friends, who are domestic students, and they are working four or plus shifts in hopes of paying the tuition. They are already drained after work, barely having the energy or time to do school work. The increase in tuition would only add on to their burdens.

Sure, the school has bursaries and scholarships and so on, but the population of people who are going through this on their own is way more than the population of those who are receiving awards or money.

The increased tuition is of course affordable, but it will no doubt be adding on to the pressure that we already have, either as an international student or a domestic one.

Further, I would hate to mention that, but McGill's tuition for Arts student is only half of UBC's, and they have a policy of not increasing the tuition of current students, but only to the new incoming ones.

Sophocles once said through Teiresias, that all mankind is subject to error. Once a mistake is made, and a man stumbles into misfortune, it is both wise and worthy of him to makes amends and not be unbending.

That is what I thought too.

I am an international computer engineering student at UBC and I am in my fourth year. One of the main reasons why I came to UBC was that it was a university which was the most financially sound for me. Whereas, other Canadian universities were overcharging there's students, UBC was being run like an educational institution and not a business for profit. However, this has sadly changed in the past few years, the tuition fees keep increasing every year and unfairly burden students. International students are affected by this hike in tuition fees worse than domestic students. I fear these continued tuition hikes would greatly discourage international students from coming to the university and make existing international students regret their decision about coming here. I hope the board of governors halts the process of unfairly hiking tuition fees every year and let UBC be run as an educational institution and not a business.

I understand that you need to increase tuition to keep up with costs but you seem to raise tuition for domestic students as much as possible every year. I can still afford the cost but if you increase it this much every year i am afraid your future students may have more difficulty or be burdened with greater student debt later in life.

Hello,

There should a convenient way (preferably online just like for the AMS Health Care website) where students can opt out of the services (e.g. the bike kitchen, Student Clubs Benefit Fund, Athletics and Recreation Fee). Also, an easy way to access what each fee is used for (to have transparency with students). I have inquired about the Athletics and Recreation Fee to the enrollment and student services. Still have not found someone who knows where this money is going. Regarding the increase in tuition, it should not increase for domestic students with student loans.

Best regards,

[...]

<p>I believe that an increase in the tuition is unreasonable because UBC's tuition for both domestic and international students is already significantly higher than most other universities in Canada.</p>
<p>The tuition standard for international students is absolutely unaffordable. It's basically impossible for international students to be reasonably financial independent. I propose to decrease the growth rate for international undergraduate students. If the research expenditure is mostly prepared for research by master students and PhD students, then it's unfair to increase the tuition for undergraduate students at the same rate.</p>
<p>I'm fine with it, as long as our tuition fees don't get to the insane level of american schools.</p>
<p>I do NOT agree with the new tuition and fee proposal. As a graduate student, the proposed tuition increases will severely negatively impact my quality of life. A 2% increase in tuition may not seem like a lot to the general public, but living off of a fixed stipend unable to compensate for the increase in other ways (i.e part time job) it is not feasible to maintain a reasonable quality of life while paying this additional tuition.</p>
<p>Please don't increase the tuition fee. As an international student, tuition is already expensive (an entrance award is what has made it manageable). Increasing it shall put me in a serious financial situation. Thank you for taking students consideration into hand.</p>
<p>If we increase the mandatory tuition fees, is there any way we could lower cost of textbooks or the physical paper textbook requirements?</p>
<p>UBC is one of the best universities to graduate from. So the fees imposed are pretty reasonable. But there are a few international students like myself from a weak background who can't afford to pay high tutions. Even so, I'm completely satisfied with this splendid university and am willing to pay the tuitions no matter what. But can you suggest me any way to cut corners, as I don't want to pressurize my parents with my fees.</p>
<p>I feel an increase of 2% for continuing (and possibly new) graduate students is unnecessary. Grad students can be considered as employees of the university in their roles as TA's, RA's, and based on their publications that increase the universities research profile. Graduate school is hard enough for international students who often do not have easy access to funds to pay exorbitant tuition fees (that include soaring fees for gyms etc) or to maintain a reasonable standard of living in an increasingly expensive city such as Vancouver. I implore you to not increase the tuition for continuing graduate students, even if it is a measly 2% by your reckoning. Every last dollar saved counts in the current global economy, hyperinflated job sector, and affordable housing crisis in Vancouver.</p>
<p>I think UBC's domestic tuition is relatively reasonable, and it's feasible for a person in my situation to pay the fees even with the proposed increase. However, I recognize that I am very fortunate that my situation allows me to pay the tuition without implementing a financial burden upon myself and my family, and that not all students have this opportunity. Even a 2% or 3% increase in tuition could pose an issue for some students, and I think that if there is any way the tuition could remain the same amount or even be lowered, that every possible avenue should be explored by those in charge of finances at UBC to better help their students, and ensure that everyone is being given the best opportunity that UBC has to offer. Thank you.</p>

As a graduate student, my tuition is generally covered by my funding and so tuition isn't something I'm particularly worried about as long as the university scales up the relevant awards related to covering graduate tuition.

I'm not happy about the increase to mandatory FEES though. These are quite expensive across the variety of different things we're expected to pay into as a students and this is not covered by any kind of support/funding. I think there needs to be discussion between the university, student organizations that charge us fees, and other stakeholders on this point. Graduate students seem to end up paying into a lot of things that we never use or don't need and I think this should be addressed.

I was wondering why the tuition for international students is 7 times the amount for domestic students, given that there is little scholarship for international students. I do understand this is a Canadian university but 7 times is somewhat unfair. I would not complain if is 5 times...

Rate increase seem fair.

I think that bus passes should be optional for mature students though.

How is it fair that the international student fees has increased by 3% when we are continuing here? Anyway, we almost pay 5 times of domestic tuition and this just makes it more expensive. There is no guaranteed housing to the upper year students, hence, housing becomes more expensive too. A strict consideration needs to be taken on the path of the university. The books are also not included in the tuition. This is a ridiculous price hike for no reason.

I think the tuition fee is too high for international students. Many other international students all think so. Thus, hoping UBC can consider lowering the tuition fee, which is really really helpful to release international students' and their families' economic pressures. Thanks.

Truthfully the University should join forces with many other university's and make the government more accountable for education, especially for domestic students. The government is so concerned with their four year plan that it fails to see the big picture, absolutely everything in this country can be started and finished in the field of education. Thereby I say it's the responsibility of the administration to collaborate with other institutes and make possible an alliance of education establishment that carries with it enough clout to sway the government into working for the people again. How can other countries offer free schooling?

Seeing the amount of construction and modernization that is already taking place on campus, I agree with some of the reasons of the increase, but the argument for create world-class infrastructure seems a bit too much. The university can and should pay for good faculty and provide competitive salaries, and compensating for a potential decrease in the purchasing power of the Canadian dollar is an issue, but on the topic of building and renovating I believe UBC should consider delaying such projects or instead invest the money in providing financial aid for low-income student or simply cancel the tuition increase.

The tuition of international students are too high. The school resources are diverse, but the question is do international students can benefit from all of them? For example, well some of my friends and myself are interested in doing coop, but there are many limitations for the international students to work in some areas of studies because we are international students. Since we are paying higher tuition to be educated, shouldn't we receive more support from school program? (like CO-OP program). Also, i don't think international students are privileged to be more benefited from school resources compare to domestic students, so why don't we stop increasing international students' tuition and maybe lower it a bit. I don't mean we should have equal tuition with domestic students, but we should try to minimize the gap. I love UBC, and I love Canada. I value all the things that I learned here. But we are receiving the same education as domestic students, and we need to carry the pressure/stereotype of "rich international students " in a place where we learn what is fairness. This is not only my voice, but also other international students around me, so please take the consideration of international students. Again I love UBC/ Canadian culture, but the tuition does pressure me/us.

Every year there are increases under the guise of improving the school, yet I have not seen anything from these increases in the years I have attended. In addition, parking prices are expensive and they reduced the hours that parking is free and although I know that isn't what these increases are about, I think it shows how administration views the students. It feels like this school has no respect for its students and the continual increases to tuition and fees are reflective of that.

I am sure that I am not alone in this and I can say with certainty that, in the future, I will not be "proud" of the university I graduated from, I will think of it as a time where I was treated like a source of income and not a part of a collective learning environment.

I don't understand why we have a continual tuition and fee increase and still don't see an improvement in WiFi. Hmm. Sucks when you don't see the fruit of your money. I don't mind having to pay an extra couple hundred dollars but that's from each student which adds up.

You are trying to educate the leaders of tomorrow, you need to be a better example as individuals and an institution.

Be better.

I think it would be beneficial to increase the domestic fees by 5-6% instead of the international fees, as the margin of increase is way higher for international students due to the difference in the existing fees between domestic and international students. Increasing international fees would restrict many students from less developed economies which in turn would lead to loss of diversity, which is already a great problem at ubc (compared to major schools in the states).

Increasing the fees for domestic students wouldn't be much of an issue since canadian salaries allow basically anyone with a job to afford a degree at ubc.

How about making a portion of the tuitions optional for off-campus graduate students?

I, and many like me, am not using any of the facilities on campus, I am not attending any class nor receiving any service from UBC.

Thanks for NOT listening as usual.

Tuition puts thousands of people in debt every single year. Upping tuition prices just seems crazy to me, when we're 18-19 year old people entering the world, trying to get an education. Post-secondary education should be FREE

Undergraduate international students should face a higher increase. Maybe 5% and reduce the increase for domestic students.

<p>The percentage of tuition increases doesn't seem significant, but if we look over time, the tuition for UBC students have increased a long long way. Especially for international students, our tuition is tended to increase more than domestic students while we already pay roughly 10 times the tuition compared to domestic students.</p>
<p>Paying extremely high tuition is not a very big problem, the bigger problem is we don't even know whether our tuitions are used proficiently or not. For example, the water fountain of UBC has been malfunctioned for many many times and never gets fixed once and for all, which is very very time and money consuming. Also, lots of the constructions or maybe decorations like the "Christmas Tree" outside of the AMS Nest really make many people feel like it is not necessary at all.</p>
<p>The increase in tuition is not acceptable if the money we pay is not being used wisely, which looks to me is exactly the case right now</p>
<p>Totally cool as long as financial aid (international tuition assistance/scholarship/aid) is increased along with the tuition.</p>
<p>Tuition should not be increased with inflation. We should strive for a reduction. A free education.</p>
<p>Cost of living is constantly going up in Vancouver but the scholarships/wages available to graduate students at UBC have not. Increasing tuition fees constantly only exacerbates the stress students at UBC are under in trying to make ends meet.</p>
<p>Please STOP increasing domestic tuition and KEEP increasing international tuition. Most international students I have encountered drive luxury cars and live in high rise apartments. The majority of international students it seems can take tuition increases, but domestic students cannot and should not.</p>
<p>If I'm being perfectly honest I think the tuition costs are high enough. It is difficult enough for many students to pay these fees and if you keep increasing these fees you're going to see a decrease in new students because we simply can't afford it.</p>
<p>This tuition increase is completely unnecessary. Students can't afford to live, you have created an economy where more people go to university than don't, and because of that more people are dying with their debt or going homeless or committing suicide because of it.</p>
<p>I don't understand why international students should pay more than they already pay. Local students pay 200 to 300 for a course, but international students pay \$4, 000 for a course. Do you have to pay more because you are an overseas student? There is no reason to increase the cost of tuition without any special circumstances. We are foreign students. We come to Canada for the purpose of studying, and the tuition fee should be used to provide equivalent replacement of study, instead of ten times as much as local students to pay UBC as a cash machine. International students are also students, and their source of income is their parents, given the difficulty of getting a work permit. There's no way for us to increase the tuition-free !</p>
<p>As an American, my primary reason to apply to UBC was due to save money on tuition. Since I was accepted, UBC enrollment services and others have been completely misleading about the scholarships I would received. This, in combination with rising tuition, have led me to be quite frustrated and financially unprepared. Raisin g tuition for continuing international students at this time would definitely further tarnish my view on UBC and decrease the likelihood I recommend it to others.</p>
<p>No</p>

I am not supportive of the tuition increase. This proposal furthers my current feeling of disconnect between the administrative side of UBC and its students. I understand the need to meet the current financial demands, however I get the impression that UBC as a whole has shifted the focus away from providing education and more towards turning out a profit and running a degree-mill.

the tuition and meal plan is too high for international students.

I'm concerned about the tuition increase when and the fees for recreation and such when I barely see any of that being put back into the students. I'm pleased with my residence, and while often maintenance requests are ignored, some of them are taken care of and appropriately handled. The study spaces are clean and nice. I appreciate clean buildings set for students to study in for those outside of residence too. However:

In the B+MM program, we pay a hefty building fee for Sauder for a building we barely use, especially in our undergraduate. Although we contribute to the Sauder building with our fees, we can't even have access to a lot of the study spaces - they require a card only "real Sauder" students get. If we pay for the upkeep, why are we not allowed access?

Buildings like Orchard have a rooftop patio bbq pit that their residents can't even utilize.

So many fees go unexplained or were done without our consent. I'm very sure the majority of students did not care about the mosaic flooring that represented a tree that looks like an oil spill unless you're standing at the top of the Robert H. Lee alumni centre. Even a water slide would have been more appreciated.

Please understand students go into UBC knowing that they will likely spend the rest of their healthy, young years after graduation paying their student loans off. They work their asses off, not being able to rely on parents like the majority of students here, to pay for their rent to go to a school in their home province. A little bit more thought and care would mean a lot.

Stop

I felt like the tuition is becoming very expensive. If UBC wants to encourage future students to come to the school, they should lower the tuition fees so that people can actually afford it without using loans or use too much of their parents money.

If this proposed tuition goes through I would like to request that the president does not get a pay raise and that the tuition increase goes solely to student services, mental health services, and increasing pay for staff (not administrators). Thank you for your time.

it is ridiculous that international student fees are increasing at a rate faster than that of local students. By imposing these increases in cost it is harming the university by deterring the best students from attending UBC as it would be as cost effective for them to attend US and other Canadian institutions.

This tuition increase is natural and reasonable. I do not think I can argue against that. Only problem I see is with the allocation of the tuition.

I think there is still a lot of room for improvements for some of the counseling services. (especially mental health services) I went to drop-in hours twice, first time to the wrong location, second time I was told that they were not taking more students on that day (I went at 1PM). Some key information on the website is hard to follow, the only way you can go for a drop-in hour is getting there early in the morning to book an appointment. But for students like me who is taking 6 courses this term (with morning classes to the afternoon), I barely have any time to spare to go register for drop-in appointments before class. I have not been able to go for a single appointment since then. I do realize that there is an "empower me" hotline, which connects students to counselors through phone calls then arrange appointments for them outside of UBC. But you have to understand that many international students are not extroverts like me, some of them suffer from mental health concerns but would not get help or does not know where to get help due to language or cultural barriers. Therefore, it is even more crucial to provide them with what they need when they voice their needs for it.

Sincerely,

The amount of money that I, as a graduate student, have to pay UBC for tuition and fees is an incredible amount (20% of my income). I personally do not support paying \$100 more for fees for classes that I do not take as a science graduate student, for facilities I largely do not use (except for the bus pass program). I am unable to take a job outside of grad school, and do not see where this money is going to come from. UBC as a whole needs to champion for graduate students to receive a higher stipend so that they can live at in a city like Vancouver, without their mental health being negatively affected by stress from money.

The inflation for the cost of university should consistent with how much inflation actually goes up per year. It is already expensive for students to go to school and if there is a 2% increase for year, that is unsustainable over the long term.

UBC controls:

My tuition

The amount I am paid per TA unit

The amount of the International Partial Tuition Scholarship

Increasing tuition but keeping the International Partial Tuition Scholarship amount and the TA rate constant means the effective increase is more than the quoted 2%.

I have been hit by this every single year I've been here. No one is ever happy about a tuition increase but it does disproportionately effect graduate students and international graduate students, beyond the rates given, because of these factors.

I understand the need to increase student fees but it's already incredibly expensive. My proposal would be to get access to increased funding from the government for domestic students. Also, I don't like that the proposed increase is above 2%. A 2% increase seems reasonable to consider inflation but anything above that goes beyond regular inflation. I understand that costs in Vancouver are going up but your rate should not have to account for that because you are not always inflicted by the Vancouver bubble. Thank you for considering my input.

I do not think fees should be increased for international students as many of them already pay over 70k for a total cost of attendance per year. An increase in tuition this year could lead to further increases as well.

Everything is good, thank you.

Already the tuition fees weigh upon international students are, unfairly, ten times higher than those of domestic students, making it almost discriminating against students traveling overseas to UBC, by not only creating mountainous financial burden but also negative subcontext around them as “the rich” and as targets of hatred, to certain extent.

Now the tuition increase for international students is proposed to be 3% or 4% while domestic students only 2%. Suppose the original tuition proportion between international and domestic students is justly based upon the language and transitional support that UBC provides, the question arises that where the additional 1% or 2% tuition increase for international students is based on. Also the base number of international tuition is already larger than domestic tuition and therefore the percent increase could only result in out of proportion academic cost for the two groups of students.

Moreover we know UBC is a place to cultivate academic excellence and we understand money is essential to create the hotbed for excellence by providing equipments labs and human resources, yet it is also the government’s responsibility to help with high-end research and education as they are the final beneficiary of educated labor, not the students’ entirely. Pessimistically speaking this tuition change may also discourage students, both domestic and international students, from choosing to attend UBC. This will be a loss of bright minds that we all don’t want to see.

So the main argument here is that if the increase of tuition is in all possibilities unavoidable, considering all economic and administrative issues, the tuition increase for international students SHOULD be the same as that for domestic students.

Thank you for being patient with me.

Tuition at UBC is already impossible for me and my friends to pay especially with the cost of residency and the cost of living. It is extremely difficult to afford it now without the prices raising. As full time students my friends have been working full time jobs to save up and multiple jobs over the summer and still have to take out student loans to pay for most of it. My friends can’t afford to live on residence so they wake up at four each day, take transit here for over two hours, go to class, study on the two hour train home only to go to work. My parents and grandparents have been saving up for my education since I was born and it’s still not manageable now. I work over the summer and save everything to come here. I completely disagree with the price increases students should not be punished for the low Canadian dollar or the government we already can’t afford it now.

If you’re trying to increase tuition fees, perhaps you should remove the mandatory fees for sports and the like, as the majority of students don’t care about them at all and would rather the money went towards something useful, instead of upkeep for subpar fitness facilities. Tuition is already extremely high. Raising it again instead of lowering budgets for landscaping and sports is kind of an insult to all the students (except for the HEAT athletes, and they’re clearly all that matter...)

In addition to this, even though we withdrew from the Canadian student union group thing, we are STILL being charged a fee that allegedly goes to them.

If you want more money, maybe try taking a closer look at the fees you’re charging and what you’re using them for, and perhaps be a little more transparent about what the money from all the mandatory fees really goes to support.

You’re treating our education as a business - a way to profit off of thousands of young people who are just trying to get the foundation for a semi-successful life. We all appreciate it sooo much.

It is already absurd with the amount of tuition we have to pay, considering how expensive it is to live in Vancouver. With rent/housing and food costs, we are barely getting by without being loaded with debt, and now there is a tuition increase on top of this. While it is understandable that with the increase in current market pricing, it requires students to pay a bit more. However, some of these costs such as "sustainable, healthy, organic food" cost are luxuries that most students often do not even use due to the fact that pretty much only students who lives on Campus use (and even then they go out to the village H Mart or grocery stores outside campus to buy food that are less expensive while still somewhat organic). I propose we take the budge cut from luxuries such as these to offset the required expenses for the tuition increase.

I do not agree with the tuition increases. I am an out-of-province domestic student and did not receive any scholarships or bursaries this year. I already feel that the tuition fees are too expensive so the only way to mitigate this issue would be to provide more scholarships to domestic students.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nIM8Ak2KuYI>

By raising tuition, UBC supports student debt slavery and increased rates of suicide due to financial stress.

I realize that there are a lot of factors that come into play when it comes to tuition costs and increases. Personally, I find any slight increase in tuition difficult. I work full time throughout school so that I can afford it without going into debt. I am very fortunate to have a well paying job where I get \$24/hour, yet I still find myself barely scrapping by with the cost of living in Vancouver and the high tuition costs of UBC. If I was not able to get a job that is high paying, or if I had other expenses (like supporting a family member for example), I would have no other option but to incur debt to pay for my education.

I think UBC needs to consider the fact that the cost of living in Vancouver is already so high, so having education be just as high (and getting higher) makes a lot of people's lives very difficult and can actually deter some from pursuing their goals in education through UBC.

Something I've learned from having to strictly budget is that every small bit counts so even if 2% doesn't seem like a lot, it adds up and can make a big difference for a lot of people.

All this to say, I am against any increase in the already shockingly high tuition costs.

I think that the fees should be increased by 1% max for domestic because we already pay a lot for tuition.

With the increasing private investment in universities, university tuition has gone up since 1999 past inflation in an unacceptable manner. The University of British Columbia has more money than ever, and yet students are paying far more than they should - for it to accumulate more wealth at their expense. This university is supposed to educate me, not bleed me dry. In the name of accessibility to all, I call for you all to answer NO to increasing tuition costs.

Well I would be pretty sad if I have to pay more than I am already told to at the beginning of the program given that it ignites the topic of transparency. Should you have told us beforehand, I would have it as expected and would not necessarily be cynical about it.

On the counterpart, I also am aware that providing excellence and being the best comes with a lot of effort and improvisation. Hence, if you are transparent about your future goals and discuss openly about it and its implications to students like us, I would probably wanna be convinced.

I understand the increase due to inflation and other costs, but I'm mostly worried for international students. I love the diversity of UBC and BC in general. The new costs seem to impact the international students the most, and they're already paying such extremely high rates. If these rates were to be put in to place, I would hope we are accounting for some drop in international students. Whatever the number may be, we should be wary of the effect it may have on our general diversity of culture and the morale of the remaining international students.

<p>I can understand the tuition increase, but I do not see any real change in improving student's study environment quality. Also, a few of projectors in classrooms do not work properly. I hope to improve where students need to improve in the first place.</p>
<p>The increases seem reasonable.</p>
<p>The MET program seems to be shortchanged on faculty members. Why should we pay this increase to support other department faculty members? A graduate program administered primarily by sessional instructors? In no way can this be considered "attracting exemplary faculty".</p>
<p>International Student fees should not increase so much because our funds come from different currencies which affect our purchasing power. Even if Canadian inflationary policies put pressure on UBC it's not the same for currencies from other countries, especially those that do not have an advantage over CAD like the Euro or USD. It will likely affect more students that come from countries with weaker currencies. Also the cost of educating a student is not uniform across faculties, for instance an Arts Students compared to an Engineering Student. We don't have access to the same resources. So why should we all pay more if the investment on each student varies depending on the program? Additionally, for International Students you have to Budget for the long-costs of your degree especially because you have to demonstrate to Canadian Immigration that you have enough funds. There has already been an increase of 3% for this academic year, and potentially another 3% for next year, by the time of graduation I will be paying 9-12% more on my overall education cost. Also there are less opportunities for funding our studies as international students. In many universities international students get a fixed tuition fee for the duration of their degree.</p>
<p>Will TAs get a raise that corresponds to inflationary pressures?</p> <p>Is the budget of how money is spent open to the public?</p> <p>Are conflict of interests of policy makers declared?</p> <p>Thank you</p>
<p>As a second year international student I am against the increasement of tuition. Before I started my unuversity degree, I had a budget. I am doing my best to follow this budget. Tuition is increasing EVERY YEAR and us (international students), are the most affected. There are few scholarship for us and these type of changes that affect us the most.</p>
<p>I think an increase in tuition fees is absurd. UBC students are already paying among the highest rates in British Columbia. It is becoming more and more out of reach to attend this school for the middle-class. Students who would thrive at UBC may no longer be able to enrol simply because of the costs, that is a terrible reality for most. Increasing tuition fees is simply going to limit students options and eventually result in an escalated amount of drop outs because we cannot afford it.</p>
<p>I disagree with the tuition increase because I believe that continuously raising the price of education makes it harder for many students to get a post secondary education. Instead of education being a right that everyone has access to, it becomes a barrier between those who have money and those who do not. UBC prides itself on diversity, yet it shuts itself off from a large group of people that cannot afford it. Education is not a luxury, it is a necessity in today's society. If our goal is to break the cycles that plague our society (i.e. world poverty), the first step is post secondary education.</p>

<p>Thank you for asking for our feedback! These changes will effect the students' academic performance. A lot of students are not able to cover all the university fees. Education should be attainable and by increasing the tutution fees..it is getting very hard to learn. International students who don't have scholarship are going to suffer extremely. We should work together to find a way to reduce the tuition fees instead of increasing them every year!</p>
<p>The fees are already very high for the directly impacted students mentioned in the proposal. It would seriously affect the budget I have made in order to pursue my studies while juggling with the high cost of living in Vancouver and my family's needs. Please do not make this increase or I will have to consider stopping my studies at UBC.</p>
<p>The education at this university is nowhere near worth the money I am paying. Some of the professors are appalling, and it's inconceivable to me that I have to pay upwards of 3k for their class, amounting to over 20k a year. The scholarship support for international students is horrendous, and now you expect me to pay an extra 4%? Should this tuition increase take place, I would lose all morsels of respect I have for this university. This tuition increase SHOULD NOT happen.</p>
<p>I understood that you need to raise the fees but the difference in the treatment toward domestic and international students is ridiculous.</p> <p>International students already pay about ten times as much as domestic students do, and their tuition is raised at larger percentage. This is simply unfair.</p> <p>UBC is a multicultural university, don't drive students from other countries away!</p>
<p>The fees are already very high for the directly impacted students mentioned in the proposal. It would seriously affect the budget I have made in order to pursue my studies while juggling with the high cost of living in Vancouver and my family needs.</p> <p>My family are going through a lot in order to help me go through my studies. This increase should not include current students. If you want to increase the tuition, increase it for newly coming students. Because they will know in advance not during their studies.</p> <p>Please do not make this increase or I will have to consider stopping my studies at UBC.</p>
<p>The cost of education will increase other various factors increase.</p> <p>International students should always pay more, as they take seats that could go to Vancouverites.</p>
<p>Continuing an education for most individuals already is hard enough. For most people, continuing education is so that they can find a better job in the future. How is that future going to be achieved if institutions continue to increase prices? If people have created a society where going to school is a norm, then why make it harder for individuals to pay for school?</p>
<p>Everyone I know who is a student is stressed about the cost of living. UBC is great. If we satisfactorily cover the cost of upkeep, tuition should not be raised or else the entire student body will be in agony. Take a break from the renovations and improvement. What do you honestly think is a more attractive prospect to prospective students: A swanky residence made entirely out of wood, or, lower tuition? I think the answer is obvious.</p> <p>Please. Lower tuition.</p>
<p>The high cost of this program already potentially prevents this university from attracting the best candidates as other programs are less expensive or provide a stipend. We have not been able to successfully fill all the spots each year. I feel that by increasing the tuition this will worsen and decrease the quality of candidates entering and potentially graduating from our programs.</p>

<p>Increasing tuition for students is always something looked down upon. Its sad that there are so many other countries all over the world where students either pay no tuition or pay minimal tuition and or receive many grants from their governments. Why in Canada and BC aren't they willing to help support students more financially instead of increasing their already expensive tuition costs??</p>
<p>By rising rates for both domestic and international students, the UBC Okanagan campus is becoming to costly. For a young student working part-time at British Columbia minimum wage, it is impossible to afford housing, tuition (and textbooks), car insurance, phone and internet bills, as well as any other basic necessities. I think within the future students and staff need to work on making tuition fees cheaper, and how to reduce alternate costs such as textbooks, and housing.</p>
<p>Good !</p>
<p>I understand that tuition is only increasing because of inflation and a variety of factors, but even a 3% increase in tuition is quite impacting. My parents are barely scraping together the costs of tuition, and my scholarship is only able to help based on the current tuition. However, this is only my personal experience and I cannot speak for other international students.</p>
<p>Even if I understand that tuition increases might be necessary to support infrastructure and research, only increasing international students' tuition by that amount seems unjust. Tuition increases impact more those who have to live from their funding as graduate students and can't really afford life in Vancouver. As a blanket statement, I do not support tuition increase of any kind, but rather more public investment in education.</p>
<p>Is there any improvement in university facility? Why does the tuition fee increase? Any better teaching stuff or academy environment?</p>
<p>I do not support the 3% increase in international tuition.</p> <p>International students already bear an enormous burden to fund UBC endeavors compared to domestic students, who pay about 7 times less. The domestic increase is half of that of incoming international students, and one percent less than current students. Out of fairness I think that the percentage increase should be equal across all students. As an international student, I feel targeted and taken advantaged of.</p> <p>Thank you for your consideration</p>
<p>Please don't raise tuition!</p>
<p>I believe it is highly unfair for institutional students to have tuition fee increased more than domestic students:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Both groups contribute equally to the classes and the UBC community. 2. Tuition fee gap between domestic and international student is already very significant now. Different increase rates will widen the gap further and cause in-equality amongst students. 3. Most of international students come from Asian countries whose currencies are depreciating recently. Higher rate will cause more financial burden to the students. <p>I also have a question that why at UBC we do not set up an endowment fund like what U.S. business schools have been doing. We have great faculty and good students here. If we can raise fund and make return from the investment, we can partly finance for the accelerated costs.</p> <p>Best regards, [...]</p>

It is very unfair to increase the tuition for domestic students by only 2%, but international students at a higher 3% rate. With the current international fees already 7 times the domestic fees, the increase is going to make it much harder for people from poorer nations to afford, which defeats the purpose of education for all. I believe the increase in tuition fees should be consistent for each group of students, at 2%.

Just wondering why the tuition increases are even across the board for faculties- when in fact some students inherently already pay more due to technology etc. As a Sauder student I pay extra Henry Angus Building Fees as it stands right now. How is this fair?

I understand the price increase, but then why does it have to be EVERY year? Aren't there other ways to fund money into UBC, without increasing the student's budget for a higher education? No, this is not an educated/ informed response. But as a student who is paying for their own tuition, there are already so many little fees included within the tuition that I don't even use such as the bike shop. Can't other people who actually use the bike shop pay for that themselves, instead of charging everyone? The fact that it is expensive enough to get into UBC and stay year after year, doesn't help my motivation to contribute money into UBC as a future alumni. Overall I think no matter what, the price of tuition will go up regardless of whatever is written here. Due to the price of living increasing, and the notion that UBC is a Top-Notch school, the demand for maintaining the best faculty and facilities will outweigh the resources (money). So as a result as long as people keep on wanting to get into UBC, the higher the tuition can increase since they will pay no matter what to get into the "best school". Well done, supply and demand.

This increase in tuition is going to continue to make education unaffordable to so many people.

In my opinion, international student fees are too high. Such prices for an education (already being so much higher than those for domestic students) will become prohibitive for prospective learners before long. I think that opportunities should be made more equal if UBC is indeed to advertise itself as welcoming to all students.

I fear that if you continue to raise tuition you will no longer have students. A \$1500 increase for international students seems like it would be prohibitive for most. I worry that UBC's reputation as a multicultural and international campus will be sacrificed in the name of profit. Though the reasons for this increase are noted, many of them do not seem to merit this much of an increase. Please investigate other ways to save money before you continue this never-ending tuition increase.

Thanks for considering my response.

I am actually a medical resident but I do feel like it's unfair that we are charged tuition let alone a tuition increase.

As an international student and a student in a Science program, I sincerely hope UBC to consider the financial burdens on us if the tuition fee continues to increase. The tuition fee is causing me and my friends from China to seek for part time jobs during the summer breaks and even during the winter terms. This makes us feel even more tiring in such a competitive university. Even if the increase in tuition fee is unavoidable due to so many reasons, please do not differentiate us from the Canadian students. Please rise the tuition fee by same percentage. Please be fair to us. We spend more time studying the same material and there are Canadian students choose to annoy their fellow classmates at class. And we have to pay more tuition every year to help educate them. I have no means to offend, but the reality is truly unfair to some of us.

Thanks for your consideration for my feedback.

Could the university not consider scaling back its administration costs as a way to meet its budget constraints instead of placing the burden on the students?

Personally I think UBC should reconsider the 4% increase of tuition fee for international students. International students already have higher tuition fees than the domestic students. In addition, they have to pay for the rent and residence fee instead of living at local homes. For me, the expense to study at UBC is really a large amount. Apart from this, to keep a good academic standing in UBC, I can't spend too much time on doing part-time jobs. I think increasing the tuition fee every year may be a great burden to students who could have completed study in UBC but have to quit because of finance reason. I acknowledge that it requires a lot of money to better our university and run it well, but I do think UBC should reduce the increasing percentage of tuition fees for international students and maybe as well as domestic students. If we must increase the percentage of our tuition fee I hope UBC can provide awards and scholarships for more international students Because most of us and not eligible to Canada, British Columbia or local awards.

Sincerely

Potentially UBC should focus less on aesthetics and more on what goes on inside of the classrooms. Maybe not. I do understand economics are an issue here, what with the Canadian dollar and all, but a large number of your domestic and international students already feel the sting of university costs. Although an argument could be made that the money goes a long way in helping to provide the quality of education that we receive (a quality which I do recognize), I think a better argument could be made that shifting the costs onto the people who attend the university and not on the people who manage it/make decisions involving it is neither an adequate nor an appropriate response. Maybe ask the municipal/provincial government for some financial aid, subsidies, or what have you (I am sure one of Canada's star universities could make a good case for itself and its value) but I don't believe it is fair to ask the students to shoulder these costs, particularly without any indication that other potential avenues have been explored/tried out. Even as a self-paying, loan possessing, working class member of Canadian society I can acknowledge that the increase for us domestics is not very much in the span of a year, but a cut to one of us is still a cut to us all. Regardless of their situations, I don't feel it fair to increase tuition on international students when it is already so high. The only thing I could think of that would be used to justify this raise in tuition is as an argument, on the university's part, that only by doing this can we reduce the increase on domestics. In any case, I would disagree with this analysis as this only serves to divide the students, who are already struggling enough as it is. I think there are bigger pockets (right in the heart of the university, no doubt) that could be raided before giving the student body yet another shakedown. We should be moving towards high quality, affordable education and not away from it!!! Let UBC be a pioneer in tuition reduction and in showing the world that a top quality, world class education is possible in Canada and that we can achieve that not off of the backs of the students, but from the people who have already had the opportunity to benefit from quality (and no doubt more affordable) education! These people are living examples of what a quality education can do for someone and they should be working to make access to this kind of education more, not less available.

If you're going to raise tuition rates to get better faculty, please make sure that the faculty actually care about teaching students well/can teach well. It is a waste of our dollars as students if we have to pay more and can't get a good education.

These fee increases sound reasonable. I understand that costs for maintaining a staff of teachers and administration have to be kept in line with competitive salaries. I also realize that campus developments and other projects of that nature are expensive and, of course, the campus must be modernized and maintained. However, I would also point out that these fee increases illustrate who is, at least partially, paying the bills for running the university. As such, this highlights the importance of student experience and feedback about university matters like the priorities of the university going forward, quality of teaching, transportation, housing, and many other topics. I do not feel that student experience is excellent. University priorities need to be evaluated with student consultation, transportation needs improvement, quality of teaching is lacking in many areas. While I agree with fee increases to fund the university, I think that more could be done to improve student experience.

<p>The tuition increase isn't optimal, and I'm not really seeing how we the students get anything out of it other than more debt.</p>
<p>Due to the amount of students enrolled, the quality of my education has gone down. Parking (which is already quite the scam) is incredibly hard to access now and finding a computer lab with an available computer is almost impossible. UBCO says it spends money retaining profs but yet let two of their best go last year because there was no shortage of better offers.</p> <p>If UBCO wants to charge me more for a lower quality of education, I would rather transfer my credits and pay that extra money to someone else.</p>
<p>I am NOT in favour of the proposed tuition increase.</p>
<p>I understand the financial pressures faced by UBC. But at the same time, I feel UBC does not understand or empathize with the burden of huge cost of international tuition. Coming from a low income country, it is very difficult for my parents to fund my education at Seven times the cost of a domestic student. Every year UBC increases tuition so what is the point of constructive feedback if we, the students don't see its impact.</p> <p>It is my humble request to the senate and board of governors to deeply consider the burden of increasing tuition every year on international students like me</p>
<p>I do not support increasing school fees. They are already extremely high and yet class sizes are astronomical. Stop focusing on research and focus on the learning on students, and preparing them for the future. Too many professors don't care about the students and focus only on their research.</p>
<p>Absolutely should not raise tuition. Tuition for international students is already way too expensive. For international students who are not in the top 10% and not be able to get a scholarship, life is tough. Not to mention international students are not able to get student loans. Cannot accept an increase. If you really have to, please consider increasing tuition for domestic students. No discrimination here, but just stating the fact for international students.</p>
<p>I chose to attend UBC because I could afford it and it was a top tier school. I was accepted into schools University of California Berkeley as well as University of California Los Angeles. Both schools located in the state I live in and am a citizen of. Even with domestic tuition to these other top tier schools (ranked higher than UBC), I was unable to afford it because of living costs and more importantly, tuition. While considering the exchange rate, UBC is cheaper for me to attend overall. When I transferred into Sauder this year, courses became so expensive, I debated whether or not I had to drop out of school to save money and pursue a different route. If the tuition continues to raise I will not be able to afford school anymore. It's hard enough to pay the current price of tuition so I ask you to consider not raising the current price or at least decreasing the current percentage increase. I would prefer not to have to explore other options in my university education. Thank you for listening and feel free to contact me in any way concerning my views on this matter.</p>
<p>Please do not raise the tuition rates - all this is going to do is hurt the poorer people in this city who are having problems with housing. Please think deeply before raising the tuition.</p>
<p>I think the increase in percentage of fees should be equal on both national and international students so that it wouldn't be a pressure to both students and the university.</p> <p>Thank you.</p>
<p>Tuition increases: NO THANK YOU... the fees are already quite high and the relevancy of degrees in the workplace is being questioned....</p>

Of course, inevitable lack of money is to be fought with, and one might think that the way to do it is to increase the tuition. But did we consider alternative routes? Are there other ways to do it without putting more pressure on students who will end up with bigger loans or will have to work while studying? Is it possible, for example, to attract investors from business / government companies who be interested in hiring UBC alumni in the future? Or somehow involve companies into the educational process, e.g. have sort of a contract that some students may work there for a period of time in the future to cover for the cost company will assist to university. At least, this will increase collaborations and involve students into real work, where they can directly apply their knowledge. Rudely speaking, instead of working in a coffee shop to get 'a real work experience' after studies, it would be much better to invest this time in education and later devote the time for using the knowledge students gained at university.

It is hard to disagree that salaries of faculty and staff should be higher. But why salaries of administration staff at academic institutions (unfortunately, UBC is not an exemption) should be higher or even comparable to those of professors? Professors are the leaders in science. They lead the society to breakthroughs of today and future, so why are people in administration positions should be paid a comparable salary? Even a postdoctoral fellow could be an irreplaceable and key member of the scientific laboratory, while if we hire the other research administrator he / she will do the same job. All of us know that typical postdocs earn less than admin staff. Who is more important for the future of the society: a creative thinker, expert in high-technology or an administrator? Of course, this is not to say that administrators are not important: they are very helpful for running the system. But instead of having 5 of them, please, do find a really good one, who would even have a salary of 2 people, but will do a work of 5. Efficiency is the most important.

As an example of an inefficient bureaucratic system let us be frank and point at any safety committee. It is so, so, so difficult to get through the system these days. There is a clear need for restructuring and simplification of this system. If we cut unnecessary staff in half, we could even save money. Like every time when I see people holding 'stop/slow' signs at UBC or other Vancouver roads, a question in my mind pops up: do that road fixing company really needs to pay them \$13/hour just for this? Such a high minimum wage does not do a profit for budget of the company. Coming back to the comparison of salaries of scientists and administrators, most graduate students are even cheaper labour 'per hour' than those 'stop/slow' sign holders.

Surely, there are positive sides of higher tuition: amazing gym, a new swimming pool, a new sub; clean, neat and beautiful UBC campus, new buildings, dorms, study spaces etc.

Thank you for taking your time to read such a verbose comment, I hope it was useful.

Tuition and rent increases at the government maximum of 2% to adjust for inflation, but what of wages? It's becoming unreasonable to be a student.

The justification for increase sounds realistic.

What is a reason why there is a difference in an increase of international and domestic students?
2 percent vs 4 percent?

Proposing a fee hike in the middle of the program is very unfair. As you know, the fees are already very high for the directly impacted students. As an international student, I have had to make numerous budgeting adjustments and sacrifices before I even decided that I was financially capable to apply for and accept the UBC program. While I understand the need to adjust for inflation and rising costs, I do not think it is acceptable to do this to current students. Increase it for future students and make it clear before application even opens; then the potential candidates can consider and decide for themselves if they are capable of committing to UBC. As a student who takes pride in making sure my payments are always on time, this sudden proposal to increase tuition honestly feels like a betrayal. With utmost sincerity, I urge you to reconsider.

I have an MD from the University of British Columbia, and while I am thankful the average MD is in over 200,000 of debt. We then carry that debt into residency where we are paid below minimum wage if hours per week are taken into account. This significantly impacts our choice of residency and medical practice, but also sets up physicians for poor financial health and inability to save for retirement well until training is done. This is not to mention during residency training, having to pay for liability insurance, disability insurance and several exams. Licensing exams are thousands of dollars are held in Ottawa.

Overall, if tuition could be made more affordable, as always, it would be much appreciated. At this point, with a young cousin also considering medicine, I will be steering her towards engineering, pharmacy, or dentistry where one is working at the end of four years and needn't pay interest payments on student loans that were once there to help out but at the end of medical school become another monthly payment you just can't cover on top of housing costs here in Vancouver.

Sincerely,
one of thousands of debt-ridden medical trainees

This is completely absurd. For my masters of 2 years I am already paying double of what other programs cost and have no options for bursaries. If you want to increase the tuition for your undergrads go ahead but this should be established prior to acceptance of our offer to go to this school. The amount we pay for infrastructure that will never benefit me is already ridiculous.

I understand the need for tuition hikes, I don't disagree with it because I know that it's the reality of operating a massive university institution. However, as a student at the Okanagan campus, I don't believe that we should experience the same increase as the student from Vancouver. We are a much smaller campus, and honestly I have never seen any infrastructure improvements being done around here that would justify our tuition increases. As a student who ends up paying 2% more every year, I don't feel that I'm receiving 2% more out of my educational experience. Give me a physical, tangible example of why my tuition is going to be more expensive, and I won't question it.

I think it doesn't make sense to increase the tuition too much. International students are already paying much higher than domestic students.

Part of what I feel makes this university special is the phenomenal faculty and staff. If a small increase in my tuition is going to keep or improve that then I would pay it.
Other than that, not cool.

As an international student I have to pay a lot of money in UBC, which is like 5 times more than the domestic student. I suggest, in terms of increasing the tuition fees for both domestic and international students, the percentage increase of international student tuition should be much lower than that of domestic students.

IF UBC wants to get better feedback they should specify where mostly the new tuition hikes are going. UBC has listed several things that are increasing costs but we are not sure who costs most. I do not support spending money on infrastructure on buildings that are relatively okay. Also how come UBC never proposes to ever lower tuition. that would be helpful once in a while. I do not support raising student fees on professional and graduate students because we pay way more than the regular undergraduates already.

Domestic students should not have any tuition increase.
International undergraduates could perhaps have a 4.5% increase to offset this.

It is not fair for international students to pay such high increase on tuition considering they have already paid a lot more than what domestic students paid. The university should consider not all international students are rich, and it is not fair for them to accept considering they have already received the rules on their first year.

Please don't raise tuition. Thanks

Don't do that! International students already pay so much money. I even thought about dropping university because of tuition (I'm pretty sure a lot of us were considering this way) and the only reason I didn't do that is my father. It wouldn't make your situation better if you increase tuition fee.

By the way, not all of us are "crazy rich Asians" who can spend thousands \$ in one day. Please think about us as well! Don't forget that international students are also one of the reasons you are a top university (since most of the ranks look at how many foreign students at university). It's already difficult to get a degree and it gets worse when you are thinking about all the money pay for it.

I believe it would be nice to have these things grandfathered in. When someone is looking at doing post secondary, they do so with a budget in mind, by raising tuition you are not just affecting students but their families as well and in some cases making post secondary schooling unattainable. I understand wanting to be able to have/keep the best professors, but if you led the way and this was standard practice it would make things better, not just for UBC students, but all post secondary students.

I appreciate the fact that the university has rising costs each year, but I believe that tuition is already very expensive and difficult to afford for a majority of students... I commute from 2 hours away in order to try and minimize the overall costs of my degree. If tuition continues to rise I believe that UBC will be making it increasingly hard, and potentially even impossible for students to enrol. UBC should be doing everything it can to decrease the costs placed on its students (tuition, fees, etc). I do not agree with rising tuition.

Please don't increase tuitions

This year there are more students on campus but tuition is not reflecting the increased demand of larger class sizes and/or more competition for desired courses. Instead of decreasing tuition to accommodate, there is a proposal for increases. There has been construction on parking lots, and fewer parking spots as a result. I have several times looked for over half an hour for a place to park (I travel from Lumby, 75 minutes away from campus) daily. I have waited in lines for food for over half an hour. I have wandered the campus looking for somewhere to study, with the library, collegium, all tables in arts fills, no empty classrooms to use, for over an hour. Why should I pay more to attend this campus when it does not even meet my basic needs?

Please read our comments and consider our suggestions if UBC wants feedback from students. Increasing the tuition is "cruel" news for me actually. Most of the international students didn't come from a rich family. The reason for tuition increases is the financial pressure school faced. But increasing tuition would bring problems for the students. Please be more considerable. Thank you

Some international students are really struggling with the finance!!!!!!

I do not support the tuition increase because domestic students already pay an incredible amount of money, let alone the unfair discrepancy between how much more international students pay and how much we pay. I believe that tuition should instead be lowered and allow for people of lower socio-economic backgrounds have the same access to education that we have.

Hello,

I think that tuition is too expensive already, especially for specialty degree programs. What is our money going to now? You have all of these proposals that sound good on paper, but what will that actually mean for the students. More corporate housing that student can't afford? Less green space? More expensive food? More green-washing (things that make the campus look green, but doesn't actually help the environment)? I don't think UBC needs more buildings. The campus needs to become more sustainable and actually environmentally friendly. I don't know if our input will have an affect. I am concerned that you are asking for our input to placate us, however, I'm sure tuition prices will increase anyways, as they have every other year. UBC is supposed to be an inclusive place, but who can actually afford to go to UBC? Definitely not everybody, only the elite. Look at the cars in the parking garages, mainly very nice cars because the people that can afford to go to this school already have more than enough money and are going to UBC for the prestige. UBC is a great school, but it is limited to the elite and is not the environmentally friendly school it pretends to be.

Thanks

I do not support the tuition fee increase.

I feel like inadequate detail was provided to justify the need for increase in already high student fees.

Students in professional health degrees are already paying a lot of money. I in pharmacy and paying \$20,000 a year. Every other student who is paying regular domestic fees won't think 2% is a lot but for us, 2% is \$400 dollars. That amount can buy us almost 200 cups of small coffee and that is almost 2 terms worth of daily coffee. Do you really want to take away money for coffee from students who study 8+ hours daily?

What an awful idea. The fees are already very high (and higher than average Canadian university fees) for the directly impacted students mentioned in the proposal. It would seriously affect the budget I have made in order to pursue my studies while juggling with the high cost of living in Vancouver. Please do not make this increase or I will have to consider stopping my studies at UBC.

UBC should be considering other avenues of revenue, ie scaling back on advertisement, or better planning of resources with regards to construction projects instead of making students pay a steeper price for an education and their future.

Graduate students' income is not rising that much. Doesn't make sense to do this.

We already have a terrible quality of life living in Vancouver with a grad student income, don't make our life worse than what it is right now.

I have been studying at UBC for over 4 years now, every time you send out these surveys I respond but nothing has changed ever. Please, please, please care about our life just once.

I definitely disagree with this increasing of the fee. Vancouver is an expensive city comparing to other cities in Canada, while the scholarships and assistantships are as same as other universities. It is not fair to increase the University fees.

Thanks

it's kinda expensive

An increase in domestic tuition is fine, but pressing international students for even more money is excessive. Although spending on faculty and research is promising and important, allocating even more money to construction of unnecessary buildings strikes me as a terrible use of money and completely delegitimizes asking for more money. Why do we need more buildings? Focus should be on maintenance and preservation rather than aimless construction (as an Arts student even I think that the Arts student centre is a total waste of money, space, and energy). Squeezing more money out of students shouldn't be UBC's first instinct and random construction for purposes of image continues to destroy our campuses intense natural beauty.

You're unnecessarily asking for more money out of students already facing financial troubles, offering halfhearted assistance for an issue you're creating, and utilizing that money for overhyped construction of unneeded facilities while ignoring existing and sorely undermaintained facilities (i.e. MATH and HENNINGS). At the same time destroying what little natural beauty is left within the campus.

When an offer is granted for a international student should be honored by the university. Since we cannot have an income with the same raise it feels unfair that international tuition increment that much. I understand any organization has needs and budgets affecting the cost of tuition but it is not clear to me how this will benefit my success ir what changes will be applied with the extra money.

Tuition is already extremely expensive and subsidized by the government. It shouldn't be becoming more expensive for students. If it is required to become more expensive, students should have more access and more input in where the money is going, whether that be better facilities etc.

I do not support a tuition increase. Tuition amounts already burden students with large amounts of debt. Increasing tuition will cause hardship to students.

Please do not increase the tuition

I am not in favour of the tuition and fee increases for domestic students. Students should not have to worry about if they have enough money for rent and food or if they will pay their tuition and fees. Maybe look at the numerous employees being paid a salary in excess of \$150,000 and/or claiming thousands of dollars in expenses and re-evaluate where the needed money is coming from; these people could afford a wage freeze for a few years.

The tuition fee for the international student is too high if the fee increase 2%.

With the growing domestic and international graduate student community at the UBC Okanagan campus and the lack of available tuition waivers or funding opportunities for continuing and excelling international students, I feel that we are disproportionately taxed in terms of tuition and fees. Especially in comparison with services and waivers available to students on the Vancouver campus, there is a growing discontent among international (and to some extend domestic) graduate students in the thesis-based Master and Doctoral programs. Since the College of Graduate Studies does not have the means to facilitate our needs as they are bound by institutional rules and a conservative senate, myself and other students from different departments will organize and start establishing a union to advocate for our needs. This is the rhetoric behind my definite displeasure regarding increased tuition and a lack of support for International students who are working their hardest as teaching assistants and research assistant, but still have to life with an income under the B.C. minimum due to tuition weight in financial (in)security.

Decrease the tuition of international students and increase the tuition of domestic students because this will encourage more international students to study at UBC, which dramatically increases the diversity of UBC. As we all know, diversity matters!

After a quick review I must say I am concerned about the following:

- Are all of the plans for infrastructure upgrades necessary?
- While the infrastructure upgrades are of course nice, as a new student to UBC they do give the impression that UBC is a place for the rich and privileged rather than regular students from lower income backgrounds
- Without representation from the poor and marginalized on campus, in classrooms, the institution becomes a reflection of the elite, rather than educating people of all ranks of society.
- By educating people at all levels of income and societal rank. all of society benefits. Tuition hikes and the cost of living know Vancouver prevent this further from happening.
- I do apologize if I missed this point if stated but I did not see any objectives around investing in advocacy at the Federal and Provincial levels for increased funding to education so that tuition fees can return to more inclusive rates (or become free) for all people (Canadians and International students alike).
- My observation of political climates worldwide is that increased income and education disparity equals increased societal instability and opens up society for populist and fascist influences.
- Please consider your role as an actor of peace in our local and global political environments.
- Consider stabilizing and reducing tuition even if the pretty buildings have to wait.

To whom this may concern,

Hello and thank you for allowing your students to be involved in such a big decision. I probably will voice the popular opinion amongst the students and say I disagree and would not like this tuition proposal to go through. As an International Student, it is already difficult for me to pay such tuition. They are pricy, and definitely the service fees add up the total costs in Winter Term 1. Furthermore, there is a small range of Scholarships for International Students. International Students are constantly being demanded more for admissions. Whether it be qualifications, or tuition. I do support your application process and think you are doing a great task at accepting the best students to receive the best education, but as an International Student I know that I must give up a lot to be at UBC. Also, as word of mouth, some professors on campus are not putting the best effort they can to educate their students. So for us to pay more money, and receive professors who wont put their best efforts towards us, is hard. I would very much be interested in this proposal/project as to see what happens. Maybe if International Students tuition went up by 2% as well, some wouldn't mind. However, due to the general circumstance, International Students paying more, deserve a better tuition proposal, or to maintain the current tuition. If changes were to be made to tuition, then let it be that continuing international students not have their tuition increase. They come to UBC with a set number in mind, for it to not change. If it were to change, many would have to seek more financial aid opportunity or maybe even transfer schools.

Thank you for giving my thoughts a listen. Hope to get updates on this proposal.

[...]

The tuition for international students has already been so expensive! Please stop increasing!!!
It keeps increasing every year regardless of how students opposing it.
Many people fill in this form every year to oppose the increase but the tuition keeps on going up so what's the meaning for us to type and fill in the form but our opinions are not considered??
The tuition for one credit is almost \$1100 for my major which is over expensive plus I have to pay many other bills for living in Vancouver.
Stop increasing the tuition PLEASE!!!!

After reviewing the proposal, I believe that the 2% increase for domestic students is reasonable. However, it is quite difficult for many people to be able to make up that extra \$100/year due to the increasing costs of a university as large as UBC. I believe it would be in everyone's best interest to come up with a way of increasing the cost of tuition less while still being able to maintain costs for the university.

Hi Sir/Madam or to whom it may concern,
As per the proposed 2% increment of Tuition Fees for 2019-20, my suggestion is to go ahead.
But, apart from the increment of staff and faculty payments along with the tuition please consider the salary of the graduate students, especially in those programs who have to pay their tuition from their salaries. These salaries are meager and essentially means living for international students on a paycheck to paycheck basis (It means, without a month's salary we don't have enough money from previous months to pay for our life). Living in a city like Vancouver requires a sky-high living cost and as a graduate student, I feel, I need a higher payment for the same reasons you want to increase tuition viz. inflation and increasing living cost.
I would like to thank the administration to ask for an anonymous feedback in this regard and hopefully, all sides will be heard and a justifiable decision will be taken.
Sincerely,
Anonymous,
Ph.D. Candidate, UBC

I personally don't think that there should be any more tuition hikes. It feels like there is an increase every year...

An increase in tuition, even by the small percentages noted in the 2019/2020 consultation, would create serious financial challenges for students. As a graduate student, the current tuition rates of approximately \$1300/class is already a challenge for me personally. There is a lack of graduate financial aid available. This is especially true for the program I am enrolled in, rehabilitation science, which makes the financial aspect of graduate school even more difficult. Very nearly did I have to withdraw from the class I am currently enrolled in this semester due to financial challenges. While I do not live in the Vancouver area, it is a similar situation in Calgary, Alberta. The cost of living is increasing and as someone with a single income it is becoming more of a challenge. I do hope that I will be able to financially complete the master's of rehabilitation science program on the timeline that I have planned; but, that is quite unpredictable at this time. An increase in tuition would likely delay my ability to do so.

The tuition for international students is too expensive, and it will make students to become unaffordable for some essentials like buying textbooks and renting dorms if they live far away from campus. It causes a lot of inconvenience to them and it affects their studies and experiences in UBC.

I disagree with the justification that in order to maintain competitive salaries and keep in line with employer health benefit packages for staff and faculty, the university must resort to increasing student tuition.

Considering that faculty hiring processes at ubc favor research backgrounds over teaching ability, it seems nonsensical to request this investment on behalf of undergraduate students, as they are perhaps the group of stakeholders least likely to benefit from the goal of "academic excellence".

For domestic students, a 2% increase doesn't affect us too much but international students already pay 10 times more money than domestic people and an increase of 3% is so wrong to do them. Education is already so expensive, they're also paying for their residence and food!!!! It's quite obvious that the university and the government like to make money off of international students but its a bit unfair to them I believe.

UBC tuition is very expensive and the increasing rate is unreasonable. How much of that money goes to the professors anyways? In addition, does our feedback even help change anything? The tuition fee will skyrocket anyways.

This proposal is not a good idea. Continuing undergraduate students' tuition shouldn't be increased, it should be same as their first year!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

I would like to see all undergrad international student fees increase by 4% while international graduate research and professional graduate fees should be limited to a 2% increase (instead of the proposed 2-4%). Graduate work is vital to humanity, and many (if not all?) students who come to UBC for graduate studies are there for a very specific reason/opportunity. Limiting the increase to 2% for all graduate areas can help cost down for new graduate students.

I appreciate the efforts you are making to support students and retaining exemplary faculty, building and supporting world class infrastructure etc. I think increasing tuition fees is in the right direction as inflation pressures increases the cost of everything each year. However, inflation pressures also affects parents, guardians etc. It will therefore be appreciated if the proposed percentages could be decreased by half.

Oh my god! Please do not increase! It is already expensive enough especially for we international student especially for we international Sauder student! I have to do lots of part time jobs so that I can help release financial burdens of my family! My family also do lots of jobs to support me studying here! Please! DO NOT INCREASE! It is already expensive! Too expensive!!

The tuition fee is so high right now, and it makes me so worried about failing the courses because that means nearly 4000 dollars is being wasted.

I understand that fee hikes are important -- inflation, currency shifts, economy, etc. On that point, no problem. However, UBC needs to decide on a cap to how many students it should have; and that cap should probably be somewhere less than where it's at now. Unrestrained growth just to be solvent is... problematic.

Fewer students means less revenue, but it also means less wear and tear on facilities, less of a housing crisis on campus, less need for constant construction, smaller class sizes, and probably other things that I'm not seeing.

On top of that, to balance out the rising costs, UBC needs to start pushing things like Open Access and Open Educational Resources (OER) a whooole lot more. I know there's this perception that students are a source of income, but students here at UBC -- actual human beings -- are forced to consider: do I eat dinner, or do I buy a textbook?

The research is pretty sound: when students don't buy textbooks, their marks suffer. But it's also pretty sound about this: when students don't eat, their marks and overall well-being suffer. BC is SUCH a huge center of development for open curriculum, and the University could do so much more to support UBC Library in making OER become a widespread thing than it is.

While we're talking about the library... Considering that one of the provosts or deans or VP's or whoever just came in and took a bunch of space out of Koerner that was going to be for the actual benefit of grad students, a lot of us are feeling pretty jilted toward UBC's leadership. We know you aren't going to give that space back, and we're mad about that -- not in the least because the way it played out, the Library was left facing the angry mobs who thought that it was their idea to take the space away.

That's rude, and frankly, sleazy. Libraries already have a heck of a time getting folks to understand all of the actually radical things they do, so when VP Whatever can't even own up to being the cause of the problem, ugh. Gross. Grad students do talk to each other (and to undergrads) about these things.

I understand that tuition needs to go up with inflation, but please stop raising fees. There are so many fees, the majority of which have no benefit to me! Please stop raising them, they are excessive enough as it, and should be heavily reduced not increased.

Secondly the tuition raise for international students is unjust, they should be paying a fair amount not hundreds of thousands of dollars for a degree. All excessive tuition for international students does is inhibit middle class people from around the world from coming to and studying at UBC. We need diversity of all kinds, not simply the children of super wealthy elites.

Tuition fees should not be increased. It is already hard enough for students to meet the financial demands of a university education and all the other self-needs and care demands present.

As an out of province student, I realized that there were a lot of additional fees; given we did have them back home but it seemed like a significant amount more. To me, the additional fees may be necessary to fund certain things but it would be easing to actually see what the fees are being used for, rather than seeing it leave my bank account.

As the cost of living out here is already higher than what I am used to, the increase in tuition fees were also a hit that I was not quite expecting. It would be more reasonable to lower/maintain tuition fees at a reasonable price for the sake of the students attending. Everyone knows students (usually) have minimal money to begin with and sometimes cannot afford the time to work concurrently. As a prestigious school, they should not have to worry about filling academic spots as the name itself sells the school. The money will come alone based off application prices and the tuition fees from over 60,000 students has to be substantial enough that they do not need to continue to increase prices.

Side note: seems ironic how quality of life is higher in institutions across seas (Europe) and they have free education...

the fee is a little high

Even now, tuition for international students are quite expensive, as a result many competent students hesitate and stop to study abroad. This tuition increase should result in decreasing the education level.

Please, I plead on behalf of myself and other international students that are not on any kind of funding source or scholarship other than that of our parents, that this increase in tuition wont be fair on our parents, because they know the actual amount of tuition installment due which they are working towards meeting up with. Telling them about the increase in tuition for example 2-4% of my tuition (am doing a professional masters degree) wont be fair at all to them. Please, have compassion on us. I was not even eligible for the \$3200 for international students because of my professional masters degree. Please, pity the international students. Thank you

Tuition increases serve to make education inaccessible for more people. The university continues to offer superfluous services to students which greatly increase the financial demands on the university which is in-turn passed onto students. The university should offer less non-academic services to students in order to lower costs.

The cost of attending UBC as an international student is significant and ever increasing, and UBC's focus on driving up the price of international tuition allows only students from wealthy families abroad to be able to attend this university (international scholar funding aside.) This limits the university's potential by excluding qualified candidates, and exacerbates economic inequality. A different strategy for UBC would be to tighten up admissions standards and focus on the quality of students it admits to the university (with acknowledgement of different educational opportunities available to students from different economic class.) In the long run, vibrant, driven, and quality students from diverse backgrounds will do far more to build UBC reputation and expand the donor basis than making UBC an exclusive privilege of wealthy foreign students. The University should do more to balance the tuition increase between foreign and domestic students. A lower percentage increase on an initially lower tuition (for domestic students) results in much smaller cost increase than a higher percentage increase on an initially higher tuition (for international students).

I understand the reasons for international students to pay more than domestic students, particularly at a public university. However, I fail to understand why the tuition rate for international students needs to increase at twice the rate as the tuition for domestic students. This seems like an unsustainable model. How is it justified?

It is just fine.

I think this is a very bad idea. Student tuition is already extremely high for international students like me. Also, Indonesian currency is in a pretty bad place and getting worse, so the impact of increasing the tuition just by a little bit is huge. Please don't do this.

The tuition fee for international students is too high, which may only attract students who have enough money instead of attracting intelligent students! some of my classmates in my high school, who are really intelligent and smart and outstanding, but they have no chance here because they think tuition fees are too high to afford. Also, there should be some dorms for international students, because they are difficult to find the house off campus. Sincerely

Not only it's expensive to live in Vancouver, but you also increase the tuition fees. It's amazing how you endebt students even more and you then ask for feedback. Bold. All I see in UBC is investment in new infrastructure, nothing else.

Tuition fees also include a bunch of stupid and extremely unnecessary payments and subscriptions that nobody asked for, that are mandatory and that are not mentioned in the website when one is considering studying in this university. They can add up to \$1000 more or so and 90% of them are useless.

My guess? you probably don't need more money. The "inflationary pressure and many other factors" sounds like massive bullshit. This institution just wants more money to invest in what, a nice building?

If you want to slowly reduce the spectrum of students that will come here, UBC will slowly stop being "a place of mind" but a place of debt.

It's nice that you have informed all of the students about this increase in tuition, I understand why and I get it but I'm already have a hard time paying for it since I'm not eligible for most students loans and bursaries, etc. If you have a way to make more of those possible (mainly scholarships and bursaries) as a way to compensate I think it would be great.

Although it is unfortunate, I understand and have read through the causes of the increased tuition. I appreciate the given notice to inform all students. However, as a student living away from home and being in an expensive program such as Dental Hygiene, it is discouraging to continue an education at UBC. I chose this institution for not only its stellar reputation but also because its costs were reasonable. After this, I am concerned of overpaying for education that is more affordable elsewhere. Since there is nothing I can do to prevent this from happening, I suggest more financial resources such as additional bursaries or scholarships that are more accessible to various students. Without students, there would be no need for this institution so please keep the financial needs of most students attending UBC.

Hello,

I don't support the increase in the tuition. Already the tuition for international students is triple the amount for domestic students.

Specially for the continuing students who have no financial support and have paid the fees for 3 years it's already lot of financial pressure. Best regards!

I am personally unhappy with the tuition raise, which is understandable from a student's point view. However, I am skeptical about the usage of the increased tuition and the reason behind the raise. I understand that it is determined by the high demand of an education, but that doesn't justify the drastic increase in tuition consider that UBC is a public institution. Over the years, there are renovations all over campus that are somewhat meaningless, namely, the tree shadow in front of the nest building. As a conclusion, I hope that tuition could stop inflate like real estates, or it should be better explained or justified.

<p>please stop doing construction and give us more scholarships, thanks we are struggling</p>
<p>fair and acceptable</p>
<p>Rising with inflation seems ok. It might add more financial strain on incoming international students though.</p>
<p>Continuous tuition increase like this is unsustainable for us international students. Compounded by 4 or 5 years we would have to pay a lot more than what we are paying now. Please stop increasing our tuition fees.</p>
<p>In my opinion, I think the tuition fee is too high for international students because now is almost triple times than the domestic students. The international students already bring economy and financial benefit to Canada and do not like other domestic students who can understand the language easily, they have to study hard to understand what teacher saying and fix their grammar mistakes every day.i do not want to put a heavier burden on my parents. Therefore, please do not add fees at international students.</p>
<p>Please don't increase costs, tuition is expensive enough.</p>
<p>I think that only the tuition cost should increase and not the mandatory costs. I am not associated with AMS events, therefore I think it is unfair. Also, will the U-pass cost be increasing? This is a big NO.</p>
<p>We are increasing tuition costs every year but we don't see much of the effects of this raises. You should further explain exactly what the costs are going towards and display how and if they were implemented.</p>
<p>As an international student, I paid much more than a domestic student for a same course. I have heavy pressure for tuition fee which negatively influence my study. The constantly increased tuition make my university life harder.</p>
<p>I understand the importance of increasing tuition fees to keep up with rising costs. While I do not oppose this, I hope to see increased transparency on how the fees are spent to benefit student life. In this way, more detailed data can be provided when the next tuition fee increase is proposed, so that students can make a more informed choice about whether the amount of increase is justified. Simply stating that 2% or 4% is the "standard" is not good enough for students who cannot independently validate this claim.</p> <p>In addition, I would request that tuition requirements for unclassified students be re-examined, especially for those who are employed in medical residency programs and do not utilize any educational facilities or services on the UBC campus. It seems highly unfair that these medical residents are compelled to pay \$400-500 per year for nothing, especially considering how little residents are paid. (For example, working a 24-hour shift in the hospital on a weekend is only remunerated \$100.)</p>
<p>Each summer working 2 jobs I still earn only 1/2 the amount that a year of university costs. If anything can be done to lower tuition costs, it would make post secondary more practical for a student living away from home. Inflation is unavoidable yet costs can be cut from unnecessary construction instead.</p>
<p>Fees are high enough as it is, compounded with the high cost of living in Vancouver (specifically rental rates) a raise in tuition is quite unsatisfactory.</p> <p>Quite a few of the courses I was interested in got cancelled this semester thus delaying my anticipated graduation date as I struggled to find replacement courses that had space and were relevant. I did not and ended up having to take less courses. Charging higher tuition fees on top of that is unjust.</p>

I do not agree with a tuition increase. Tuition costs are going up every year at universities and colleges all across Canada, yet there is rarely a change/benefit reflected in services and programs for students. This is my first year at UBC and I was shocked that despite the mandatory athletic fees, students have to pay an additional fee for memberships to use the recreational facilities. I have never experienced this at any of the other institutions that I have attended. Frankly, it is unfair to charge students athletic fees and not allow them to use the services fully in return. This has impacted my physical and mental well-being as a student in a negative way because I have opted not to pay extra to use the recreational facilities as it is expensive in addition to all the other costs required for completing a degree at the University. Everything adds up. Essentially, the university has sent the message that you will have to "pay extra to maintain a healthy lifestyle at UBC."

In addition, cost of living in Vancouver is extremely high. Raising the tuition fees causes stress and creates a divide between those who are privileged enough to afford it those who are not. This generates a class divide, which is unhealthy for society. Education should be a right, but instead it is increasingly becoming something that only the wealthy can afford.

To whom it may concern,

I am terribly disappointed that, in addition to the exorbitant fees we international students pay, we are asked to pay even more.

Understandably, the tuition of a university student increases every year due to various factors such as the aforementioned. However, I find it hard to believe that this university is unable to provide a way for families that are in need of financial support to avoid such tuition increases.

Some families - more so international families - are struggling to pay the already costly fees and, given the amount we pay, it is easy to think that an additional 3% would not cause so much as a scratch on our financial state. However, that could not be any farther from the truth. Every single cent counts. Not to mention that the following years will be accompanied by other tuition increases.

I apologize in advance for my indignation, however, this is something I feel strongly about. I hope to hear back from you and that, together, we can arrive at a solution.

Sincerely,

[...]

Don't increase the tuition literally nobody wants a tuition increase we can barely afford it as it is Jesus Christ

Please don't raise tuition or at least keep it as low as possible

UBC offers a lot of student services already and I don't understand the necessity of new construction projects and the like. Otherwise, the increase makes sense.

International students have to pay like a lot more than local ones, and consequently, have to look for part-time jobs to be able to have a decent standard of living. Lowering the fee for Internationals would be of a tremendous help, to be honest.

I do not think the tuition for the international students should continue to be increased out of we have already contributed a lot to this campus these years. Also, I do not agree with the higher standard a university is, the more tuition it will be required. It is really such a stupid idea!

Why is everything but our wages going up. The cost of rent alone is crazy. I do not want a tuition increase. Thanks

I think it's a reasonable increase and have no concerns.
The international course fee is already a lot higher than domestic. An increase of \$500 is still a massive amount for students coming from countries where the conversion rate between currencies is massive.
please don't increase for the sake of people in the middle class who isn't poor enough for bursaries but isn't rich enough to afford tuition
NO!!!! We are already paying an arm and a leg! Why are the increases in our fees so huge, especially when compared to domestic students. We are paying a higher amount and are having our fees increased by such a huge amount!?! How much are you try to milk from us!!!!? Just NO! STOP! WE DON'T WANT THIS BS!!!
Tuition is already enough where I do not believe it should increase. Although it is not too much, it is added financial burden I would not like to have while studying here.
tuition fee just went up so fast over these years. could you just slow down a little bit?
<p>An increase of tuition on international graduate student can be very stressful to the student body. Since the international graduate student are paying more than doubled amount of what domestic students are paying.</p> <p>Also, domestic students have more opportunities for funding than international students. The cost of living in a different country can also be much higher than domestic students because of moving and resettlement.</p> <p>UBC Vancouver offers some international student tuition award to the international graduate students. That should also be considered at UBC Okanagan.</p> <p>The research graduate students are very important to the university. We do not only take classes at school. We also conduct teaching and research at the university.</p> <p>An increase of tuition to balance inflation sometimes is reasonable. But the university should also budget its money well.</p> <p>Most graduate students are supported by a stipend. If the tuition goes up, the stipend should also go up accordingly to compensate that.</p> <p>The raise of tuition should always be considered carefully.</p>
As an international student, tuition is extremely expensive compared to Canadian students. I believe UBC has one of the biggest tuition gaps between the domestic and international student in Canada. I hope UBC recognizes this problem.
I don't see anything to warrant an increase. At the end of the day the school will still increase it and students are left with no choice but to pay anyway. But at least spend it on things that are worthwhile

Honestly, it's quite a burden for international students. As the Year level changes, the fees are going to increase depending on what kind of courses that students take. Especially for computer science students, the international students have to take about 2000\$ more than a normal 3-credit course to take computer science courses. Moreover, we have to pay for residences as well, and if we are doing co-op programs, the financial expenditure will increase hugely. I truly understand that UBC provides students with the best environment to study and enjoy the school life, but it's quite questionable whether the fee has to be this expensive. Furthermore, compared to domestic students' fee, the gap is extremely huge. International students pay almost 6 times more for a 3-credit course. I was pretty shocked by it.

Also, the majority of international students are trying to make the money worth. To boost this, I think it is important that UBC really supports the international students from school life to studies. Since the campus is pretty huge, not all of the students know how to utilize all the facilities efficiently contributing to making the money worth.

I'm confident nothing will come of this 'consultation'.

Best.

No offense but you're already milking the hell out of us international students. Most of us are already struggling to pay tuition fees please dont make us drop out of uni

I am fairly not satisfied by the fact that international students have to pay extra student fees (higher student fees than locals) even though we do not receive any additional benefits from school. Also, I am working off campus as a graduate student researcher. We should be allowed to opt out recreation fee etc. I have never used any of UBC recreation service and facilities, and I am not planning to use one in the future.

Tuition too high for international students. Also most campus services get limited advertisement so we hardly make good use of them while we still have to pay considerable portion of our fees to them.

An increase, again... eh

While the suggested rise in tuition and fees appear to be minimal, and in no way is threatening, I believe it speaks to a broader problem that the University of British Columbia can admittedly not address alone. In our capitalist, pay-to-play system of education is only available for people who either have money through family or work or were willing to take out loans. It is of course reasonable to expect international or foreign students to pay as they do not necessarily contribute to our taxation system, but domestic students ought to have easier access to education. For this reason, I cannot support any or all raising of tuitions and fees. We live in an era in which the gap between rich and poor is ever expanding, were democracy is eroding and critical thinking is being left at the wayside. In such an environment it is unconscionable to ask people to pay to have access to environment where they would learn the tools to engage critically and productively with the world around them. Cycles of poverty, of abuse, of misery; the very real threats to our environment, and access to our political structures—These are all areas which can only be ameliorated through access education for all, And putting a price tag on any of it be at an undergraduate or graduate degree is shameful. The universities of British Columbia need to collaboratively stride towards reduced tuition and fees, if not free post-secondary education, rather than continue to raise the prices and exacerbate an already struggling system.

As a student dealing with harsh financial conditions, I strongly oppose the proposed tuition increases UNLESS measures are taken to improve affordability for ALL students. UBC is famously stingy with scholarship and bursary money, and I feel that the current measures to lessen the financial burden on students is not sufficient, given student loan debt. I understand that UBC is essentially a business that must run a profit, but cost-saving measures should be implemented in other areas that will not significantly impact students.

Continuing international students should receive the same price increase as domestic students. It's unfair to demand more out of one group of students already attending UBC. It seems... Not right. If you want to make it harder for internationals to get into the school, increase the fees, but don't screw over the ones who are already here and are already paying basically whatever you ask.

I am not for this proposal for the increase in the tuition fee because the percentage tuition raise for international students is higher than domestic students, which raises the gap between how much international students pay and how much domestic students pay even more.

A 3% jump is also way too much of a jump and I feel that we already pay a lot and I would like to actually to see this spent on facilities such as cleaner toilets, more water fountains and more printers around campus. I do not see any changes in this facilities, and yet the percentage increase in tuition is way too high.

There should not be increase in the tuition since that the fees for international students are already very high. It will be very unfair to the international student that the percentage of increase in tuition will lead to much more changes in tuition that the domestic students do. If there have to be any changes in tuition, the amount should be the same for international and domestic students.

Dear UBC,

A 4% increase in international student's undergraduate tuition fees is simply too high. Domestic students need to start paying their share as the difference between international tuition fees and domestic fees is just way too big. Instead of increasing international students' fees think about increasing the domestic fees more.

Best Regards.

While I appreciate the financial demands on the university budget, and understand incremental annual increases in tuition are necessary, I am concerned by the figures proposed for this increase. I am particularly concerned by the increased burden placed on international students whose expenses beyond tuition are already high and whose options for employment are limited. One of the great things about UBC compared to other universities globally is that it can provide really high quality education that is affordable for international students from a range of backgrounds. Increasing international student fees at double the rate of domestic students will lead to one of two things: either 1. a drop in international applicants (probably unlikely), or 2. the exclusion of international applicants from poorer backgrounds and without financial support from family members (much more likely). Both of these possible outcomes threaten to decrease diversity among the student body.

Another thing that seems worth raising regards the first item on the list of university budget demands. I would suggest that retaining exemplary faculty ought not to be a major budget demand--really excellent professors will want to stay at UBC without any significant salary increases. Rather, I'd stress an increased priority ought to be giving tenure to adjunct faculty, as this will massively affect overall faculty morale and collegiality, research output, teaching quality, and student satisfaction. I raise this in particular as the department in which I am a student has a very large number of adjunct faculty members, and as a former adjunct myself I know this has a profound and insidious impact on departments. I think I'd be much more inclined to see the tuition fees increases as a positive thing if there was a proposal to use the revenue to contribute to a target of tenuring all adjunct faculty, rather than the money going to retaining tenured professors or things like building maintenance.

The tuition is a bit high considering the increases every year.

My dad has started sleeping one hour lesser to be able to help me pay off my tuition (and loans) and I've had two panic attacks already thinking about the increase. Stop ripping us off, not all of us were born with a silver spoon. Be human; don't increase it.

<p>I understand that you need to balance your accounts. In the same time it is always tough, when tuition goes up. I sincerely hope that you find other ways to balance your accounts.</p>
<p>The increase in tuition puts a strain on students not only by working part-time but also by piling more student loans to pay for the tuition. Scholarships and bursaries may be available but it is very competitive and leaves students uncertain as to how they would plan their schooling.</p>
<p>I dont understand why the International student increase is 2% higher than the domestic student increase. We already pay 3 times what domestic students pay, and a higher increase doesn't make sense to me.</p>
<p>Let me put this in perspective. My parents had to move from a 4 bedroom house to a 2 bedroom apartment away from the city (45 minute driving commute) so they could afford to continue to pay my tuition. They also spent all their savings on my education. It's an INSANE amount of money, especially International Fees. And while no one is forcing me to be here, it sometimes makes me doubt whether or not my education is truly worth my parent's financial instability. Please be considerate of students. Please.</p>
<p>UBC is already super expensive, and class driven. I mean this in that if you do not have a trust fund or parents to help you pay for school it's almost unobtainable since when I graduate I'll be 150 thousand in debt. Raising the tuition will just exacerbate the class divide in who can get a good education, which is in my opinion unethical and goes against half of what is taught in university.</p> <p>If anything you should be petitioning the government for more funding so you can lower tuition not raise it.</p>
<p>As a distance education student who will not be using all the services on the campus, I believe that the tuition should not change for those in distance education. There certainly needs to be updates, and money is always required, so it more than likely needs to come from the students. There are fees in the tuition that I do not use because of my circumstance. I do not mind paying for the services that I use, but I do mind paying for the services that I will never use.</p>
<p>Please stop sending consultations to students about tuition increases when it is clear that, regardless of the type of feedback received from students, tuition fees will increase anyway. I am aware that you likely have a statutory responsibility to request such consultation, but it is frankly insulting to receive requests for consultation each year and to then see tuition increase anyway.</p> <p>Thank you,</p> <p>[...]</p>
<p>I think that it should be 2% across the board, targeting international students is unfair.</p> <p>I would also like to take this time to talk about the allocation of resources. We currently want high-quality teachers and to boast of a great school, however, with crumbling existing mental health services for students I would propose you focus on keeping students in the school than looking to attract new ones.</p>
<p>Attending UBC is a great honour, but I find it difficult to maintain any sort of savings account in a city where the cost of living requires me to use my entire monthly stipend. Increasing tuition in this manner makes it difficult to attract and retain quality graduate students.</p>
<p>This is all well and good, but I believe more considerations need to be made for domestic students who lack the resources to pay your tuition fees, which are some of the highest in BC. Economic discrimination in university settings hurts us all and access to higher education is a vital ingredient in building a strong society. I believe tuition should be fully subsidized for domestic students. The Danish model is a particularly good one, which I believe we should try to emulate.</p>

Nice.

In my opinion good management would imply being able to forecast these cost adjustments well in advance - acting as if they came out of the blue/are unexpected, and putting the costs on the backs of students is petty and seems like poor financial/fiscal planning.

I don't think ubc lacks the funds/capital to invest in these ventures on their own (as a business) - antiquated institutions (HR/etc) shouldn't be on the backs of students to foot & pay for.

The corporation (ubc) can comfortably accommodate these costs if it is unable to foresee these needs/changes we'll ahead of time.

When a student misses a deadline (a responsible/mature student) they are charged with recognizing their fault, implementing changes, moving forward, & planning ahead for next time - why isn't ubc held to this same standard vs increasing costs every year and passing blame/costs to students.

You'd expect a 'world class research university' to be capable of predicting/forseeing these costs and incremental increases in tuition cost year over year considering all the ingenuity and research occurring on campus.

Pretty sad.

Tuition increases come at the cost of those students who already are sacrificing a lot to pay for university. Some students don't want to go into debt for their education. This along with Vancouver's increasing cost of living, is putting an undo burden on those already struggling. Please keep students like this in mind when proposing tuition increases.

I think the amount of increased tuition for the international students is extreme. They already pay so much more than domestic students, having to pay another \$1000 on top of that seems like too much.

If tuition needs to be increased, that is understandable, although given the amount that students pay to be at UBCO, the campus is not large enough for the number of students here. My first two classes had to be held off campus due to space constrictions and the classrooms we are in are consistently too small or ill-equipped for the group. If UBCO is going to continue raising fees and letting more and more students in, then more buildings need to be built.

The raise is above commonly expected inflation. I intend to work towards a government review of this "public" institution.

My father works extremely hard to make sure that me and my sisters are able to have the best life possible. The amount of money that he is providing to his university in order for me to be here is significant and doesn't need to be increased in the slightest. I encourage you please take into account all the students who were not born into families with unlimited money and those who struggle everyday to ensure bright futures for their children (and the large number of students who work multiple jobs in order to secure their place here). Please do not go through with the tuition increase.

Will you also provide more financial aid?

How does this affect acceptance of students? Do admission rates change domestically or internationally?

What will you do in response to theories of "weeding out"? I am an international student, now in 4th year. I was unaware of UBC's strange curving policies (i.e. curving to ensure an average grade, even if ALL students do better or worse than this average-indicating perhaps the successes or failings of an instructor) coming in.

I was also unaware that if I failed classes (I failed two in one bad semester--well documented as an anomaly by my first year grades, therapist, and doctor notes), in addition to paying again to retake them, but I would be asked to leave the university if I failed one more. I felt de-humanized to a number and a dollar sign. I felt the university did not care about me. I felt it wanted to take my international fees for a few years, then, if I didn't prove worthy (I thought I already had!), I would be promptly "weeded out". This theory that UBC keeps acceptance rates high to be appealing to students who may not be properly qualified, especially international students, and then takes tuition from them for a few years, then asks them to leave so that the university's reputation is unharmed, is very prevalent among undergrad students. This may or may not be true, but it felt true for me, tarnished my university experience, and greatly affects how and who I recommend UBC to.

Please consider acceptance rates when deciding on tuition rates. Thank you.

Although I am not an international student, my comment is on the increase that they face. A 4% increase for international students hits harder, because they are already paying higher tuition fees. I'm not sure what the numbers are, but I wonder if a 3% increase across the board could also work. While more students will be affected, and 3% is greater than the inflation rate (as far as I know), international students bring value in terms of diversity. I think it is very important that UBC keeps in mind that continuously increasing costs for international student may eventually lead them to look elsewhere for their education.

Please keep tuition as low as possible. It is already very hard to make graduate student payments.

I think that the budget for sports teams from our tuition should be decreased to pay for the extra things we need. We provide a lot of money for our sports teams and don't even get to go to the gym free. Instead of raising tuition, why not figure out how to lessen budgets on other things tuition money is spent on. Decreasing the amount of tuition money that goes to paying for sports teams to travel, get backpacks, etc. would be a good start.

Really, you're going to increase tuition? You built a shadow tree in the ground for hundreds of thousands of dollars and you're going to increase tuition? Don't do it. Literally do the opposite. Housing on campus is \$950 dollars for 4 people in the same room. That's crazy talk and so is this.

do not do this. year after year, i see my friends (both domestic and international) struggle to pay their tuition, and to account for the regular tuition increases. i'm already putting myself in a ridiculous amount of debt to attend this university, and had i known my tuition would increase annually, i would honestly have chosen a less expensive institution.

I am in total disagree with the increase in tuition.

Stop raising our damn tuition, it's already expensive enough, I can't wait to transfer back to UNBC and finish my degree there instead of overpaying for this overrated school in a city where we can barely afford housing. If you're gonna bone us, at least put a little lube before you bend us over the kitchen counter >:(

This increase is very significant and does not seem necessary. Students would more likely appreciate the cheaper cost of education than to have nicer buildings etc.

<p>A 3% increase is far too high for an already exorbitant international undergraduate tuition fee. Seeing as int'l undergrads pay so much already, please consider allocating the increase elsewhere.</p>
<p>In my personal opinion, tuition fees are already exorbitant. Each semester, my fees include a UPass which I do not need or use, and which I am unable to opt out of, even despite having a chronic illness which prevents me from using public transit. Further, the quality of education in many of the UBC graduate classes I have taken has been sub par, with both lack of engagement from instructors, poor quality or inaccessible course content, and arbitrary marking which provides no feedback for learning. It feels as though I am paying for a service for which I am receiving a product that is inadequate. Our program also used to have a stipend to assist students to pay for the time needed to complete a 12-week, full-time practicum (thereby minimizing the time we can work at our paying-jobs), which has since been eliminated. So, based on these reasons, I do not agree with an increase in tuition fees.</p>
<p>Charge me more please!!!! I can give you my eyes, my tongue and my hands. Learn how to become more efficient instead of only relying on the student body to pay for your failed policies.</p> <p>Regards, [...]</p>
<p>UBC's ability to recruit exceptional international graduate students is already difficult due to the high cost of living in Vancouver, low stipends compared to American universities, and the high burden of international tuition. Raising the tuition for international graduate students will hurt UBC's research productivity.</p>
<p>Inflation is obviously an unavoidable factor in today's economy however I think UBC needs to re-evaluate they way the school spends money. Whether it's not entirely necessary construction, or something else that can be rethought, I think students should be the first priority in this matter. Student wage jobs are too low to expect making enough money to pay tuition. If parents are unwilling or incapable of helping pay tuitions, those students are either going to have to take more time off school to work, or bein their young adult life in debt. Our level of education shouldn't be determined by how much we can afford.</p>
<p>Increasing the cost of education is only making it more inaccessible to those who already struggle with paying tuition fees. The idea is not supported, mandatory fees should not need to be increased - in fact, the mandatory fees should be subject to an opt-in or opt-out system, since a lot of the times the services do not get used throughout the year anyway.</p>
<p>I am very against the tuition increase. Please do not proceed with the increase next year.</p>
<p>If tuition fees are used to finance constructions of new buildings I suggest that costs for said buildings should be held at a minimum (accounting for functionality, and environmental impact of building material), both when constructed and for future maintenance. I can see no functional benefits from wave-shaped walls, and it is harder to control the climate in buildings where the whole side is glass (not to mention that it increases the likelihood that birds fly into the building and die).</p> <p>In my opinion Canada should consider abandon the tuition system in favor for tax funded education for domestic students, as highly educated citizens are necessary to maintain an innovative and progressive society. Increasing tuition fees will make it disproportionately harder for low-income persons to obtain an university degree, which I argue is undemocratic. On these moral grounds I cannot support an increase in tuition fees.</p>
<p>Seems fair to me.</p>
<p>The justification for tuition and other fees increment is well explained. However, I think the increment should only affect the incoming students both domestic and international and not the continuing one.</p>

These increases seem reasonable to me. Although I sympathize with international students, I do believe that being a public institution we ought to keep tuition as affordable as possible for local residents.

This is the most ridiculous thing I have heard in recent times. Firstly, It makes no sense to charge tuition for PHD students. Secondly, I can neither find a proposal for increasing the international tuition award with rate at which the tuition is increasing nor an increase in the minimum funding for PhD students. Then how can you justify such an increase?

Let's say the minimum funding in pathology department is \$20,000 per annum. After you pay tuition, your take home salary is only around \$16,000(considering tuition award and faculty awards). If you increase the tuition the take home salary is going to go down even more (also, there are no TA opportunities in the pathology department). It is no kidding that Vancouver is one of the most expensive cities in the world. How is a graduate student going to survive with this salary? How do you expect to get top notch science out of this horrible situation? I get that you need money to expand the infrastructure to do quality science (maybe I am wrong), but your approach is hurting science.

Another sad thing is that UBC is not welcoming for international PhD students. There are not many scholarships for international students and we are burdened by heavy loads of tuition. Let's be honest, If UBC wants to be the frontiers in science and technology, it should welcome talents from all over the world. With the current fee structure and funding I think it is impossible to do that.

Being one of the top universities in Canada (and world), a decent quality of living for its PhD students is very much expected. I should say you have failed us in that. I wish I could just do science and not worry about how to pay next months rent (by the way it is no bungalow - a tiny room in a basement shared with 6 others haha). Your actions are not helping at all in this. UBC, give up your corporate mindset and please be nice!!!

Thank you,
Hungry grad student!

Going into my last year for the 2019/2020 year, I think it is unnecessary for tuition to increase for us. As we are finishing out undergrad to have to pay more money so the school can pay for new facilities we will not be using.

I think that it is unreasonable to raise tuition costs by this much each year. It makes it nearly impossible for many students to attend university despite the fact that they worked hard to get into UBC. It seems unfair to me to raise tuition costs instead of looking for ways to cut spending elsewhere, especially in regards to mandatory fees. A majority of students never use the athletic and recreation programs/read the Ubyyssey yet we are each expected to pay a significant amount of money per year towards these programs. The consistent rise in tuition costs makes UBC seem more like a business that only sees worth in its students for how much money they can get out of them. A rise in less than \$200.00 for domestic students may not seem like a lot, but it could mean the difference between being able to afford school or dropping out for many students--affording rent in Vancouver as is is nearly impossible without having to worry about raised tuition costs as well!

I strongly disagree about the rise in the student's tuition, especially for the international students as they are already paying way more than domestic students. I am currently working at the Annual giving centre and I raise funds for domestic students knowing fully well that international tuition is higher. Not all students are as rich and cannot afford such rises in the tuition.

My name is][...], I am an international student in UBC. My advice for the tuition proposal is that I desire UBC to lower the tuition for International students. It has been stated that it is pretty stressful for international students regarding the amount of tuition. The tuition of international students are incredibly 3-4 times as domestic students. This is definitely unfair!!!

Putting this financial burden on students is unacceptable. The funds should be redistributed from elsewhere.

Please spend less money on sports so we can all afford tuition pleaseeee

The international tuition is too high in comparison to domestic tuition. You can buy a house with 4 years of international tuition.
I understand the need for tuition increases however, I think that the tuition shouldn't be increased so much for international students. I think it is important to maintain UBC as a viable and attractive option for students coming from abroad, especially considering how much we market our internationality, and considering how high their tuition already is we are already benefiting a lot from them.
I think that the university should make it's cost reports public, I am very interested in knowing where my already high tuition money is going but I am denied access to the Budgeting & Reporting pages of the finances website. There are a lot of pretty words in the proposal but I don't see any of those promises trickling down to the students who are funding them. I do have great professors and for that I am grateful. But the Okanagan campus and it's administrators thought it appropriate to accept more students than the campus can accommodate - I commute to school and can NEVER find a desk or table in the library. There are students doing homework in the stacks. Common areas take some canvassing to find a space, and it likely won't be quiet; Once winter comes there are going to be even more students looking for spaces to work inside and the university is WOEFULLY UNPREPARED. So tell me where all my hard-earned money is currently going, and how the university really plans to spend the increase; I want specifics and deadlines for the promises made. The way it looks right now doesn't reflect well on the university: the school really needs MORE money from students to make this campus work for the people who use it? I don't believe that for a second. Make the budget and quarterly reports public. What does the university have to hide, because it isn't hiding the fact that it can't accommodate all the tuition paying students.
Why is the international student's tuition still increasing? To be honest, I cannot afford it any more.
<p>More fee increases make it more and more difficult for anyone to attend university. It is nearly impossible to achieve good high school grades and generate enough income to hope to afford a four year degree at UBC, which then qualifies someone only for more specific training. The day I graduated with my undergraduate and MD degree, I receive emails reminding me how I should contribute to alumni funds. I felt that UBC did little for me, and I had to work extremely hard just to financially stay afloat.</p> <p>UBC is becoming more and more exclusive to the rich, and I can't say that I would recommend UBC to any of my friends or family.</p>
Dont agree
As usual, I am opposed to tuition increases. Each year, the university finds some reason to increase tuition, and student services does not improve in a noticeable manner. Last year, I finally gathered the courage to talk to a councillor at ubc about my mental health, and I was denied access to help because I was "not a serious enough case". If there are going to be tuition raises, ubc should start prioritizing important student services.
I belong to a middle class family. My parents have spent all of there savings on my tuition, still it is not enough to be able to cover the whole tuition fee. They are still working so hard to pay off the loans and everything. I am always stressed with this financial burden. The fee is already too high. Please do not increase it. If it keeps on going like this, I would be unable to continue my studies. Please.
<p>The increase in percentage for domestic should be more considering they pay less so each 1% increase is way less than 1% for international. Already from my admission date to today, the increase has been about 40% which is outrageous.</p> <p>Moreover, it is filtering out some very smart people who can not afford UBC anymore and encouraging richer students to join but since they already have a good income source in family, they are less motivated to perform well and hence UBC academic performance & ranking has been declining by the years.</p>

I am, on the whole, deeply unhappy with UBC's decision to continue hiking tuition, year after year, at the maximum legal limit (2%). While I understand the increases in costs stated in the proposal, I disagree with UBC's decision to transfer those costs to students, instead of making decisions that lower the operating budget.

I also note that the BC government has been stringent with funding to its research universities, but I feel that many of the other operating cost increases listed in the proposal are, at best, unreasonable justification for charging students more money. UBC spends a phenomenally large amount of money on infrastructure - having many development projects worth 10s of millions each is, though a huge asset to student life and the campus, an expenditure which UBC could scale back on. Even one non-critical project (i.e. the MacInnes Field Parkade expected to cost at minimum \$12.4 million) could almost single handedly cover the tuition increases.

And despite these huge projects, UBC cannot even give it's own Student Society (AMS) a competitive loan for their own building project. This is a particularly disturbing fact when, as UBC is fully aware, those costs are transferred to students who would be facing increased student fees until 2049 had the AMS not moved their loan to RBC. This is an important example of the university, again, trying to make money off of its students. Another example is the bookstore on campus, where students end up paying 30% above standard store price on normal items like calculators - when there is absolutely no reason for UBC to further strain its student body and force them into travelling further off campus to obtain reasonably priced supplies. UBC also does not formally encourage professors to adopt open or low-cost textbooks/course materials; instead allowing individual faculties and third party publishers to drain students even more (again; a frivolous endeavour when MATH102 with an open book, and CHEM 121,123 with the CHIRP, have all successfully proved, at just a first year science level, that they can be far more cost efficient while upholding the same teaching standards).

I recognize the vast majority of the above revenue does not go through the same channels as tuition, and indeed is not tuition - but those costs incurred are being payed by the same students that are also shelling out on tuition.

The biggest cost students see their money going towards are the courses they are enrolled in. So I will conclude with the following. It is reasonable to assume that quality of faculty, advisors, and teaching should be the end expenditure of tuition money. So, all of the above forgiven, it is still infuriating to students to see tuition prices rise when quality of teaching is still poor. UBC wants to be "Supporting an excellent student learning experience by attracting and retaining exemplary faculty, staff, and students" but they seem to fail to even entertain the possibility of a disconnect between quality of a faculty members administrative/research abilities and their teaching abilities. UBC, like many high-level research institutions, has an army of brilliant, talented scholars, who are laving students to suffer while they focus towards their own interests in research and other activities. Funding is not the issue. Classroom materials (like online portals to countless question forums and homework sites, or excessive numbers of screens, cameras, and projectors in lecture halls) are not the issue. The faculty, mumbling through poorly prepared power-points and rushed sample questions are the issue.

So until UBC can provide quality education to the passionate, bright, hopeful students they claim to work so hard at bringing to the school, they should not keep taxing them for an education that doesn't get better with money spent.

This seems like a overly substantial increase, especially for international students. It would have been more useful to have more specific information about the tuition increases and a guided questionnaire or comment form, because more students would be able to give more useful feedback. I am not informed enough to make useful remarks other than that I do not want my tuition to increase.

Do no increase tuition or mandatory student fees.

No point of increasing tuition because students do not get extra service or anything

<p>Ubc spends too much money on unnecessary things. Many on campus facilities are not even free (gym etc). For example, the soccer fields should be for paying students and yet ubc rents them out to the outside to earn even more money and takes away the students benefits. I think that since I've been at Ubc there hasn't been a single day that there's no construction. Some construction efforts are actually enjoyed by students but others are just seemingly useless to us because we don't see results. An example is that useless fountain on main mall that was closed for months, then when it was reopened nothing has changed.</p>
<p>To Whom It May Concern,</p> <p>I understand the pressure of inflationary costs on UBC budget to provide competitive salaries for its faculty and staff, however, as a student this pressure is doubled for me considering the increasing costs of life in Vancouver.</p> <p>Warm regards...</p>
<p>Consider being less greedy. Its crazy how every year the tuition increases, yet every year I see more and more cost cutting practices being used, while you waste millions on tree murals laid in brick, etc.</p>
<p>I believe that the tuition for UBC is fairly affordable for international students that did not receive a scholarship, however as tuition increases maybe scholarships should be given out to more international students.</p>
<p>I would like to have a clearer explanation as to why there is a % increase. (Where the money is going into)</p>
<p>Fee increases negatively impact the financial health of students. If the fees are increased please make scholarship and bursary information more accessible.</p>
<p>I believe this increase in the tuition would end up making the international student population less diverse for incoming students. With awards and scholarships for international students being limited, I believe this increase would serve to decrease the pool of potential students even more, by only attracting more well-off candidates. This would make UBC less competitive with respect to other schools, and the university would risk losing talent and bright minds that can't afford the price.</p> <p>I think it wouldn't be positive for current students as well - the tuition is already financially straining for a lot of people and this proposed increase would only add to the economic anxiety a lot of international students face. Again, without the accompanying subsidies/financial support/awards/scholarships for these international students, this would only hinder us international students more strained.</p> <p>International student tuition already works to fill the gap left by the cap on domestic tuition hikes combined with a decrease in provincial funding. I believe more intense lobbying to increase funding/remove the cap would show the university cares about its students and is willing to try different revenue raising strategies.</p>
<p>The price increases in international graduate student tuition is cost prohibitive, especially given Vancouver's living and housing expenses.</p>
<p>Figure out what resources students aren't using and cut those before raising our tuition.</p>
<p>Although I understand the importance of the proposed agenda and cost increases, as an international student I am already paying significantly more than domestic students, and there is already so little scholarship opportunity for me. I know that it is a privilege to be able to attend an international university, but UBC markets so much of their appeal as being "the most international school in North America," that I feel it could do a better job supporting their current international students as opposed to raising the cost of attending significantly more than that of the domestic students.</p>

2% increase is a lot for international students due to the large base (at least \$3000 per term).

Naturally, nobody likes to see their own fees increase, irrespective of the explanation or of those others likewise affected. The very first installment I ever paid for full-time 1st Year undergrad (Sep-Dec) was ~\$875, so to me, the current cost of post-secondary education seems prohibitive - not unlike the current cost of living in Vancouver, where I've lived my entire life. Today, as a PhD student, I am now fortunate and grateful to have financial support from my Department. Honestly, I know little of the financial nitty gritty that keeps an entire institution up-and-running, so what real measure do I really have to offer an opinion about 2-4% increases? I would never have dreamed, back in 1st Year, the ludicrous, costly lives we now endure, and maybe the person reading these comments can relate to that. Probably any one on campus can relate. But relating to it doesn't change the circumstances. In fact, a cost increase propagates the circumstances, and the institution and the economy and the world churn on until the next need for an increase. I wonder instead which fundamentals might be addressed or somehow changed such that fees were no longer a variable. What incentive could be offered, and to whom, that might disqualify tuition increases from consideration? On the other hand, I suspect nitty-gritty financial thinkers are not likely the ones to see outside the box. I wish I had a more informed position on institutional budgeting so that I could offer a more substantive opinion.

I do not agree with this increase. Tuition and student fees are already high enough. I'm fortunate enough where in undergraduate I was able to pay off my loans quickly by working part-time and living at home and now as a graduate student, I'm working FT so I can pay off school. But not everyone is in the same situation and the cost of textbooks, tuition and mandatory fees for many services that I don't even use are just ridiculous.

Also, why should I be paying for the Employer Health Tax, when that is to eliminate MSP premiums for staff and faculty. That is the cost of doing business, not related to delivering better services to students. The university already pays for MSP premiums so if the premiums existed, but were increased, there would be the same result.

I strongly disagree and condemn the increase in tuition fee. We international students are already paying a lot and we know how much sacrifices our parents have to make in order to pay our tuition. If the tuition fee increases our parents will have to make more sacrifices and it will make education at UBC unaffordable. We as students are already on a budget and this rise in tuition will significantly affect our spending patterns. If the tuition fee does increase then we should get textbooks free because textbook purchase is extremely expensive and a rise in tuition may also affect academic performance because some students will be cutting down on budget that could mean buying less textbooks and would compromise on their diets. I request you all to not to increase the tuition fee

Vancouver is expensive to live in besides the cost of education. When not in school, I work a very demanding but high paying job to afford living here. This job, although working from 8am until 7pm most days in the summer, still isn't enough to cover my rent. I cannot afford a raise in my tuition unless it be absolutely necessary - and seeing as though UBC is a generally wealthy school, it does not seem necessary.

In [...], we discussed the correlation between post-secondary education and health. The professor explained that post-secondary education is a huge factor in the determinant of health. Even increasing tuition nominally will prevent individuals from accessing the potential to improve their health in the long run. Post-secondary education helps people get jobs that allow them to move up in social class or maintain social class.

I think that while the things UBC needs more money for are true, international students are disproportionately affected by tuition increases. Finding another way to get more money other than targeting international students I think would be the more ethical thing to do.

The projected inflation increases for Canada in 2018 and 2019 are 2.15% (2018) and 2.16% (2019). Why is the tuition being increased by 4% for international students. While I have no background in economics, I hope that this will be taken into consideration for the betterment of the student body as a whole.

<p>Because international graduate students have fewer fellowship opportunities (i.e. we can't apply for NSERC) and we already pay more tuition than domestic students, I think that increasing tuition for graduate students per installment is unacceptable. Myself and others already have had to take out thousands of dollars in student loans because nearly 50 percent of our annual stipend goes directly to tuition (at least at UBCO). While I understand that we didn't go to grad school to make a lot of money while studying, when you consider tuition costs, we make below what some consider to be the poverty line. That's honestly a sad thought and deserves some consideration.</p>
<p>It seems to me that the increase is substantial for students. 2% is a large increase for every student to pay, and I'm sure it will increase more and more in the coming years - Was a 1% increase not enough across the board? I also am not happy with all the "extras" we are charged with tuition each time. Can these fees be revisited and possibly restructured? Student union fees are high, gym/athletic fees, etc.</p>
<p>Tuition and housing fees are too high already. An increase of 2% for domestic students and 4% for international students is unreasonable. This will, and already has, had a negative effect on the number of students attending post-secondary.</p>
<p>No</p>
<p>So long as the increased fees directly reach the improvement of student's access to resources such as greater variety in classes by hiring more professors of colour teaching more non-western based courses would be great. Clearly, this is from the perspective of a student in Arts. Although I think that a lack of hosting exceptional profs is not being able to afford housing in the area so yes pls increase tuition by that much if it means greater options in courses and profs that are more widely available (because a lot teach multiple classes and expresses that they can really only meet in their 2 hour period per week of office hours for ALL their classes). Moreover, I think that the current system of accessing information is fine, it just doesn't seem like anything is really updated on department pages and that is a greater issue in student-user experience.</p>
<p>Excellent work</p>
<p>As someone who needed a scholarship, multiple bursaries, and student loans in order to attend UBC, a rise in tuition is not ideal and I would highly discourage it. Many people from my high school could not even dream of attending a school such as UBC due to its higher prices in tuition and residence, especially in a city already know for its expensive real estate and living expenses. Please keep in the mind the people that have to work countless hours to either save up the money or get the best grades for a scholarship/bursary to attend a fantastic school such as UBC.</p>

In response to the increase in tuition costs, I think we need to support the students that are domestic in the area and consider not inflating their tuition. I have been at this school for 4 years already and have seen the tuition cost raise way too much. I cannot personally get student loans and have no financial support from family, as well as most of the other students I know, we are supporting ourselves and tuition is already so much for us that I don't have any extra money after paying my student loans. After a summer of 3 jobs working every day I would hope that there would be some left over to allow me to spend it on things that make me happy. Unfortunately, it all goes to bills. I even live at home and don't pay rent and I still have barely any money to spare.

I don't want to point fingers but International Student are usually fully supported, at least from the ones that I have spoken to. Many of them do not have jobs during the school year and still engage in recreational activities because their families have supported them. I obviously do not know everybody's situation but in my personal University environment I have engaged with domestic students that are stressed because of trying to juggle school, work, and paying for all of our bills; whereas, international, seem to be more comfortable in their financial situations.

To give you an idea, I work two jobs; one on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 8am-12. My second job is Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from 130-630ish. I have 4 classes and a lab. I barely have any time to study with this schedule so I use the weekends for that. I understand that 2% may not be a huge increase but in the end, I think we need to take a good look at who struggles more financially.

Thank you for looking at what I have to say about this.

Increasing tuition fees and mandatory fees without increasing student funding packages by the same amount (an offer that isn't on the table as far as I'm aware) simply deprives students, particularly graduate students, of income. Students are already low income people (in general).

Graduate funding packages are not indexed to account for inflation, and yet this proposal claims fees should be. Student costs also increase because of inflationary pressure, so why wouldn't funding packages such as the 4YF also be increased by 2% or generally tied to a measure of inflation like the consumer price index? Applying the logic of this proposal to university fees but student funding is inconsistent.

Firstly: Stop spending on decorating the university with tree shadows all over. I get it! This is university is beautiful and its beauty should be maintained but there is a limit to how much you spend on this stuff. You have the best business school in Canada and the best professors, students who can make relevant cost decisions for this university. I understand donors donate specifically for certain art pieces but is it too hard to ask them for a little reallocation? There should be a year by year plan showing how to cut costs. For students who are already in university and did not come with the idea that tuition fees will increase by 4% by the time they graduate, it is a bit of a shock for them. You should be giving us more time to pay the fees instead of first week of September at least if you are increasing the fees by this much.

I am a UBC student (medical resident who pays tuition fees to UBC). I disapprove of the proposed tuition fee increases.

1. I think UBC and other Canadian universities have over-sized bureaucracies. If the university needs more money, reduce the size of administrative and other staff. Reduce the professor salaries.
2. I think university professors in general are over-paid. A brief search revealed to me that there are several UBC employees making \$300-\$500K (maybe more in some cases). What services are they providing that warrant that high level of remuneration? Medical residents and doctors often work extremely long hours in high stress jobs for less money than some of the UBC employees earn. I find it difficult to imagine that a position at a university could be more stressful or time consuming (or require more training) than a position as a doctor caring for sick patients.
3. I think UBC has over-spent on infrastructure and expanded too quickly. I think the relatively rapid expansion of UBC has harmed the local environment.
4. I am personally embittered because UBC tried to declare that medical residents are not 'students' for tax and other purposes; yet, I pay a few hundred dollars in 'student fees' to UBC each year. I think medical residencies would be better off being entirely separate from/unaffiliated with UBC. University interference with residency programs is almost always a negative. As a medical resident, the only real benefit that I personally get from an affiliation with UBC is access to the library, which I admit is a considerable benefit. I would find it worthwhile to pay for access to the library but I would prefer not to be affiliated with UBC as a medical resident.

In my honest opinion, the tuition increase rate is outrageous. We international students already pay 5-6 times the fees of domestic students. You can't expect us to pay more every year. Hiking the prices at this rate will cause many problems not only in the international student community but for UBC as a whole. Students will stop applying to UBC because of the insanely high tuition fees. At this rate, I may have to question my financial status to complete the BASC degree.

Is it more important to make money or help students and people get a good education? The future depends on students in universities like UBC, please don't kill the fate of the future.

There should be an explanation of why mandatory student fees are increasing by 2%, as well as what the cost of this increase will be on students. Also, I believe that student fees should be better explained. Currently, students can see a breakdown of the fees, but all this does is detail the amount owed to each student fee, not what the student fee actually means. For example, there is an Athletics and Recreation Fee, but also an AMS Athletics and Intramural Fee. However, students still need to purchase a gym membership to access UBC exercise facilities, and there are fees associated with registering an intramural team. So what do these fees actually cover? If everything were a bit more transparent, it would be easier for students to understand and accept increases in tuition and fees.

Where as the increase in fee is fully justified, please consider the following before increase in the fee :-
(a) Fee for the students including hostel fee is recommended to be fixed at the beginning of the course and not recommended to be changed for next four years. The students and their parents plan their expenses based on the estimated cost fixed initially. If the fee is increased arbitrarily every year, it will affect the finances of the students.
(b) At the time I enrolled myself for the course, the Canadian Dollar was below INR 50.00. However today the Canadian Dollar is at INR 57.00. As a result the cost of expenses for me for next four years has gone up by approx 15%. An additional burden of increased fee will be difficult for international students like me to bear, specially from the countries whose currency is getting weaker by every passing day.

I consider that increase the tuition fees every year is against all conceptions from a "democratic country" and a "public university", where public university means free university for everyone.

<p>I really don't think I should keep having to pay more for school every year, it is already outrageously expensive and the level of instruction in the applied science department is lackluster.</p>
<p>It is understandable for the cost of graduate studies in a world class University like UBC to be high. I feel the facilities provided match with the cost- There is a very conducive learning environment, the instructors are vast, the campus is safe, bus pass is covered in the tuition, etc. With these, I think the cost matches with the benefits derived.</p>
<p>Considering that the rate of inflation in Canada in 2017 was 1.61%, I don't see why fees would increase more than this amount.</p>
<p>I do not like this fee increase. We pay too much already.</p>
<p>The tuition fee is quite high.</p>
<p>UBC has access to many donations throughout the year. Why not take a small portion of these donations to cover the proposed tuition increases? Many of these donors would like improving the quality of students lives while completing their respective programs.</p> <p>Unless, every student's income increases by 2-4%, we cannot consider the proposed increases reasonable and viable.</p>
<p>Constantly increase the tuition fee to UBC students does impact us a lot. And we want to know the reason of this. One of my friend receive the offer from UBC but finally choose Waterloo, because of the annual increasing tuition fee and great amount of deficit budget. We all believe UBC should get the deficit down and maybe do some social events to raise money.</p>
<p>I personally do not think that there should be an increase in my tuition continuing as an undergraduate student. I am already paying a substantial amount just in tuition and housing, and as I plan for my future, having to pay the extra amount proposed could possibly affect going onto graduate studies.</p>
<p>I would like to have an easier access into the budget of the university so I can see exactly where every dollar I spend is going to.</p>
<p>As an international student, I am outraged that UBC is considering raising tuition by 4%. You are creating an environment where only the rich and elite can attend, which shuts the door on so many wonderful people around the world. This perpetuates the notion that education is only for the wealthy and it appalls me. I implore the university to reconsider this increase.</p>
<p>As much as I understand the inflammation in costs as years go by, I think it is important to consider that we are on the budget of full-time students. Your propositions for improvements to the campus are admirable, and I love that our campus is constantly working on improving itself. This being said an increase in tuition, even if small, makes a large impact on the financial stability of students.</p> <p>As full-time students, we are unable to work full-time jobs, and or high paying jobs. Along with this, we must put money towards rent, utilities, food, transportation, and activity and leisure to keep us sane and living a balanced life outside of our studies. I think it is important to consider that, for many students, we were accepted into more than one post-secondary institution and that for some, the decision of which institution to attend was partially based on budget. Because of this, increases in costs makes students untrusting in the institution and adds additional stress to university students who are, without question, already in a high-stress environment.</p>

I do understand the pressure the university is under, but international and domestic students already pay a lot. For example a 2 % increase may not seem a lot, but it actually is, especially for LLMCL student who do not even get the opportunity to apply for a scholarship.

It should be increased to the point where it discourages students to even attend a university.

So I am not in support of the increase on tuition fee.

Increases are too high for such vague explanations of where the money is actually going.

The budget raise every year honestly puts more strain on many students. Money is one of the biggest stressors for many students, especially ones who support their own tuition and housing. Sure, we get more benefits, better facilities, better etc. But I feel that as a university, the first step should begin with student well-being (Something UBC heavily emphasizes on) and that starts with affordable tuition. I am almost certain that while the budget can be raised, it can also be maintained or even lowered.

I am against any tuition increase. I don't believe that graduate stipends increase with inflation nor a 4% increase in tuition.

I am an international student. Our fee is 5 times more than the domestic student. That's really not fair. You will never understand how difficult it is for our parents to pay 43000\$ for a year and extra 5000\$ for living in campus for one semester. We can't enjoy our lives like other domestic students. (43000* 4years) is way too much high. Either give us some free food or some discounts on other things or you can provide us a scholarship after all we are in UBC and got 90+ in our Secondary School.

As I know, costs are increasing due to inflation, I am a student who is under a great deal of financial hardship. This increase in tuition is significant for me, and I am worried about funding my post-secondary and finding the resources to finance future years. If tuition increases, will the university provide more financial aid? Anxiety and stress on how to fund my education has increased. Many students are on student loans.

As a BIE student, I pay much more for regular arts courses (non-BIE standard timetable courses) due to my degree tuition per credit being higher. (I pay 830\$ for a French course while students in the same course from the faculty of arts pay around 500\$, which I find a bit unfair). Therefore, I respectfully oppose the proposed tuition increase as I feel like I already overpay for electives.

To whom it may concern,

Dear reader, I wonder if it is so cruel for students to be responsible for sharing the stress while students have already had the biggest stress from school? Raising money from international students for reducing school's stress sounds ridiculous. Or this can not be the best solution as your education system for teaching international students has become worse these years. As an international undergraduate, I did what I had to do. However, the demands for low-quality work were increasing and the resources for supporting reading were reducing. Teachers paid less attention to female Chinese international students in class. I could hardly feel that the school has a place for international students, especially Chinese female students, who are always kind and waiting to give out help. Female Chinese International students are at a huge disadvantage and are most ignored at UBC campus. Thank you very much.

Sincerely,

[...]

Don't do it!!!! You've taken enough of our money already. Maybe show that you care more about how our money is used rather than spending it on useless things like that stupid tree mural in the walkway and multi-million dollar ad campaigns. If UBC spent our money more responsibly, maybe I wouldn't have to fill this out every year and say that you should maybe stop hemorrhaging money on useless building projects. Cut costs instead of taking more money from students every year. I feel like I'm getting robbed at gunpoint except this time the person mugging me is asking me to do a survey on how I feel about them taking my money.

I do not agree with this proposal. The amount of money students are asked to pay in order to obtain a post-secondary education is already astronomical. The more money the university sucks out of students, the more strain and burden students face. It is hard enough already to keep up with all the costs university requires.

The university does not need to increase student tuition and cost of fees because of "inflation" as you all put it. The university makes ample money and receives many donations, you people (aka. those of you deciding how to spend the money) just need to learn how to properly spend it. For example, the university did not need an image of the tree designed into the pathway outside the Nest, and it didn't need pillars of light between the Alumni Building and the Wesbrook building. Recently the fountain at Main Mall and University Boulevard was renovated, which took much longer than it was supposed to take. Could've saved money if the job had been done faster. Best part is, I heard it broke again. This university is simply a money hungry business, not a place where education is priority. That's why we aren't higher up on the World University Rankings.

I really appreciate that my schooling has been affordable as someone born in Canada and holds citizenship only in Canada. Thank you for keeping the increases at a minimum. I do wonder if we need to think about capping numbers of students and ensuring we have students from different socio-economic backgrounds that aren't necessarily straight A students (I have a 4.33 GPA now in my doctoral program, and a 4.20 in my Master's but in my undergrad, it was in the 3s - and I am a hard working student who has always been employed full time during my schooling) but good, hard working students and able to positively contribute in their communities.

I understand that running a university is expensive, and the tuition increase appears to be relatively small. However, although the proposal lists several financial pressures, it gives no proof or promise that funds will go to measures that increase the quality of UBC's education instead of, say, creating a salary increase for UBC administrators. If the financial pressures are not as demanding as first thought, I have no doubt that the Board of Governors will not be opposed to taking whatever is left over. They are the ones voting on this measure, after all. As such, I am wary of supporting an increased tuition not because of the increase itself, but because the current proposal gives me little confidence that I would be funding the education of fellow students rather than giving a raise to the people who proposed or will vote on the tuition increase.

Tuition should be lowered in order to make ubc more accessible to students. Teachers should all be paid equally and provided with the same secure contracts as tenure track. All infrastructure investment is none essential compared to the economic interests of students and faculties. Higher tuitions and low job security are undermining the purpose of education: learn to make society a better place.

I firmly believe that tuitions prices should not be increased!

Why can't the burden of increased tuition be shifted more significantly towards domestic students rather than international students? The 2%-3% balance seems rather unfair given that international students already pay so much more in comparison anyway and that such minor increments also have a huge impact on our academic career.

I do not recommend increasing the tuition for international students. As an international student, \$1500 increase of tuition in one year means almost \$5000 increase of tuition for the entire undergraduate program, which is not a small number. International students have been contributing a lot to UBC's finance, so it would be a good idea to increase domestic student tuition more. For example, the University of Waterloo charges domestic students over \$10,000 a year on average, which makes it more wealthy.

I would also propose to increase the number of student fees that can be opted out, such as Childcare Bursary Fund, AMS Financial Assistance Fund, Student Refugee Fund, etc., since I do not find them useful. I would like to know what each fee (i.e.: SUB Renewal Fee) is used for as well, so that I know where it goes.

Everyone is having a hard time managing finance when in university, thus I really hope UBC can consider one more time on increasing tuition and student fees.

School fees rise every year, when will there ever be a cap on increasing educational costs? Enough is enough!

I do not understand why we want to put our youth and our future in debt. Only the rich get education and have a chance at living a healthy good life? This adds to our poverty in Canada - rich get richer and poor get poorer. All people deserve a chance, and increasing costs only widens the gap between the rich and poor.

Just to make rent is becoming a challenge for two income families as the cost of living increases - school increases. BUT minimum wage stays the same. This all fits into rising costs. STOP putting our youth in more debt.

Please do not increase the tuition fees. Too expensive for international student.

The tuition fees for international students are too high and it is somehow a huge stress for all international students.

I really don't what you were expecting from this feedback regarding an increase of tuition fee again. I'm sure you're not going to expect someone to say "Yes go ahead. Please increase the fees." Money isn't an infinite source in our household. My parents have worked and struggled for years and years to save up this money, so that I can go to university. 40K a year is not a joke. And on top of that, I'm living in one of the most expensive cities here, and the living costs are crazy too. Tuition keeps increasing every year, housing fees increase every year. I've never seen my dad this stressed out with finances ever. I don't even feel like going back home because of the cost of airline tickets, and I don't want another financial burden placed on my parents.

Please don't increase the fees, for the sake of my parents, and for the sake of thousands of other International students' parents.

While research and academic excellence have their place as an external measure of UBC's success as an institution, the current proposal seems to exist in complete disregard some interests of key internal stakeholders. As a student intending to return for graduate studies and research, these investments do hold value for me, however I have concerns about how the additional funds in this proposal will be used to benefit the general student population.

As the individuals who will be paying these increased fees, based on this proposal, there is no intention to bolster the unacceptably meagre access to social support systems for students at UBC. For example, students are still regularly facing weeks-long (up to a month in many cases) waiting times to see counsellors. This is unacceptable for students who are in large part leaving their families for the first time to live in an unfamiliar environment, while simultaneously learning to balance the stress and responsibility of academic life.

Ultimately, there is no doubt that the cost of running an institution like UBC increases regularly. However, if the imposition of increased tuition fees is also to account for improvements to the current operations of the institution, then there needs to be improvements to the support systems for the students who are paying for them.

While it may be true that UBC requires more funding to remain competitive, the tuition amount is already pretty high. Personally, I have applied for the student loan for the past few years, and I am already over 20K in debt. It is preferred that the UBC provided more financial support for students with a student loan.

<p>I think the proposal for international continuing undergraduate student is acceptable. I am hoping the percentage of increasing on tuition can cut down a little bit due to the high exchange rate nowadays. Comparing with students who have enrolled a few years ago, the tuition has increased dramatically. If we can cut down the tuition increase to 2.5% or 2%, it will be better and more understandable.</p>
<p>I can understand the increase in tuition to help supplement costs ongoing costs such as faculty and staff salaries and maintenance of infrastructure. I also see the benefit of the costs associated with IRP and building of new infrastructure. My concern is that once these new systems are in place, tuition costs will not go back down. If tuition is being raised for specific projects, what happens when those projects are finished? I would like more clarity on how the continued revenue from tuition will be used once these projects are completed.</p>
<p>I have concerns about tuition increases. We're increasing tuition, but aren't seeming to contribute funding to things sorely needed by the Okanagan campus (more lecture halls, more residences, more support staff, more parking, more than one doctor per 10 000+ students, etc.)</p>
<p>I would prefer fees not to increase; I am already burdened with a student loan and having fees increased will just delay my paying my loan for a longer time. Could you please consider keeping fees at the current rate?</p>
<p>I do not agree with the proposal, and I do not agree with the increment of tuition fee. UBC has been increasing tuition fee for three years. The tuition fee now is high enough, and even beyond someone's budget, which means it is going to be unaffordable.</p> <p>Also, our school spent too much money on decoration. The renewal of the plaza ground in front of NEST costed us around 300k CND. I do not want my school to waste money to make a new pattern on a nice enough plaza. I would like to see the money be spent on students, faculty, staff and facilities.</p> <p>Hope we can have a better UBC!</p>
<p>I understand the reason why it is important to increase fees. I myself work for the DAE call center and encourage alumni to donate. But at the same time, being an international student at UBC has taken a toll on my mother's financial condition. She has invested whatever she has earned till date and more in this process, and each year to tell her that I am sorry but the tuition has increased by an amount, that equals to money earned by you in months, is difficult and heartbreaking for me. We already pay an amount that is equal to 8x more than domestic students. Each time I take a course that doesn't tally with my major, I have to think of the amount being spent on it. Whether it is okay or not to spent 150000 Indian rupees on a course, is a daily piece of thought.</p> <p>It is as it is not easy. Please Don't make it worse.</p>
<p>School is already so much. Students struggle with tuition so much already. Between housing and living in Vancouver and tuition costs and textbooks students are broke and can have crippling debt. We work so hard to be able to go here. Please don't raise costs and make it any harder. Please cut costs from somewhere else.</p>
<p>This upsets me very much that there is a tuition increase. This university is already making International Students pay quadruple the amount that domestic students pay to get the same education. Some of us can barely even afford coming here and with this tuition increase, it will be nearly impossible for some people to pay for tuition.</p>
<p>While the increase to the tuition is manageable for domestic students, I would argue that an extra 2% for the international students is unnecessary. They are already spending approximately \$30k just in tuition fees, plus the cost of residence and food. Adding an increase that is this high puts an extra financial strain on these students, and will affect the students' not only financially, I believe this will affect their mental health as well. Some of these students are only here because their parents have spent close to their whole life savings to get them to a better education and a better life.</p>

I would prefer not to have my tuition raised by 3%. International student fees are already very expensive. As an international student, I often get the impression that my purpose at UBC is to serve as a source of funding for the many unnecessary and irresponsible expenditures that powerful people within the UBC administration undertake. Just like many domestic students here, I view my education as an important investment, although expensive. The assumption that because I am an international student paying high tuition fees I can spare a mere 3% extra is facile. I would like you to consider this point of view in your decision making.

Education should be affordable for all.

As an international student with already high tuition fees, the added pressure from an increase in tuition fees is not limited to a 3% higher tuition expenses. It's safe to say inflation of a number of foreign currency is making Canadian dollars more expensive, which adds more pressure financially than just a 3% increase. I personally came to UBC having calculated my tuition for the next 4 years taking into consideration changes in exchange rates, but there were no indication or notice of changes in those fees due to inflation prior to accepting my admission offer.

Please re-consider the proposal with that in mind and the international students (and their families) who are already working very hard to pursue their education in UBC.

I am from Turkey, and right now the economy of Turkey is horrible. The currency rate keeps increasing every day. We cannot predict what is going to happen tomorrow. So, I believe it should be taken consideration for Turkish students. We might have lots of difficulties.

Regards,
[...]

I understand that this increase in fees are mandatory due to inflation but the fact that it's higher for international students makes it even harder for us and our parents to pay. We already pay way more than domestic students, which is understandable but the difference is incredibly high. I, in particular, had impeccable notes in high school which I studied really hard for, and due to a late examination of my application I couldn't get any scholarship which still makes me really sad. My friends who had lower notes than me got their offer of admission and scholarship by early march and I got my offer of admission by early may! I think all these factors make this situation unfair. Due to the changes in currency for Turkish Lira destroyed our financial planning and I really want to help my family. I am studying incredibly hard to get a scholarship next year and am planning to work, but I shouldn't be depressing myself over these in the first place.

Some students are struggling to make ends meet. At least lower the tuition percent increase, please.

Expensive for me. And I don't agree with the increase rate of tuition for international students(which is much higher than domestic student).

An increase in tuition each year is an unsustainable path to an unaffordable education that is cheaper to obtain at universities of equal or higher status in other locations throughout the world. I am AGAINST the proposed increase in tuition because there appears to be no actual purpose for it besides the usual excuse of "inflation". This will eventually lead to fewer students enrolling at UBC due to the increased fees for a "world-class education". Until there is a decrease in tuition at UBC, I recommend to potential students to study in world-class universities in Europe, which offer cheaper international tuition than UBC offers to domestic students; the free market delivers.

It would be nice to lower the international student fee closer to that for domestic students. Without the student loan and with limited scholarship, the tuition is a huge burden for every international student. Adding more bursary and scholarships applicable for outstanding international student would be nice as well.

AMS fee for coop students outside Canada is not reasonable, since we are not able to use any facilities & barely service, and the fees are way too much.

<p>The rate of increasing on continuing international students is too high, why not 2% same as domestic?</p>
<p>If they continue to increase costs in tuition, the same should be done to scholarship and bursary amounts in order to satisfy the increase in costs for low-income households.</p>
<p>Instead of increasing tuition, could you look at other ways to control expenses? First of all, the tuition which is distributed amongst other governing bodies, such as the AMS is not utilized properly. The AMS is incompetent in the sense that they do not fix what is wrong and spend lots and lots of money just because they can. A good example of this would be blue chip cookies which was previously upper case. Having read Ubysey's article on this, It is evident that the relicensing fee is astronomical. Another example would be the \$350,000 tree shadow 'art' that was installed. This is just an example of the AMS.</p> <p>Moreover, for example, in the McLeod building there are no proper functioning water fountains. Leading to most students not being able to fill up their water bottles, these are just very small examples of money not being spent to increase quality of life.</p> <p>The most important factor, out of all, would be that a 5% increase in international tuition is astronomical. We, as students, are already on an extremely tight budget. Vancouver's rent, coupled with our tuition fee, and other expenses we face, already lead to us to budget and not live properly. We have to budget our eating, our social life, our academics, basically anything where money is involved, essentially, our ENTIRE life.</p> <p>Therefore, it is my request that please DO NOT increase tuition.</p>
<p>I believe that a constant increase in the tuition fee for international students over the past few years is something very discouraging for prospective students. UBC needs to seriously consider their policies. I strongly disapprove of the tuition increase.</p>
<p>I don't believe it's fair to increase international student fees by 1-2% more than the tuition fees for domestic students. I believe that if there has to be a difference in the increase, it should be the same percentage increase for both domestic and continuing international undergraduate students (at the least) especially since international students already pay more than double the standard tuition fees and have to pay for their own housing on Vancouver (which is especially expensive) since they're away from their families. The larger increase would also discourage international students from attending UBC and therefore decrease the diversity of our student population for the coming year.</p>
<p>I agree with the tuition increase for international students in both undergraduate and graduate programs. I think that being able to study abroad is proof of financial wealth and therefore they will definitely be able to afford these increases. For domestic students though, it is a completely different situation. Some of us are on student loans and are barely able to pay for everything as is. An increase, no matter how small, is additional strain that is added to our load. Some of us are defying all odds by getting a post secondary education as we come from diverse backgrounds with economic hardships. This increase for domestic students ends up affecting the poorest of us and feels like further punishment just for not coming from a wealthy family. I suggest that those of us who qualify for bursary do not have the tuition increase, since we reflect the most financially vulnerable of the student population.</p>
<p>Because I am taking the online program, and outside of Canada. However, the student ID card is an important thing. Thus, I need to go to Canada, get the student ID card. Hope to have other methods to get the student ID card.</p>
<p>Please have some mercy and stop ripping us off. Please.</p>

<p>It is racist to unfairly burden international students. There is not a corresponding inflation in pay (including from the university) with which students can use to cover inflated tuition. The university already has an incredible amount of income and does not need to continue overburdening students in order to function.</p>
<p>I'm not sure I understand whether these increases also apply to optional residency students. If so, I feel it is unfair to raise our tuition, as we already pay an extraordinary amount as students who don't have access to the facilities, guest speakers, events, etc.</p>
<p>As an MFS student, I think the tuition fee is too high for a one year program, and it is still increasing. Since the complex reasons that the tuition fees cannot go down again, I think maybe more scholarship or award would provide to students.</p>
<p>There is already an increase in tuition last year. Cannot see the reason for another increase. When the benefits associate with the tuition hike is not prominent.</p>
<p>Why don't you just lower salaries for upper administrative positions?</p> <p>I literally cannot afford to eat, clothe myself, get my teeth fixed and pay tuition. I am going to be graduating with nearly \$100,000 in student debt and I have worked throughout my academic career.</p>
<p>All new and continuing domestic students' tuition to increase at 2% New international undergraduate students' tuition to increase at 4%</p> <p>The fact that International students already pay more than triple for fees as compared to domestic students is crazy and the fact that our tuition % is more than domestic students is even crazier and unfair. It has enough for us to pay the international fees and unfair. Just because we are international student does not make us extremely rich to keep paying such an increased amount every year. I understand we have to pay more because we are international students but I don't understand why that "more" means more than triple the amount. The increase in tuition is crazy and can make the university more undesirable due to high costs. Its hard on our parent who give up so much just so they can get their children the best education, but its giving up a lot just to keep u with the ridiculous tuition increase. Education is very important for my parents but it just makes me feel horrible that they have to pay so much when it doesn't have to cost that much (for international students). Sure I could get a job but that wouldn't work if I have many courses and am slow paced ins studying, not everyone works the same pace. I've also noticed that Vancouver is quite an expensive city compared to others and as an international student paying for for the high prices for rent and food, but onto of that worrying for the extremely high tuition costs, it just puts a lot of pressure and causes negativity when we know that it doesn't have to be that high. Please stop taking so much from the international students and find other ways. Just because we're international students doesn't mean we can always be taken advantage of. I don't know how my statement will make difference but I hope the Canadians can finally understand my (as an international student) Point of view. Thank you reading and I hope to see a difference because I believe everyone is trying their best to dow hats best for everyone.</p>
<p>Dues should not be increasing, especially for local students! Increasing the cost of tuition increases the likelihood that more and more students will opt not to attend post-secondary, simply because of their financial situations. Education should be a right, not a merely an extra for those who can afford it.</p>
<p>Seeing as continuing international students face a lower increase in tuition costs, continuing domestic students should also have a slightly lower increase compared to new domestic students.</p>

The cost of tuition at UBC is already barely affordable for students who are not receiving financial assistance from sources (i.e. their parents) other than Student Loans. Student Loans does not come close to providing enough money to cover both tuition and living expenses for students, therefore leaving many people at a disadvantage as they struggle to make ends meet and attend school. Raising the tuition costs will only put students from lower socioeconomic backgrounds at an even greater disadvantage, as the chances of students choosing to not come to UBC, or to not continue in their studies at UBC increases due to financial constraints. If this fee increase is implemented, there is a strong chance I will be one of those students who is unable to continue attending UBC, or who will have to drop down to part time studies in order to increase the hours I can work.

THE TUITION INCREASE WILL RESULT IN AN EVEN GREATER SOCIOECONOMIC GAP BETWEEN THE STUDENTS WHO CAN AFFORD TO ATTEND UBC AND THOSE WHO CAN NOT, regardless of intellectual ability. This will negatively impact the research, engagement and academic structure of the university for the worst when it becomes even more limited to students who have access to financial means and excludes others.

*My proposal is based on "Continuing international undergraduate students' tuition to increase at 3%", as I am impacted by this change.

I would like to propose an increase in the award provided for students who achieve certain % of the average grades; currently we can receive \$1,000 for above 90%, \$500 for above 80% (if I understand the system correctly).

Due to an increase in tuition for 3%, the impact for an international student is approximately \$1000 increase in tuition per year. Thus, I would like to suggest an award of \$2000 above 90% of average grades, \$1500 above 80%, and \$500 above 75%.

I consider this proposal as a fair suggestion. The students who are passionate about learning should not be discouraged to continue their study at UBCO due to financial constraint.

I would love to see UBCO's attitude of encouragement for international students to have valuable learning opportunities without distraction of financial struggle.

This school becomes less and less affordable everyday. As I work two jobs, my mornings and afternoons swamped; the place I work hardest is school. All my most well constructed thoughts and true efforts being put into what I believe to be an asset to my future. However as my social and family life dwindles I find myself at a loss. What kind of future is a future filled with debt, stress, and unsustainable interest fees. How can one live like this? University fills me with great ideas, thoughts, and new theories. New exposure. However, I am growing tired of your for-profit capitalist machine. Don't tell us you want us to succeed and then put the bar above our pay grade.

The increased percentage of tuition should be higher on domestic than on international. International students have paid a significant amount of money and because of that, 4% increase is way way more than 2% increase for domestic students. It's not twice as much. It's a ten - twenty times difference. This is not a fair solution, please reconsider it. Maybe change it other way around: domestic 4% and international 2%. International students still have to pay more, but it is a rather fair and reasonable amount of money.

I am a student who does not agree with the tuition hikes. As a student it is meaningful to my survival to not pay out of pocket any more money in order to thrive while being educated. Even a 2% increase will be to stressful, and currently MB student aid is not even giving me the full amount of tuition as it stands... I have to find an extra \$500 when I am not working or have family to rely on. I am living in an expensive city, and even with a full time job by my husband - it is hard to make ends meet. Would you like us to not eat in order to complete this degree? The food bank does not provide nutritious enough meals to live off of, and there is a cap on how often we can attain food. I am Indigenous and come from families who are facing poverty, it would be unethical to say I have family to rely on a system to rely on and a spouse to rely on and that should be enough. Unethical because as it stands times are hard enough and adding extra burdens make less room for voices that are required in the systems of society where people need my voice represented. You have a burden to ensure that "minority" voices make it into places of power, and "minorities" are excluded from post-secondary education when you charge higher rates. It is difficult for me as it stands, please don't make it harder.

In my opinion, a steady increase in tuition as the one observed over the last couple of years is not sustainable on the long term and will result in a decrease in prospective student interest and financial ability to attend UBC. There has just recently been a quite substantial increase in tuition (35% for all new international students), for which the reasons were not well explained in the last tuition proposal. The proposal only mentioned that the increased tuition was necessary to keep up with a competitive environment. I fail to understand how such a drastic increase in tuition can reasonably be followed up by additional increases. Additionally I believe that this constant increase in tuition will lead to a reduction of the diverse community with which UBC prides itself and that many students, including myself enjoy. It will simply be impossible for some (prospective) students to pay the tuition and there are much cheaper alternatives to an education at an institution of same or higher rank than UBC around the world. This leads to a homogenization of the backgrounds students at UBC will come from, which in my opinion will represent a significant loss to the campus community and diversity.

Thank you for your time.

I think that the increased percentages are too much and it might be better for the percentages to be halved, so for ex instead of "All new and continuing domestic students' tuition to increase at 2%" it should be increased at 1%.

It would help students to be informed about the general rate of increase throughout their degree before enrollment as to help plan financials better. Combined with UBC's weak international student funding support, such changes are not something anybody looks forward too. I feel there should also be greater input from students regarding infrastructure improvements as there are many cases of negligent projects that are not well supported.

I think the increase is going to be excessive, specifically for Sauder international students, which is precisely my case. I know it might seem reasonable to increase tuition in faculties that do not have the best buildings or the best economic support, but each year Sauder receives several donations from alumni, and big companies, among others. Also, the tuition fees we pay are way higher than the rest of the faculties, and the idea of increasing them even more is simply not a plausible idea in my opinion. Instead of charging a higher sum of money to the students, the financial department could explain the yearly supporters the situation and ask them to increase their donations, obviously in exchange of some benefits up to their discretion.

I oppose raising student fees for any reason.

I think the proposed tuition increase is reasonable. If we consider the cost of post secondary education in Canada compared to the United States, it is still affordable- it is an investment for our future.

The costs associated with hiring and retaining knowledgeable staff and supporting the infrastructure and modernization of the school are worth the value. I want UBC to remain competitive on the global stage.

<p>It is understandable that one of the priorities of UBC to maintain its status as a top post-secondary institution is to attract and retain exemplary faculty members. However, I wonder for every exceptional faculty member/professor who is employed, what is the ratio to the number of full-time students this faculty member is able to retain at UBC? There is an article which mentions that more students these days are spending their time on working than studying. I wonder if the rising costs of university education are partly to be blamed for such shift. Can excessive work be detrimental to the health of students? I wonder how much help can UBC student health service offer to counter the work/study stress which students are experiencing on a daily basis? Overall, is UBC prioritising its world-class reputation and benefits of faculty members at the expense of students' health and well-being? I believe that raising tuition fees is not a one-size-fits-all solution, instead it is a repetitive strategy that runs on a continual basis with no end in sight.</p>
<p>Tuition fees are already expensive. They should not be increased in my opinion especially for international students since this will draw them towards other countries to study in the future.</p>
<p>I do understand why this increase needs to be approximately 2% but I find it unfair that this means a 4%, \$1000 increase for international students. This is a very significant amount on top of an already very expensive cost for them. While I find this an expense I myself may struggle with finding even an extra \$200 dollars a year, I cannot imagine an extra \$1500 with the combined totals.</p>
<p>tuition fees for international students are tooooooooooooooooooo expensive !</p>
<p>I understand the university is attempting to provide the best education and resources for students of UBCO. However the cost increase impact on student is massive already and with these severe increases of \$105.60 increase for 30 credits that's just for the domestic students. Not including the Mandatory Fees increase. Which will be increasing financial burdens for international students massively.</p>
<p>Why should new and continuing international students (especially those that don't do school entirely online) experience overall greater increases in tuition? It is well known that international students pay many additional costs that domestic students don't necessarily pay (e.g., to obtain VISAs, live on-campus or to obtain housing in Vancouver, travel costs, etc.). Not to mention the many additional stresses that come with moving to a new country. Why should they be required to pay more?</p>
<p>I think it shouldn't be mandatory for students to pay at least 200 for rec fees especially if you have never even used the recreation centre, Its also very discouraging that there is only 1 dollar funding towards a sexual health centre, I think UBC has got to think more about student well being and these fees are ridiculous, do you know much students pay already with tuition and textbooks and COST of living in Vancouver. Its mind blowing how international students pay almost 3x the amount as domestic students when they've already got so much more finances by moving here... An idea is to expand the counselling services so students can be seen daily and not have to wait 2 weeks to be seen, thats something I would put my fee payment towards.</p>
<p>I am afraid I am unhappy about the tuition fee for international students. We already have been paying tuition fees so much more than domestic students; and thus I believe it is unfair to increase tuition fees for International students at 3 or 4% while the counterpart for domestic students will be increased by just 2%. I would appreciate if you reconsider the issue and stop treating international students that unfairly. Thank you.</p>
<p>Yes. I agree with the proposed increases. That said, the cost burden of tuition on students is already exceptionally high, yet there are no easy answers. I hope, as articulated in the consultation documents, to see some tangible improvements to the remuneration for unfunded and adjunct instructors and lecturers - that is also implemented in alignment with an equity strategy.</p>

<p>tuition fee is high enough for us, especially international students. I dont want it to be higher, or I'll consider my master degree application because I cannot afford more. It's so hard for me to continue studying any more if the tuition gonna be higher.</p>
<p>The tuition fee for is international students is too high!! My father just sold our apartment in China to pay☺</p>
<p>Tuition increases do not take into account the fact that students are not earning any more money. Constant increases on an already high tuition are making it extremely difficult for students to pay their fees. Incredibly overpaid tenure teachers are a big part of the problem and the system by which they are paid large sums of money for minimal to no work is ridiculous and should be changed.</p>
<p>In terms of the domestic vs. international costs it seems fair. However, I will say that the general student pays too much. This is hidden behind the quantities of bursaries handed out to students of which only have access to. I know many people receiving bursaries from whom are extremely well off with a single parent (they are just using that money to go on vacations). Meanwhile, others struggle to pay for their own as they do not get financial support because they are considered to be from a "stable" household. Rather than giving out these bursaries I believe the money should be used to help supplement the general tuition costs.</p>
<p>An increase in tuition, even with what seems like a small amount with 3% makes a big difference to me and my family. Already paying such a big difference compared to domestic students, international students like myself find it extremely hard to find quality education while still managing financials. I currently have no extra funding in the form of scholarships or grants and am on track to be about \$100,000 in debt when I graduate. I understand that the school needs a lot of money to continue functioning at a high level but an increase in tuition for students like me may be the difference between continuing my education here or having to drop out because it doesn't make sense financially. My parents are able to pay for housing and food but I will be responsible for tuition costs. Being international, there are much less scholarship opportunities available which contrasts the much higher price compared to domestic students. I really love studying here but wanted to express how the tuition, and a tuition increase, affects me and many other students here. Thank you for understanding.</p>
<p>The tuition costs are too high as-is, even for domestic students. Why do you expect students to have any money? The costs of living in Vancouver are rising, salaries are not.</p>
<p>Please do not increase mandatory costs. It is already very hard to pay off the current school fees as a full time student with parental support. Even then, I'll probably have to go into some debt to finish off my preferred degree so any increase will only make it harder to continue.</p>
<p>Um, thanks for keeping the rate of tuition increases the same as last year.</p>
<p>I feel that it is unfair that the tuition increase for international students is more than the domestic despite the fact that we already pay at least 5 times more than domestic students. I feel like we should at least have the same percentage increase, if not less than the domestic students.</p>
<p>Please do not increase the tuition too much..</p>
<p>I completely oppose all proposed tuition increases. UBC has many other options, including attracting donors, investors, and alumni. The cost of living in Vancouver both on-campus and off- is completely untenable for most students. Many of us live below the poverty line, and work part or full time in addition to our studies to afford to attend UBC. Access to education is essential and tuition increases will increase the pressure that forces students out of academic life every year. It is completely unacceptable that the UBC Board of Governors cannot find other solutions other than increasing costs for the most vulnerable members of the UBC community -- the student body.</p>

<p>Can I beg UBC stopping charging us more tuitions because the current tuition is already very high. Since the tuition always becomes higher than the previous year, I have to finish my study more quickly. This makes so tired.</p>
<p>Canada's annual inflation rate is around 1.6 to 2.0%. Whereas each year international tuition fees increase is at a 4% increase for the previous years. To start off, international students already pay a higher base price, added with a higher increase rate, international students are faced with a high final amount of tuition fees needed to be paid at the end. International students make up a minority of the student population yet contribute to around or more than 50% of university revenue each year in Canada. This is an unsustainable and way of generating and keeping revenue like in a leveraged buy out.</p>
<p>I don't think the tuition fee increase is a good idea</p>
<p>I feel that as the job market evolves so should education institutions. As a degree becomes more and more pertinent to have in today's world I feel that post secondary education should become more accessible. I myself come from a single parent household my tuition is already a strain on my household, so if the cost of tuition continues to grow it will continue to put strain on more and more households, thus making harder and harder for people from low income households to become successful and to support their families in the future.</p>
<p>This increase in tuition fees is uncalled for and causes intense emotional and psychological stress on us students as well as our parents. Having had conversations about how to pay my fees for even 1 term, the thought of this institution increasing their fees even higher leads to tremendous stress on us who just want to be able to study. Please kindly reconsider your plan to increase the fees. It's not worth it for all the psychological stress it is going to cause thousands of people.</p>
<p>The reasons of increasing tuition are acceptable, no matter for hardware or software update, especially to offer competitive salaries to teachers, it's reasonable. However, as an international student, we have to deal with the inflation pressure as well, to face the increase of cost of living. So, to increase tuition at now is no difference to add insult to injury. We need to find other ways to escape from the dilemma. For example, to share some resources with other schools so they may share as well to save budget, to invite some industries to invest to build the research infrastructures and facilities, we can cooperate with them to provide outstanding students resources. In additional, as for the renewal programs, some of them are not so urgent, we can wait until the financial status of school is better. I believe there must be ways to handle it, and there will be.</p>
<p>I believe the yearly increase of 3% to an international students' fees is too much. Even though the cost of providing education increases every year, a 3 % increase is excessive on top of the already high amounts of fees that are required at a huge institution like UBC. I believe an alternative solution should be implemented whereby the fees increase by 5 or 6 percent(which is a larger percentage) at the completion of half our program rather than increasing it every single year. I hope that the administration will take these views into account. Thank you.</p>
<p>Students already struggle to afford food and housing in order to attend UBC and this increase in tuition will only add to that. It is a shame that young people are put into lifelong debt by seeking education and steps should be taken to alleviate rather than perpetuate this.</p>
<p>Unfortunately I don't think the tuition increase is justified. As a graduate student working as an TA and also receiving a scholarship, the compensation I have received is not increasing while the University is claiming more tuition and fees. Speaking of inflationary pressure, I'm sustaining the rising living cost including the approximately 4% rent increase every year in Vancouver. I'm providing critical service to the University by participating in teaching, and the increase in student numbers has greatly added to the teaching workload. With all these I will be required to pay more tuition, while getting the same amount of compensation from the University. I'm unsure if I would support such move by the University.</p>

Actually the inflation rate is pretty mild in Canada (around 1%?), so I don't think it should not be a key factor affecting tuition fee.
And as the exchange rate of Canadian dollar / Chinese Yuan keeps going up these days, the increase of the tuition fee really make the life harder for a Chinese international student like me. /(T o T)/~~

I would appreciate it if you could find ways to save money/cut costs on campus operations before you raise student fees too much. Also perhaps you could also find sponsors to pay for the costs of some of the expenses.

Dear All,

Thanks for asking our feedback. International undergraduate students' tuition to increase at 3% seems quite normal and logical. The issue in my case is that inflation rate and CAD exchange rates are being increased so much in Turkey this year. The real increase reflected to my tuition is much more than 3% due to situation in my home country where my income comes from. As I need to focus on getting used to the new university life and my studies this year, I don't have opportunity to work in a part time job either. I would very much appreciate if you could consider the students who are coming from countries with increasing CAD exchange rates when determining the tuition increase rates.

Best Regards

As a graduate student, so far during my studies, I have not felt the slightest* of improvement in my educational experience even though the tuitions have only gone up. This is the second time during my studies that I'm filling out such a form for a tuition increase and I have felt or seen no positive changes since then. Yes, new buildings (library and such) and residents have been built or are under construction, but I didn't get to experience either the residents nor I think I will get a chance to step inside the new library building at UBCO for the remainder of my time at the university.

The tuition increase is completely unfair for a student in my position and I will only be made to pay for something that I will never get to use, since feedbacks such as this one have no value and the university will do whatever it desires. In case someone is actually reading this and has a voice or the power to be heard or make a difference, if you are actually looking for a Solution, instead of a generic tuition, break down the costs and charge those in related fields who will get to use such "benefits". This will also create more job opportunities as teams are needed to create such personalized tuition breakdowns and receipts.

All in all, anything that was built, created, or provided by any means to students in any faculty other than mine, and if any cost of those things was taken from the tuition that I paid to the university, I do not approve of them and am not happy with what could have been spent for my faculty.

Best,

[...]

*I am thankful for the new bus loop that went under construction and the safer space that was created for students who leave the campus at darker hours of the day.

An increase of 2- 4% on tuition and other fees for international students will prove quite challenging for incoming and current students. I believe that while there is need for some increase in fees, figures should reflect moderate elevations to that of domestic student fees.

<p>Please stop raising the tuition each year. I have not seen any changes to the school or any changes that are worth the increase. It feels like the students are paying for programs or decor around the school that does not benefit the students much. We are already paying miscellaneous fees such as SUB renewal even if you are doing COOP or exchange. Every year it is the same increase and cumulatively it is very significant and draining on students that are already financially struggling. However, it is not like the feedback are being heard or accounted for since most of the students are objected to tuition increase that happens every year. At this point, it has become a joke to all the students.</p>
<p>Tuition fees with the extra add-ons are getting to be expensive. Please consider not raising the fees for next year's tuition.</p>
<p>I understand the need to increase tuitions as it will continue to be difficult to recruit high end professors if they can't be competitively paid.</p>
<p>I am okay with such proposed increase, though I am not aware if and how much my salary may increase in the upcoming year.</p>
<p>Tuition hikes are extremely costly for students, and very unnecessary. I am paying over 600 for an online course that is completely already written, with literally no instructor feedback/communication. Please tell me where this \$600 per student goes to? No class time, no classrooms, very little instructor interaction. $\\$600 * 40 \text{ students} = \\$24,000$ per course???? And we need to increase this???? I think UBC needs to take a real look at where this sort of money actually goes. Why would an online program cost the same (for example) as a course that one takes in person (where classrooms, live instructors, etc... are necessary).</p> <p>Please do not raise tuition any more and make education even more unaffordable.</p>
<p>Having no increases in tuition for the 2019/20 school year would be preferable.</p>
<p>I have read the rationale behind the proposed tuition increase, and I understand that UBC wants to continue to compete on the global stage as a 1st-rate university. However, I do not believe that tuition increase is the way to achieve this. Continuing to increase tuition each year as students already are struggling to pay current tuition prices gives your students the impression that you do not care if the institution that they chose slowly becomes inaccessible to them. Moreover, certain groups of incoming university students will no longer feel that UBC is an option. It is not that UBC will not continue to receive thousands of applications each year, but that those applications will increasingly come from an extremely privileged and homogenous socioeconomic class. I want to believe that UBC is better than this. I want to believe that the school I chose to attend would realize that further marginalizing low-income and/or working class people by denying them an affordable education is wrong. "Tuum est" means "it is yours." Does the "you" in this statement only apply to the 1%? I hope you do the right thing, because you know what that is.</p>
<p>Stop increasing tuition year after year like this. Outline a 5 or 10 year plan to increase. Be transparent about the long term objectives, how do we know when the increases end unless you outline 2% increase for 5 years. etc...</p>
<p>This seems like a modest tuition increase, and I am glad that the increase remains lowest for domestic students, but the rising cost of post-secondary education continues to be a problem that I think UBC could do more to try to combat by constantly looking at how to use dollars smarter. Also, the focus should be on efficiency, not just social justice and equity.</p>

Other for degree type indicating JD student.

While I understand that UBC uses the (Canadian?) Higher Education Price Index to set its inflation rates, there is a bit of a chicken-egg issue with using them. We are using an index that measures the growth in university tuition to set the growth of our university's tuition. If every school does this, then the rate would not increase or decrease with economic conditions as it would be constant.

I think that we should be using one of two different indices to measure inflation. The first would be the consumer price index or an other general inflation equivalent, which would allow us to recognize that if we continue to increase tuition at a rate higher than general costs to students then that will result in higher education becoming increasingly inaccessible for lower-income students. The second would be the increase in average annual earnings of graduates from the degree program in question whose tuition is being increased. This would reflect that a university education is an investment in one's future and that the amount invested should reflect the expected returns.

I recognize that on these measures the tuition increases would be lower. I believe that UBC should be addressing its budget needs by soliciting more alumni support to increase its endowment, and slowing growth in undergraduate enrollments. UBC's endowment is rather small for a university of its size. By better engaging alumni, UBC can solicit more donations to both support its operations and provide bursaries to students who need it.

As for slowing enrollment growth, UBC has a hard time with student engagement both as a large school and as a commuter school. While smaller programs like Law or Medicine have cohesive cohorts, the general undergraduate body has very little connection to the school. UBC does not have features that mitigate large school size that are present at other large universities. For example, the University of Toronto's college system allows students to feel connected to a smaller unit of the university. UBC presents itself as a monolithic entity that gives a perception of caring little for individual student experience.

Why does this matter? Because these students are UBC's future alumni, so in the long run this causes alumni engagement and donations to suffer. Slowing growth in enrollment would allow UBC to allocate less funds to capital projects such as university residences and focus more on operations. We already have insufficient housing on campus and while current projects will add more housing, those gains will be wiped out by increasing enrollment. While the per-student contribution to overhead will be higher, the long term gains through alumni engagement would be beneficial.

I would also like to take a brief moment to point out how woefully insufficient this consultation is. You have asked me to provide my feedback on a complicated issue; however, the only information I have been given are broadly worded budget constraints and proposed increases. There is now discussion of how those numbers were determined and what trade-offs were made to get to those numbers. I get the feeling that this process is mostly done just to provide UBC with the ability to claim that students were consulted. This is not consultation. Consultation requires active engagement, which this process severely lacks.

Finally, I would just like to comment on some of the broad budget constraints is supporting the school's research infrastructure. I'll start with the last: exchange rates fluctuate. While I understand that presents a higher cost, I am highly doubtful that UBC will lower tuition when rates swing back. Only factoring in exchange rate changes into tuition increases when they are unfavourable does not make sense. Also, you talk about supporting our research infrastructure. I believe that it is not the job of undergraduate students to be funding the university's research. The university teaches its students because it has a collection of instructors with the necessary expertise and hopes that some students will contribute to academia in the future. UBC's research should be funding by grants and donations. The undergraduate program should be net-zero and separate from research (aside from paying the professors for the time they spend teaching).

A blanket tuition increase is not fair for students who don't receive the same benefits and services as other students. For example, I am in the MET program, there is no financial assistance, bursaries, or scholarships available to me. As an online program I use considerably less services than students on campus. This should be addressed and accounted for in your tuition increase. Additionally, domestic students should not have to pay for the tuition increase, let that increase be paid by international students. They have the luxury to live and study abroad. Domestic students may not be able to afford that and they shouldn't be priced out of their local university. My UBC experience has been pretty disappointing so far, and to hear of a rising tuition for students already enrolled is yet another disappointment.

As a faculty of pharmaceutical sciences student, I already have to pay over \$20,000 tuition a year + textbooks and living costs of an additional \$10,000 an academic year. I do not believe that increasing tuition for domestic students is the answer. After my degree, I will already be in over \$100,000-\$120,000 debt I do not think tuition needs to increase again. Make budget cuts if needed, and reduce excess waste, but do not punish domestic students. As UBC is gaining worldwide prestige, I believe increasing international tuition is the right course of action and leaving domestic tuition as it is.

I do not think we should raise tuition. I think university is becoming increasingly more expensive and even domestic students are having to take out loans, not to mention the thousands of dollars more international students have to pay. I think that a restructuring of the budget would be more helpful than just more money coming into the university.

Canadian citizens should have FREE post secondary education.

AKA FREE tuition.

The money burden should be carried by taxes, corporations, non-citizens, and proceeds from university research applied to industry.

There is a lot of construction going on at UBC...put the money into providing free tuition.

Endowment lands have a lot of leased land and sold land: put the money into free tuition.

Tuition fees coupled with all other student fees are already extraordinarily high and should not increase. UBC needs to get creative with how they budget and build, think less about themselves as a business and more about the students they're here to serve (we are your client! We are the reason UBC exists!). I am in the midst of completing my third degree at UBC, and in 15 years, I've seen nothing but construction and growth of the UBC community. Yes, there are benefits to this, however, when is enough, enough? At what cost does UBC need to expand?

Hello,

It is understandable that the university has to increase tuition due to inflation. However, would be appreciated to consider inflation on what the school pays to RA and TA. Many of us depend on fixed income and therefore increasing tuition without increasing our income could cause some financial hardship and have a negative influence on our academic performance.

Sincerely,

[...]

In all honesty, a group of first year undergraduates could have written a better proposal than this. There is little information given and next to zero imperial data. With the information given it sounds like the school is patting themselves on the back and telling everyone the good things as if that's enough reason for tuition increase. Each year there are increases in tuition costs, and maybe it's because I'm not looking properly but I have yet to see a budget detailing why and where costs are not being met. Maybe this is just an engineers mentality, but I would like to see some hard facts and raw numbers. As of now this student consultation looks like the school asking our permission to rob us without reason. Frankly I'm disgusted with Canadian post-secondary education in general, because I feel that universities care more about their annual revenue than they do helping shape the future. UBC has done nothing to help me remove that stigma.

Tuition fees should not be raised constantly just because they can. It seems like UBC will increase fees as much as they can so I am glad the provincial government has set limits.

Seems fair enough to me.

Still, this tuition fees if really heavy for our international student, ours are almost 7 times more than the local students, besides the extra (more than)\$1,050/a year we have to pay because of the increasing rate. However, we share the study environment and information with local students here and we even have fewer chances than them, what is our fee for? I don't think it is necessary to increase the fee such high, it is more reasonable to decrease the number of international students if UBC wants to protect local students.

I find it hard to believe that the university does not have enough money to cover the increasing funds when payments for buildings (e.g. SUB) are already part of our tuition, as well as extra income from the filming sets on campus. Additionally, art donations such as the \$365 000 shadow could have been spend on art that is functional. While I do understand that education institutions are a business, the increasing financial burden should not be falling on the very people for whom they are supposed to be providing. It is overwhelming to know that tuition will be increasing every single year, as it is getting harder and harder to keep up with the financial demands.

I am disappointed that tuition is going up at a higher percentage for international students. Our tuition is quite high already, as are living expenses in Vancouver, so tuition increases like this are quite a burden. I am very happy and grateful to be at UBC and to be in Canada, however the affordability of the experience is the reason for a fair amount of stress.

It would be great if you could increase the domestic fee instead of putting more and more monetary burden on the international students.

Why is it that international students always have to pay more? I feel like a lot of international students will end up dropping UBC if the costs continue to increase. I understand that there is a huge infrastructure to maintain, but it is already hard enough for us to support ourselves in a foreign country, with a foreign currency. I love UBC so much, and I would have to have to leave it because I can't afford it. I'm sure you guys can raise funds some other way but please don't take it out on us! If you do, however, decide to make this unfortunate decision, please be aware that you should at least increase the number of international scholarships by 30%; otherwise, UBC will no longer be the multicultural campus that it is. If you want to advertise for diversity and multiculturality and a university with people from all over the world, at least make it accessible for us to come here.

You need us to maintain the GRADES and STATUS of this university, and we need you to be on our side and help us so we can make such efforts.

I hear international students complaining all the time about tuition and the fact that we pay at least 6 TIMES what domestic students pay (not to say that this is wrong, I understand the policy and the implications of charging us more but 6 times per international student seems a little absurd!) therefore, be aware that if you increase our tuition even more, it will lead to great discontentment and this university will become very elitist, losing its purpose. Thank you.

Please DO NOT increase the tuition, the international students tuition is already waaaaaay higher than domestic and I can totally see that UBC is a beautiful campus but is it really necessary tho???? like okey the room at OC are great but like if it's gonna cut down a lot of cost by just building a regular classroom like in mclld i'll prefer that bcs even mclld is enough. And the tree tile in front of the nest, really?????? I'll prefer regular tile with 4% less tuition pls. And the garden in front of ikb is beautiful but how much does that cost? I'll prefer ubc to spend more money for scholarships opportunities for those who are smart enough and deserves to get it even though their domestic / international. Because isn't that's the real purpose of a university? To EDUCATE ppl???? And i think less tuition for students and more scholarships opportunity is the best way to spread knowledge and education to the world. Thanks.

Tuition is already expensive enough; many of us don't even use the facilities that we've paid for. While my classes don't require textbooks, that's not necessarily the case with other students, and textbooks are quite expensive as well.

I feel like there is a better way to budget that would include such an increase in tuition prices. It may not seem like a lot of money but when you're living off student loans then you have to worry about every dollar

too expensive

Dr. Andrew Szeri

I strongly disagree with the tuition proposal, especially for the International one. I am a year-two engineering student. My annual tuition fee has been up to 53000 Canadian dollars. We, International students, are paying almost 10 times more tuition fee than domestic students, even the mandatory fees. Is it too crazy to know that even we pay like 7 time more for recreational fees and they are mandatory, even lots of us never want to use those facilities. I could understand that we could pay more tuition fees but why International students have much less chances to get bursary and scholarships in terms of the number and requirements. In addition, most of us came here to study because we believe that UBC is the best place to provide education and chance for us to achieve our goals. I think it is also UBC's purpose, providing education and help students become better persons to help the world. So we try our best to blend in the university and even show much efforts on study and better academic performance. However, paying such high tuition for us, we have to bear much higher and heavier financial pressure and even some have to bear some loans after graduation. But the amount is too big for us to pay back as a new graduate in the working field. I really hope that the school could understand the financial pressure and it is easy to distract our focus under such condition. Thank you for reading my comment.

I am actually finding it difficult to organize my thoughts around this contentious issue. As a student, I struggle each semester to meet the financial demands of a degree completion. While this is nothing new as every student faces the same issues, it is still a harsh reality. Every increase impacts my ability to continue my studies and contributes to my ongoing frustration. I begin to reflect on how the University is managing the funds received from students. I see where money is wasted and wonder if there isn't a way that the University itself could find a way to restructure resources and systems to find additional monies rather than use the already over burdened students as a source. When I see faculties and departments paying to take professors away on multiple day retreats, I wonder about the cost of such events. I am aware that UBC endeavours to be a leader in innovation, sustainability, research and education and that this creates a great deal of expense. I am also aware that the university explores a number of avenues to generate funds and applaud this whole heartedly. However, as a student, who is already struggling to meet the financial demands dictated by my studies, I must say that I do not support this tuition increase.

Have we been able to raise public taxes to cover some secondary education (like europe)?

Are there other ways to incorporate that money back to the student - like \$20 for every semester on the student card for printing/food fees? Or bookstore \$5 bonus??

I understand the need for tuition increases due to the demands listed. However, I feel where students become upset over the cost of tuition does not lie with the cost of the courses itself, but the immense list of fees that are added on. We have no idea where the money goes to in support of each individual fee, and I and many other students I speak to feel that it is absolutely ridiculous the amounts of which we pay in these additional costs without a say. Why do I need to pay \$100+ towards athletics?? I am not on a varsity team. Also the recreation fees I don't feel are fair, as I participate in these events, but in order to do so I have to pay additional money on top of the automatic fee, which myself and many others feel is absolutely insane. The point, reduce the unnecessary student fees that are added in addition to tuition, and students will be much happier.

I believe it's not fair mostly to international students who get constant stipends from research and they barely meet two ends.

If international tuition rises for the next year it will become even more difficult to attract international students to UBC. UBC has a huge diversity of students from all different parts of the world, and many want to continue to contribute to Canadian society after they graduate. However, a rise in international tuition may discourage many international students, new and returning, to hesitate before attending UBC.

While I understand your reasons for considering this tuition increase, it places an undue hardship especially on international students such as myself. Tuition as you know is exceedingly higher for international students than domestic students. Perhaps you would consider a more modest increase or none at all for international students who already pay a larger portion to the university. Please consider my thoughts here.

Thank you.

[...]

In short, the proposed increases are generally in line with inflation, so therefore appear not to be unreasonable.

I do find it interesting though that the brief overview of the proposal only seems to provide information on the downside or increases in costs. What about the upside, and hence a balanced view of cost and revenue management for the university? What has happened to student intake numbers and have these resulted in increases or decreases in fees for the university year-on-year? The cost of remuneration does increase for faculty and staff, but what about their success in bringing in additional monies to the university - have year-on-year grants awarded to professors increased or decreased? What other income changes have or expect to be incurred year-on-year? I think a more balanced view of the university's main income and expense items would help any feedback provider to give an informed view of whether these proposals seem reasonable and fair.

I don't, in principle, oppose tuition increases to match inflation, but the details provided on the previous page are inscrutable in places (e.g., what does "Future year increases to consider identified cost pressures" mean?) and at best unclear (is this a proposed annual increase? are university spending priorities affected?).

This looks like a bad plan, badly presented.

I appreciate attending a state of the art university, however I wish tuition and overall cost could be a little more budget friendly

<p>Whilst I understand there is a need to cope with inflation, it is alarming that the fee has basically doubled over the decade, making it an increasing deterrent to many not that well off international students (despite the stereotype), who may not be eligible to get scholarships, but by no means untalented. The possibilities are: we're barring everyone but the super-rich students who go to school in Lamborghini, or certain students will sacrifice a bit of their study and do parttime jobs.</p> <p>International students, by providing cultural diversity and a more global perspective, are vital to a university's growth and development. I sincerely hope the administration can think twice.</p>
<p>I strongly oppose the tuition increase. For some students \$106 is not a big deal, but for those that have to work and study full time to pay tuition, it's a big challenge.</p>
<p>I am against all tuition raises for domestic students. I am not against it for international students.</p>
<p>Given that many existing students have already established budgets based on the existing tuition rates, it would seem more reasonable to reduce the percentage increase for existing students, and potentially offset it with a higher increase for incoming students.</p>
<p>The cost of tuition to university is becoming a larger and larger barrier for students to pursue post-graduate education. This should be considered when inflationary pressures are forcing administrations to raise prices. I really hope prices don't continue to rise.</p>
<p>I totally get the reasoning and initiatives driving UBC to secure more revenue/profit/money/funds, but I basically will never, ever believe in or consent to it coming out of increased student tuition. I strongly feel that the government should support university initiatives and fund accordingly. All increasing the tuition does is push more students into greater student debt, which is a backwards system intrinsically gutting students ability to purchase real estate or accumulate savings post-grad. I know every component of this dialogue and situation is more complex than I am capturing here, and more than I likely am aware of or understand, but I am deeply committed to free or accessible tuition costs. Education is a human right, and tuition = a barrier that reinforces class and race systems.</p>
<p>Being in my first year as a domestic, undergrad at UBC, these prices don't seem extravagant. Yes I'd love it if university was less expensive, but looking at the costs UBC has, I do understand the reasons for the increase. At the end of the day I'll pay what I need to to continue to go to this school until I receive my degree, but I would like tuition to continue to be a manageable, reasonable amount.</p>
<p>Why domestic students' tuition increase less than international students'? When will the continue increase in international students' tuition stop? Will it continue for 4 years?</p>
<p>We cannot continue to continuously increase int'l student fees at such alarming rates. This will lead to exponential growth. This 4% increase already adds more than a 1,000 dollars worth more tuition fees on int'l students and their families. If we continue at this rate in 10 years, the tuition will become unbearable, just like the US schools.</p>
<p>I understand that the cost goes up for teaching and just things around the school, the things our tuition goes to. I don't object to the tuition increase. It just feels like every other year tuition is being increased and between that and textbooks and living expenses etc. it makes going to school less and less affordable. I understand that UBC is a world recognized institution, but if prices keep going up, i will have to look at going to a community college and not even consider UBC for my graduate education.</p>

To Whom It May Concern,

Actually, I have no disagreement about the tuition and fee proposal. But I have a heartfelt request for Visiting International Research Students (VIRS). I am a new visiting Ph.D. student came from [...] China, this autumn. I will continue my study here for 2 years. The study and living experience of last month left me a kind of mixed feelings about UBC.

There is no doubt that University of British Columbia is one of the greatest universities in the world. All of our new student are surprised at the fantastic environment and vibrant campus atmosphere. I have to say I love this University and I enjoy every day study here, and eager to introduce this beautiful and respected university to my friends who have never been here.

However, sometimes I am frustrated about some policies to VIRS. We register VIRS program and pay the VIRS fee (\$415) each year. We got UBC cards with a number but our classifications are "Unclassified". Therefore, sometimes we even don't who we are. We called Visiting International Students, but we cannot enjoy all the preferential policy for students (e.g., UBC Aquatic Center and Fitness center).

The VIRS Team at Go Global, UBC told us that we cannot get Upass cause we registered no courses. We agree that, because it maybe involve some policies of Canadian government. But we just cannot understand why we cannot enjoy those facilities on campus as other registered students of UBC.

I am not sure is it suitable to send this email to you, I just want to make a small difference for our VIRS rights. Thanks for your time and attention. Have a good long weekend.

Best Regards,
[...]

Seems unnecessary. There's no outline on what the thousands or millions of dollars in tuition increase is actually going to. And raising it more for international students seems incredibly unfair.

I understand that university education is expensive and there is nothing that can be done to prevent the high costs, however, I find it extremely unfair that international students have to pay at least FIVE times more than what domestic students have to pay in terms of fees. I feel there should be a compromise that benefits international students in the long run due to their intense investment for college education. Moreover, I strongly believe international students should at least have more of a priority on student housing than domestic students, as the alternative options are extremely poor in terms of cost and proximity, especially for students that live overseas. In terms of fees, I think simultaneously increasing the fees of domestic students whilst decreasing the fees of international students allows for more overseas parents and students to afford the high costs that come with university life.

UBC is already one of the most expensive universities in Canada. It is almost as costly as the good unis in the UK. A great number of international students especially those in Asia are attending Canadian unis because they are cheaper.

Please do not fool yourselves into thinking that it is because Canadian unis offer much better programs, professors, research or have a better reputation.

Granted UBC Vancouver does have a great campus and resources but not enough to justify for the high costs.

UBC is surviving more on reputation now. With increased fees that it not going to last.

<p>I feel it is unfair to treat incoming students differently than domestic students. tuition should be equal across the board. In addition, every dollar for increased tuition should go towards supporting low-income students.</p>
<p>What does it matter what students have to say about tuition increases? Will my opinion concerning ever increasing education costs bring about a change of action in what has become an annual certainty? Never has the Board of Governors reduced tuition to make education more affordable. This request from students is about as democratic as when dictators ask their subjects to vote them back into office.</p>
<p>It is ridiculous to think that Universities continue to inflate the price of education. I am an American paying domestic tuition and I came to Canada partially to avoid the ridiculous overpricing of American universities. The small increases in tuition each year push the Canadian education system closer to the American in terms of cost, structure, and focus of the University as business and not a service provided to students and researchers. Please do not continue to increase the tuition at this campus.</p>
<p>Please dont increase, it too much stress on international students especially when we don't get a loan from any bank here.</p>
<p>I request that there should be no increase in the tuition fee for 2019-20. I am an international undergraduate student from India. The CAD has appreciated as against the rupee by 11% from October 2017 to October 2018. Increasing the tuition fee and this proposed 3% will further put too much pressure on my finances . So I would like to plead with the authorities to consider the issue and NOT increase the fees.</p>
<p>As an international student (PhD) barely able to meet the increasing tuition and rent, it would help if the University also lends a hand to the student to be self-sufficient as well, opening opportunities for PhD students to earn within the university in a symbiotic way. Or helping reduce costs at other avenues where applicable, than simply applying a blanket increase on all sections of the tuition.</p>
<p>UBC needs to start looking for revenues elsewhere. Lobby the government and get them to invest more on something that's actually worthwhile (UBC) instead of spending on useless "infrastructure" projects that only make the city look "good" and offer no practical benefit to citizens.</p> <p>This consultation seems to be a formality, just as it has been for the last few years. However, sentiment remains the same every year. Nothing is changing except the tuition fees.</p>
<p>I think that the tuition fees for international students should increase more than 4% and domestic students should increase by less than 2% because domestic students have always and likely will always be paying into the Canadian Government via taxes. Those are after all the tax dollars that help fund Universities.</p>
<p>Please just don't raise tuition. Even though it really doesn't seem like a really large raise per credit, it really adds up when I'm taking 30 credits per year.</p>
<p>I think it's ridiculous that I have to \$900 administration fee to take elective at other institutions. I could not find any online classes at UBC so had to enroll at TRU and Athabasca and pay all their fees as well. No one told me this when I started the program!! Why am I paying such a high admin fee for no service, just a cash grab folks.</p>
<p>Our tuition is not only being increased year after year, but the margin of increase is also not being used towards resources, projects, and amenities that directly benefit or are desired by us. No one wanted that tree shadow, no one wanted a new parking lot. We want more affordable student residence housing, facilitated study areas designed to our desires and learning methods, and colourful art installations to liven up our campus. This is ridiculous, you ask for our feedback every year, and fail to listen to us every year.</p>

Hopefully the university is also lobbying the federal and provincial governments to accordingly increase not only student loan disbursements per credit, but also associated grants in order to cover the rise in tuition that is not necessarily offset by any increase in student incomes.

It's bad enough that as an international student, I have to pay three times the amount of tuition fees and on top of that, have to spend more when I buy textbooks. My parents are funding my entire education as well as my brother's who is in another country. With no scholarship, the increase in UBC's 2018/19 tuition fees are going to be very taxing and a burden on me as well as for my family.

It's bad enough that as an international student, I have to pay three times the amount for tuition fees. On top of that, textbooks are ridiculously pricey which only adds on to my expenses. Given that my education for the next 4 years will be funded entirely by my family, I find that the increase in the 2019/20 tuition fees will be very taxing on my family as well as me as I have a brother who is in his first year of University in another country. With that said, the increase in the tuition fees will be a burden on me.

I worry due to the rising financial costs and burdens of education, students will be deterred from pursuing post secondary education or choose other institutions when planning for their degree.

Hello,

Why continuing fees for international graduate students are the same as the regular fees (i.e., \$2,868.22) when continuing fees for domestic students are less than half of their regular tuition fees (i.e., \$745.89)?

As international students, we pay more tuition fees, have access to less scholarships, less job opportunities (while being enrolled). We consequently often have to work on the side to be able to keep pursuing our degree, which likely prevents us from finishing during the "normal" duration of our program (i.e., two and four years respectively for Masters and PhDs). Past this duration, we are not anymore funded by our supervisor, we are not eligible for internal scholarships (e.g., UGF, Graduate Dean's Thesis Fellowship) and we are likely not getting a TAship. We are consequently forced to work more on the side and less on our research, which creates a viscous circle. This situation effects importantly our experience as international students at UBC.

This difference of treatment (i.e., maintaining the continuing fees at the regular tuition fees level) feels unfair and unjustified.

Best regards,

Tuition should not be increased.

I think that the amount of money that is wasted is a disgrace. Our tuition already is extortionate. I pay a flat fee in my masters program regardless of how many credits I am taking - how is that even legal? I pay over \$2000 per term for one course?! Our tuition is more expensive here than SFU and I cannot understand why. We have to pay a variety of fees already with no benefit such as the REC fees which I will never and have never used. The fact that UBC is even considering making student tuition even more costly is unbelievable. Maybe the money that was, and has been used to make UBC look pretty could have been put to better use. Students are already starting out with insurmountable debt and you are willing to increase that? I would strongly suggest that UBC find somewhere else other than students pockets to find their money.

Hey

Organization overall could've been better

I am vehemently against the tuition fee increase for DOMESTIC students. I also suggest sending a budget of departments to students within their programs. If we see a break-down of expenditures within our own departments then perhaps there could be movement to support the University's proposal to increase tuition.

With the cost of campus residences (and non-optional meal plans) increasing each year as well, to have the tuition increase each year is ludicrous (especially considering UBC is a school that has upheld it's reputation of being a University that charges fair tuition to students) as it's not financially viable for students - especially those in professional programs and master's degrees.

I hope you genuinely take this comment into consideration. Thank you.

"Supporting an excellent student learning experience by attracting and retaining exemplary faculty, staff, and students. In order to achieve this, UBC must offer competitive salaries and address unfunded faculty and staff salary increases."

This is the first bullet point under your proposal as a demand on the university budget. I am not convinced that the university does this effectively as exemplified by outdated and uninformed faculty. If you're actually concerned about attracting and retaining exemplary faculty, you should take a look at how to actually achieve attracting and retaining faculty and instructors. I am currently in nursing, and there is no support for clinical instructors. Some instructors have had complaints lodged against them for bullying and other abusive behaviours toward students, and yet been hired back. I doubt that this issue falls under "compensation", and yet you're arguing that in order to attract and retain qualified staff and instructors you need better pay. Your money would be well-spent examining other barriers, rather than current pay discrepancies.

I understand the needs for increasing tuition fees, but I am not sure how this would impact each student and assume this would have to be further reviewed on a case by case scenario.

It is not fair that tuitions fees are going up. I feel as if the university does not how to budget and spend the student money wisely. The Vancouver campus always takes Kelowna campus money because they put up an argument that they have more students so they take our money. Kelowna campus always gets the leftovers, leaving the campus with little activities. University of British Columbia is already expensive enough compared to other universities. If the tuition fees are raising up the fees, I would consider to go to other university for next year.

The idea of tuition hikes in a city going through a housing crisis where most apartments are experiencing at least a 4% increase in rent/year, seems completely out of touch with what is feasible. If UBC wants to continue to attract the brightest and best students (domestic and international), it is essential that it is done in a way that they can afford to attend the institution. Increasing the financial barriers to education will only decrease the quality of students, since many of the brightest of minds do not come from the richest of families.

All this aside, even if the tuition hikes are merely in place to account for inflation, then the awards and scholarships should also follow. What's more, inflation is a terrible measure by which to increase tuition in a place where a financial bubble is too volatile to account for or even compare to normal measurements of inflation.

I have met with several of the best qualified applicants to my department's PhD programme, and the best of them have consistently turned down UBC's acceptance offer due to tuition costs and lack of viable funding. If UBC wants to see itself in the ranks of the American Ivy leagues, then UBC must be able to secure the students that those universities at the current moment are picking right out of our grasp. As a country, Canada has a lot more to offer a young student or early-career researcher, but UBC must also live up to the task of providing a sensible financial solution.

I am opposed to the stated tuition increases. Tuition is becoming unaffordable for domestic students and is a large part of why I will not continue my studies at ubc for grad school. I also feel that money is spent irresponsibly by the university.

So far, I have been underwhelmed by the student-oriented facilities at UBC - having experience studying at only two other universities previously. I often purchase lunch and then wander, looking for a table to sit and eat at (no, I don't want to eat my food in my lap, eating crunched over is bad for your digestion), and by the time I do find a spot the food is lukewarm. I get it - the university is huge, by number of students. Perhaps you feel there's nothing much you can do about it. If I'm just looking for somewhere to study, not eat, I'm a bit better off, but not a lot. And since all the buildings are spread sparsely over the campus, if the first place I go has no space, after walking up and down and around all the spaces, I need to walk to the next place, and repeat. I think of parking lots where it tells you how full the lot is. It'd be nice to know whether it's even worth entering the building, and where to go within that building to save time. And speaking of parking lots - the signage for permit holders for parking is non-existent. On the plus side, I hear there's a nice graduate student exclusive study area opening up. I only hope it's of an adequate size given the number of students. I assume I stand to benefit from this off the backs of increased fees for past students; so I am fine to pay the increased fees now. If UBC puts in commensurate effort to better their campus for students' study needs, I will feel satisfied. If time proves no better, I suppose apathy will reign supreme.

I am not supporting to increase the tuition and other fees. As funding for graduate student is very low comparative to the expense of Vancouver. It is very difficult to survive with this low funding in Vancouver. So if the tuition and other fees increase international graduate student cannot survive with their existing funding. So I don't support increasing tuition fees.

UBC is already a very expensive university to attend. Just because it is ranked amongst the top 3 in Canada does not mean that it's fees must up there as well. By consistently increasing costs to international students UBC will be ensuring that only a certain class of students are able to attend and therefore the touted 'mix of all types' will be a farce. UBC will only be bringing in the rich Asians.

Many Australian universities are already facing problems of 'rich' Asian students demanding more rights as they pay so much more than locals.

Even though the percentage difference in fees between local and international students will not change the fact that fees are already at a very high level and rising will create such a perception.

When comparing the quality of a UBC education to that of the University of Alberta or Waterloo it really does not justify the much higher fees. It is only the perception of a higher ranked university that we are paying for.

That house of cards is not going to last if fees rise and students and especially parents who are paying the fees, are going to question if that higher ranking is really a gateway to that higher ranked job and pay grade.

Hi,

I think that the tuition fee proposal, i.e. increment is okay.

Sincerely,

[...]

We must persistently & astutely lobby the provincial government to slow down or halt tuition increases! This model will ultimately lead to greater inaccessibility - this is feasible and important.

I do not support the increase in tuition fees. Ever since I have been here, I have seen increase after increase in tuition fees consistently almost every year.

I feel that local, domestic students get hit the hardest with tuition and fee increases, in conjunction with the unaffordable housing in Vancouver. These increases usually leads for the need to divide up precious study time to work part time (which reduces how much funding is issued for student loans), and cuts into the budgets for food and other basic necessities.

I believe that affordable education, if not free education, should be a fundamental human right. It would be wonderful if UBC could be one of the leading western institutions to instigate that, and set the bar for affordable education.

Telecommunications service providers are subject to regulation and limits to how much they can increase their rates and charges by the CRTC. The same should be done by entities such as the Ministry of Education to academic institutions in BC.

Don't make student fee's required for unclassified students, or staff who are taking courses. We should be able to opt out of these fees if we won't be using them. Instead, if we want to use certain services there should be a portion of our tuition that we can *choose* to allocate to certain student services. At this time we should gain access to their services through our student card. If we choose not to pay them, then we don't benefit from the service. If we choose not to pay for any of them, then we should get that portion of our fees back. If we choose to fund some, but have a remaining balance, then we should get it back.

Don't make tuition due early in the term. Students need time to see whether or not they are awarded bursaries before getting tuition. Moreover, we don't receive our government loans until *after* the deadline. Thus we are charged a late fee and incur interest. This amount may be small to someone with a full time income, but it could mean that a student isn't able to pay for a full week's groceries, or attend a fitness class, or pay their phone bill. \$35 is a lot of money to students. Change the tuition due date and we won't incur this cost that, in many cases, is not due to our own negligence.

Allow students to make tuition payments in instalments without incurring interest.

Don't increase tuition. It's already unbearably high. My parents don't have a post secondary education and can't help pay for my tuition. I've maxed out my government funding each year, worked part time jobs to fill the gap and still can't afford rent/food/tuition, not to mention expensive textbooks. Bursaries have helped but I wouldn't need them if tuition wasn't so high.

I would prefer no increase, but 2% for domestic students is reasonable considering the effects of inflation and the need to offer competitive wages to professors.

As long as the increase in tuition fee is fair and necessary it is fine. My worry is a massive increase of 20% per year from 2015-2017 winter session which resulted in a net tuition increase of approximately 44% for international students.

Thank you for providing a tuition proposal to all students and allowing for feedback. The one question I have about raising tuition is how this will relate to students who have fellowships that cover tuition costs. Will these fellowships increase to cover the increase in tuition? I would assume that the fellowships would increase in proportion, however, based on the proposal it is difficult to tell if they will.

I don't agree with the increase ubc is just spending more money in housing that is not even affordable for the students.

The 2% increase for students doesn't seem like much at all which would be completely fine but It does add up over the years especially for someone like myself, who will take more than 5 years to complete their degree due to the fact that I have to work full time to pay for my tuition and living expenses. And as for international students, they already pay a lot and increasing their tuition by 4% is quite a lot and unfair.

Tuition should not be increased as it is becoming unmanageable for students. UBC makes plenty of money from a variety of sources and students should not bear the brunt of their budgetary concerns.

Without a better presentation of these 'inflationary pressures' I cannot satisfactorily accept the propose increases, especially the 15 fold increase international students will pay for a 30 credit load over domestic students. I don't know how this feedback will change anything either...

I understand the reasons behind the increase but I think it is too much. As an international student, I already have to pay a very high amount - especially when it is converted to my currency (BRL). Currently, Brazil's economy is also going through a rough patch and the increase of 1500+ makes a huge difference to us international students. Please re consider.

I think the tuition increases are fairly significant - the 105 increase for domestic students isn't horrible, but the \$1500 increase for international students is way too much! Please lower it.

- All new and continuing domestic students' tuition to increase at 3%
- New international undergraduate students' tuition to increase at 2%
- Continuing international undergraduate students' tuition to increase at 2%
- International graduate research students' tuition to increase at 3% (new and continuing)
- International professional graduate program students' tuition to increase at between 2% and 4% (new and continuing)
- Mandatory fees to increase at 3%

I think increasing the tuition for domestic students would not be as noticeable or significant as increasing the international students' tuition would be. Graduate research students would not be affected as much as the international students since the initial tuition is a much smaller amount.

We are already paying an outrageously higher price for the same knowledge than some institutions. This proposal will only make it harder for people to attend, or continue to attend the University.

Already with the amount of tuition that I'm paying, I do not feel that I am getting the resources that I'm paying for; my chem class is in a theater without proper desks for writing notes, my physics textbook that I have pre-paid \$211 for is not in the bookstore yet, there is never enough equipment needed for everyone in labs, there is not enough SL sessions and so forth. Thus, if I'm paying thousands of dollars for not a lot of resources to begin with, I'm hesitant to pay more for no increased output. I feel like faculty would no doubt benefit from this tuition increase, but not students. Yet, they're not the ones spending thousands on their education and future.

I don't think a tuition increase should be implemented. I think the 2% annual increase that has been occurring in recent years is plenty enough to make the changes listed in this proposal. I understand that UBC is a business, but it's also making access to a good education increasingly inaccessible for many students. I think the tuition we currently pay is more than sufficient in helping to create a better campus and offer better services. PLEASE do not increase our tuition this upcoming year.

I am not sure which side to take! On one hand, I am an international student and everything would be extremely expensive for me if I hadn't had a scholarship (I would never ever be able to pay this university). My scholarship covers my tuition and part of my fees but I am responsible for any remaining fees. On the other hand, I agree that the university should keep pace and maintain the excellent quality in all aspects. The percentage proposed seems to be fair, but I wonder why it is not weighted according to the socioeconomic aspects of each student? Whereas there are students driving Rolls Royce or Aston Martin cars, unfortunately, for others the more expensive the education the fewer people in the middle class (as me) would be able to cover the studies + living expenses. To define my position, my scholarship will cover any tuition up to 17,000 USD so I find the rise fair, but I am worried if people without a scholarship would have access to high-quality education.

Its O.k

While the budget demands for the university are understandable and necessary to keep growing this institution, I feel that it is unfair for the international students to experience such a dramatic increase in tuition. As a third year student, I currently have to pay around \$32,200 A year for five classes each semester. On the other hand, current third year domestic student would pay around \$5,300 a year for five classes every semester. It is unreasonable to suggest a 4% and 3% increase for new and current undergraduate international students respectively, when new and domestic students will only experience a 2% increase to their tuition. International students will experience roughly a thousand dollar increase to their yearly costs while domestic students will only suffer a hundred dollar increase. Viewing these two values, it is clear that it would be more affordable for domestic students to pay a 2 or 4 percent increase in tuition rather than an international student, who already pays a very significant amount yearly. It is understandable that domestic students must feel that they can afford the prices of attending UBC, but this tuition increase for international students makes one think that their greatest value is their money, not their intellectual capabilities. I urge you to reconsider this tuition increase, as, in addition with the mandatory fees, international students are already having a hard time paying their current fees.

Speaking for many, even small numerical percentage increases make a large impact on many. Please re-evaluate this increase and perhaps alter budgeting.

Thank you.

this will add much more financial burden upon international students more than already is. Specially us from emerging markets our currency has been losing value against the dollar in terms of exchange rate this will pretty much make us unable to continue our degree

Current tuition rates are already high for a significant amount of students, most of which struggle to pay for the current rates and are forced to juggle academics with multiple jobs. The rates to continue to increase while students don't reap any of the benefits. I don't believe this increase is justified as it does not actually increase or better learning environments and only contributes to student debt in loans, not to mention the stress of further financial pressure.

As a UBC part-time staff I use my tuition waivers to pay for my classes though I pay out of pocket for mandatory fees. This will mean I have to pay more out of pocket for mandatory fees, which is added stress to my budget which I hope will be manageable. I can imagine this being a struggle for some undergraduate students who will now have to work extra hours at a job to pay for school taking away from study time. Also for graduate students who pay tuition and have families. Overall, I believe that education should be accessible to everyone and I'm not sure this is supporting that. This seems to be another barrier to those with a lower socioeconomic status although I understand that the goal of this increase would be to improve education... If this does go through will there be any money put aside for student bursaries/support? I think this should be considered so that those with financial barriers/lack of opportunity can receive education and improve their lives.

I believe that the budget is not as minimized or reviewed as thoroughly as it could be. An increase of this amount to tuition does not bring in much extra for the university in comparison to the overall expenses, but it is a large hit to many students who are already struggling financially. It is understandable that tuition must increase over time, but up to a 0.75% increase across all increasing items should roughly be sufficient for the universities expenses. Spend more wisely, look into all options before spending on something (shorter contracts with tighter constraints, better suppliers that won't run over budget), and stick to a tighter budget, and then tuition won't need to be increased at this rate. It's obvious how poorly done and over budget the new learning centre is.

I won't bother making points on how ridiculous professor's salaries are. Ask anyone in any profession, salaries aren't necessarily what keeps employees, and professors are not to be held on some podium. To make matters worse, half of them can't teach (as students say in their professor evaluations year after year).

If a low Canadian dollar is that big of a deal, a) I expect to not see an increase in tuition in years when the Canadian dollar is stronger, and b) spend locally. I understand that many companies for software, textbook publications, etc., are not Canadian and it's not exactly possible to always buy Canadian, but if universities shift some of their business to local companies, they'll be able to grow and eventually provide all options that we currently can't get locally.

Overall, with the increases being imposed on students at this scale, it shows that the university is a very poorly run business.

UBC should honour the tuition cited in my offer letter. Adjust the fees for incoming students, but grandfather in those who signed an offer with a stated tuition. It's concerning that UBC can't budget for more than a year in advance.

Students come to university with financial planning sheets which were discussed with parents prior to even sending in a deposit to the school. That's what I did with my own parents. We sat down and calculated how much it would be for me to attend all 4 years at UBC. I am finishing my degree in 2020 and if it were not for my IB credits, I would have underestimated the total cost of my education. The tuition increase is so burdensome for students, especially international students. It may actually prevent certain individuals from graduating because those changes add up in the long run. I am highly opposed to the proposed tuition changes.

Too much for international students since we are already facing financial pressures currently.

An increase in tuition should be done every two years not yearly. International students should have the same inflation of tuition as domestic students.

I am a Diploma student in the Education Department. I hold a [...] and [...] and now am almost complete my [...]. I think that tuition already for my online courses is exceptionally high and another increase is ridiculous. UBC has been undergoing construction for years now and a lot of it I deem to be unnecessary. The old facilities were fine, it is the aesthetics UBC is after. I also don't think the professors deserve a wage increase as the rest of the job sectors in BC have not experienced a wage increase. It needs to be coming from a provincial standpoint and funding from the government, not at the expensive of already struggling students.

No, because of tuition fee for the international student is already expensive. Moreover, UBC has a good reputation because of the international student. Other than that, the facilities in UBCO are limited such as there is no swimming pool and a tennis court, which is very uncommon for a good university that does not have those facilities

Thank You

International students already pay incredibly high tuition to increase by such a high percentage is incredibly significant. My parents have been saving for my university since before I was born and are still barely able to send me. I am furious not only about the increase but that it is by a larger percentage increase than the domestic students who only pay a fraction of the cost. Increasing this disparity is ridiculous and incredibly frustrating for international students.

<p>The bathroom in the Lassere building has been in ever-shifting disrepair for the entirety of my degree, so if you increase tuition you should release where's my money going.</p> <p>Fix my bathroom.</p>
<p>As an international undergraduate student, I strongly discourage the new tuition proposal. International tuitions are already very expensive, and an increase of 3% from one year to another is untenable both for International Students and the university. UBCO has a great reputation because of its great diversity of International Students, but if the tuitions keep increasing at this rate the number of new International Students coming to UBCO will be seriously affected. Moreover, some students -some of my friends- might have to leave UBCO before finishing their degree or else their debts will be impossible to pay. As an award recipient who would like to do his post-graduate studies here in UBCO, I am starting to reconsider my choice because I will not be able to pay my tuition fees without external help. In the long run, I do not see this increment in our tuition profitable for the university, and, unless new facilities were made I would not understand it.</p>
<p>The international fees are already expensive. Adding on top of it would be inhumane. If UBC wants to deter international students from studying, it should curtail its advertising efforts.</p>
<p>I understand that the school has a lot of utilities that require funding and therefore an increase in the school fees is not somewhat unfair, t I would just like state that when I started university here I pay \$3,000 now I pay \$3,220 per course which is about roughly \$16,000 a semester; not to talk about a year. There some of us that come from countries that are not economically well off, and while that is not a problem that the school should be concerned with; it is still rather unfair for some of us that our parents are trying their best to provide these fees on time as well as other basic commodities like housing. I have three siblings, one of which is at the University of Manitoba reading Software engineering as well as younger brother in high school. This puts a strain on not only our parents but us as well. Please reconsider this because there already a lot of international students on campus were the money for these campus utilities can be derived but increasing our tuition more than it has already been is just too much.</p>
<p>Prying on international students to fill your budget is not acceptable. Cap the increase in international student fees increase. It is not like the quality of education increases by 3% every year. Or Canada's inflation is 3%. OR you are increasing the pay of Professors by 3%.</p>
<p>I don't think the increase in tuition fees is necessary since I already consider it high, especially after comparing it with domestic students' fees. I think it's important to consider the fact that not all families are able to afford these increases (not to mention housing and living costs). Both my parents are working yet they still need to take out loans and are incredibly stressed, especially when they're providing for my sibling as well. Even if I did get a job, that wouldn't be able to pay for the current tuition, let alone the increase. It is also difficult to agree to this increase because students don't even know where our money is going into. I acknowledge that some faculty may not be paid enough, but that is a concern for the university and how they distribute salaries as opposed to making students pay extra when there is no evidence of an increase in the quality of education.</p>
<p>I understand the necessity of tuition increase so voting against it is not reasonable. But the tuition fee is still a lot to my family's condition. It would be fair if my scholarship also increases at the same rate as tuition fee.</p>
<p>Please don't increase the tuition again for anyone. The prices are extremely expensive and you shouldn't discourage others from wanting to acquire education.</p>
<p>It is quite understandable as to why there should be a tuition fee rise. However, increasing 3% of the fee for continuing international students and 4% for the new international students seems a heavy load on the international students and their expenses as well. Studying abroad is itself a huge investment; however, agreeing that fee rise is</p>

<p>for the betterment of UBC's functioning, I would also like to disagree to the decided percentage, urging you to make it smaller.</p>
<p>Ubco has seemingly been neglected when compared to the ubcv campus. We're still missing a pool, tennis courts, and a plethora of courses.</p> <p>If my tuition is to increase, it is of my hope that it goes to a cause which is more local, and not one of improving ubcv's research infrastructure, something which doesn't at all affect any student at ubco.</p> <p>If a pool, or something of the sort, was proposed for this campus, I would be more than happy to pay a little extra, but when most of these benefits aren't even applying to our campus, I don't believe that it is fair, or worth it, for the students of ubco to pay more, until the time of which we reap the benefits.</p> <p>With these new price increases, It feels like we're just being used to support ubcv, and that this campus is not a school, but just another money making opportunity.</p>
<p>Inflation is not rising at such a rate that you require a 2% increase from every student. You are already charging mandatory fees for things that we don't want. I have no intention of using any recreational facilities on campus and thats a fee that I am not allowed to remove. Stop trying to navigate your own personal agendas through the money you can siphon from students.</p>
<p>While I understand operational costs are high, raising tuition is always negative. The cost of going to university is already highly restrictive to lower income students and in the current economy loans can follow graduated students for decades. Every increase in tuition will block future students from attending, and reduce the pool of intellect for future generations to draw from. In short, while I know costs are increasing, putting the pressure on students to make up the costs is not a sustainable solution.</p>
<p>I think increasing tuition lowers access for prospective students to get a college education, or makes it less feasible for students to continue in the course of their education. So...I am against the tuition proposal.</p>
<p>I am retired and only taking one course. I don't pay. I have always thought that some aspects of university were somewhat extravagant. Increasing the cost for students basically makes them dig deeper into the loan pool and go farther into debt. I am not in favour of this. There is no oversight to the system so you are able to do whatever you want, I am not happy about that. I have no suggestions as to a solution but I don't feel that piling more debt on the students is the answer.</p>
<p>Sounds like the cost of doing business to me!</p>
<p>Do not become like the US and continue to raise the costs, it becomes a for-profit system that does not give back to the students.</p>
<p>I support the increase in tuition. Many of my friends have complained about the prospect of increased fees, and I myself am not happy about it, but it is clear that these funds would be put toward improving our campus.</p>

I am incredibly disappointed to hear that UBC is once again raising its already exorbitant tuition and mandatory additional fees. This plan disproportionately impacts low income students and those of us in part-time graduate studies (an option I chose because I already couldn't afford full-time tuition as it is). In this so-called consultation there was no information provided that justifies these expenses. You need to explain why there is constantly so much construction on campus and actually demonstrate a need for this. Aiming for expansion on the backs of existing students is unacceptable. If you can't afford these projects in your existing budget, you should not have started them. In my very short walk to class on campus I pass four extremely large and long-term de/construction sites. Why are you tearing down or gutting existing buildings? This is absolutely wasteful and unnecessary and I refuse to pay for it. I'm still being charged hundreds of dollars for your "sub renewal" - another enforced fee for something I will never use.

If you want to continue to educate students fresh from high school tuition cannot increase. There are already enough local families struggling to find housing, afford food, while working 50+ hours a week. By increasing tuition, you are limiting students that can be educated, therefore, continuing to make the rich 'richer' and the less fortunate stuck in a downward cycle. I understand that there is financial aid, but for those out of that bracket or sitting on the border to qualify, they are still severely struggling to fund their academic endeavours. By increasing tuition, even minimal amounts, you are restricting those that can attend this top class academic institution. I urge you to not increase tuition instead focus on donations and partnerships with local and global organisations that can contribute a substantial amount of money towards the education of future members of society.

My feedback is STOP increasing tuition. Period. It's disgusting that you could even propose students paying more than we already do. Most people can barely afford post-secondary education as it is, and at the rate you're going nobody will be able to afford post-secondary education. Other UBC students told me you send this "feedback request" to students every year, and every year you just increase it anyway even though ALL students say to stop increasing tuition. Instead of wasting our money on unnecessary aspects and resources, spend wiser and decrease tuition. That's what my feedback is: DECREASE tuition. My tuition this year was over \$10,000, and that doesn't include textbooks, supplies, certification requirements, and the cost of living. The part that infuriates me the most is that almost every activity, club, event, etc. in this program asks me to spend MORE money. As if I didn't already spend way more money than I should have. What I keep asking is what does my money even go towards anyway? I will repeat again, do NOT increase tuition. If you are truly a university, you need to remember who you are working for: your students. So start acting like a university, value the students that give you a job, and lower the tuition substantially.

NO!!! A 4% increase resulting in a \$1,507.59 increase for 30 credits is ridiculous. International students barely get by financially with the insane tuition fees required. Our tuition fees are more than six times as much as domestic. A single course for an international student covers an entire semester for a domestic student! This is ludicrous.

Although I don't want any kind of increase, a 3% increase is better than it could be, but I would still prefer that international students have the same % increase as domestic students, as we are already paying significantly more.

Tuition has been consistently rising every year, and it is unsustainable and unreasonable to expect that students would be able to continue to pay the increase.

With all due respect international students already pay more than enough pertaining to tuition costs as it is, and repeatedly subjecting them to unwarranted increases in tuition costs is far from fair as it automatically believed they can foot these bills. Hence I admonish the university to kindly exempt international students from these tuition hikes as it would soon get to a point where international students would come together and say "enough is enough". Thank you.

2% is a small amount, but every year there is a 2%-4% increase. And that 2% is formulated from the previous-year's already increased rate; compound growth. So while it seems small at 2% it is actually growing quite quickly. For instance, when I started with co-op the course cost promoted was approximately \$500, now I'm paying a little over \$700, which is an insane jump.

I understand that there are inflation pressures and as a school you need to remain competitive, but it reads as if all the profs would leave if there was not an increase. How fragile is the system really?"

If the tuition is increasing, will the TA salaries also be increasing? Will there be more opportunities for TAs or RAships available? Will there be more access to scholarships and bursaries at the graduate level based on academic merit?

Mandatory fees are already too high and there are too many of them. I am on coop this semester (Fall 2018) and still had to pay over \$1000 in student fees while I am no longer at the university 99% of the time. The AMS/University should look more towards government or private funding to fund things like the childcare bursary, campus culture and performance, sustainability projects and student refugee funds. There are very legitimate fees that I believe benefit a large population of students or are a critical student resource such as the Ombudperson, sexual assault support, Upass, Legal fund, etc. but the ones I mentioned previously benefit small groups of students or are not necessary to the development and support of students. Some causes are noble, like the refugee fund, but students are there to learn, not to be a collective funding pool

Do not increase tuition further. Halt development of new infrastructure; complete what's underway, and leave the rest.

I know you're going to increase tuition anyway, despite what the results of the student consultation may be, so if you're going to do it, then (1) increase funding for graduate students, and (2) hire more regular teaching faculty and fewer sessionals.

Don't hike up tuition any more than it is. I'd much rather see less money spent around campus. The wealth of UBC is prevalent anywhere you walk on campus. UBC could develop some humility and focus on education and decreases in tuition.

I think the increase in fees of international students and domestic students should be equal. Since International students already pay significantly higher in terms of the total fees, the same proportion increase in fees would still increase tuition paid by international students more.

To be fair to international students, the proportion increase should be same in order to not create a larger discrepancy between domestic and international student fees than what already exists.

Thank you for considering this feedback,
Regards,
[...]

<p>Dear institution of UBC,</p> <p>Though I very much appreciate the quality of education, including materials, technology and information that you provide us students, I am also very disappointed in the rise of fees. I am a valid believer in the freedom to access and gain knowledge, and it is high-costs that make education inaccessible for a number of people.</p> <p>UBC is not just a university but an institution, a business in large part, and I truly think that if you wish to focus on educating people first and foremost, it is not through modernizing cafeterias, campus-buildings and other such projects; those updates are nice, but definitely not necessary. Those should be second choices (leftovers really) of budgeting, and any money the institution gains should go to faculty, students, and research materials.</p> <p>If there are any issues with inflation then ubc, as a powerful, high-ranking institution should fight for the rights of accessible education with the government to lower the already high cost of education. There are many examples of wonderful universities around the world that provide free (or at least minimum cost) education for its citizens, helped and provided for by their governments. Why not ubc?!</p> <p>I vote for free, or at least lower cost of education; knowledge that is accessible for everyone who wants it. Is the knowledge we are gaining truly freeing if we end our school enslaved by loans and debts. This was not the point of universities when they first began, they were institutions that fought against ignorance; places of illumination, not prisons of the economy. UBC does not need more money, it is an economy on it's own, so let it let go of the illusions of inflation and refuse to make its students slaves: rather let them be free to think.</p>
<p>I disagree that an increase in fees is necessary for university students to have to pay this upcoming year. Due to the university using ours funds to implement artwork on campus grounds does not benefit the student society, but rather boosts the university's appeal to visitors. I am in opposition to the proposal because I have not adequately seen students funds being used and implemented to benefit the student society. There are many buildings on campus that are in need of renovation to make them more modern and meet the requirements for earthquake safety; until I see improvements in these areas will I continue to be against a fee increase.</p>
<p>International students struggle with being far from their family and friends, demanding schoolwork and culture differences. Adjusting to the city's high costs is hard enough as it is and I think raising tuition for intl students by 4% is unfair.</p>
<p>Raise fees by 1 percent more for International students and not at all for domestic students.</p>
<p>I think that this is a reasonable proposal and I am happy to see UBC creating such a proposal. In the past, I know that international fees increased much more than just 4% so this is good to see.</p>
<p>I do not think it is fair for international students to have no cap on the increments for our tuition. We come here and commit to paying our tuitions but the school makes it hard when the increments are not steady or even capped for year after year.</p>
<p>I feel tuition fees are already high, and increasing it by 2% would put more strain on me especially that I might be in education for a while. A yearly increase could make the rest of my degree unaffordable in the future.</p>
<p>A 2% increase for domestic students seems fair and indeed necessary given inflation. I do not mind paying higher fees because I feel that I am getting quality education in return as well as a host of student services.(e.g. access to journals).</p>
<p>I do not support the fees increase, fees are already high enough and a large number of students graduate with a high amount of debt from student loans. I am not convinced that the reasons provided justify the fee increase and think that it is an injustice.</p>

Dear Committee,

First of all thank you for allowing us a platform to reach our voice. I am an international student enrolled in the online program of [...]. This is my third year and next year, I hope to complete the program. I have always paid my tuition fee on time and I do not problematize yearly increases so much . (My only complaint would be the exchange rate between Canadian Dollar and Turkish Lira but you cannot make improvements on this unfortunately) I have foreseen the rapid devaluation of Lira early and had converted my money to Canadian Dollar, I was pretty happy with wire transfer until you have cancelled it. You cannot imagine how much I struggle and how much money I lose every time I convert money to Lira again and transfer it to my credit card account (plus the extra fees for transaction). Western Union is not an option in Turkey, I consulted my bank when I was in Turkey and they say they don't work with it.

Now I live in [...] and I cannot open a bank account because of the [...]. My only option is to pay the fee with my Turkish Credit Card which only makes transactions in Lira. This is a frustrating experience and I urgently recommend you to make an action about this problem.

The other problem I'm facing is the interface of SSC. I do not have problems during the payment but "the excel like" interface really doesn't help tracking down my payments. Maybe an interface supported with interactive charts can be a better solution.

Thank you for your considerations,
[...]

I would really appreciate the tuition to NOT increase, but I do understand the financial demands of the institution. Hopefully this won't rise too much.

STOP INCREASING THE TUITION FEE PLEASE. TOO EXPENSIVE.

This seems reasonable to me although living in Vancouver with 2 small children, working full time as a teacher and taking my Masters part-time, it is not possible to make ends meet each month. We have had to go into debt to pay for my tuition so any raise in tuition will be increase my debt load.

Thank you for the opportunity to respond.

I feel as though international student fees are already really high, especially compared to domestic fees. A \$1,500 seems really high as it is a significant increase.

First of all, if this platform is the main form of student feedback, the consultation is already flawed as the accessibility and functionality of this feedback format lacks prompting for students and any attempt to generate constructive, meaningful comments is nowhere to be found. This is no better than a survey on the back of a McDonald's receipt except at least with their survey you get the chance at a gift card.

Obviously practically every student will be opposed to an increase in budget for a number of reasons. Believe it or not, students are quite aware of inflation, since the price of everything except the minimum wage has seemed to go up an exorbitant amount, leaving us in the unfortunate predicament of not being able to make large financial investments like buying a home when we get out of university.

I would be more inclined to agree with the increase in costs if it actually made a significant impact on the way UBC is run and the overall experience, benefitting the campus as a whole, such as an increase in scholarship money or an expansion of mental health services that students actually need. However these 'investments' are surface level at best and the question you need to ask yourselves is not whether you can do it, it's whether you should. From my point of view, none of the new upgrades to services are needed and any existing programs that need to be supplemented should fall within the purview of the original budget, as a professional can determine how to save money in other areas, for example not commissioning a \$350,000 pile of bricks that most people would rather not have.

I know that was a cheap shot, and that it wasn't actually my money that paid for it, but can you blame me if I have to walk past 'The Shadow' every day then get a request to increase my tuition because the budget can't be balanced? In my mind, if wealthy donors had enough to pay for the world's worst Allegory of the Cave fanart, they have enough to cover whatever extra costs you believe you'll incur within the coming year.

This may seem like a small, inconsequential increase in the grand scheme of things but I can assure you, every dollar counts when financially planning. Factoring in not only tuition, but inflated rent, textbooks, food and all the other expenses that we pay the university makes me reluctant to give more without a legitimate reason.

Please reconsider your proposal because I believe it would not be as beneficial to the main heart of UBC itself: the students.

I understand that the tuition needs to increase and the proposed increase is fair. But I would like to at least keep the fees same for continuing graduate students.

I understand the financial pressure surrounding the University. However, I disagree with the proposed tuition increase. Increasing the tuition and fees every year has significant impact on new and continuing students. In particular, this causes that only students from rich families can enter our university. That will reduce the diversity of students, which is the most vital factor in our university. I really hope that the university takes action to stop increasing the tuition and fees. Thank you.

No more tuition increases. Percentage increases on international tuition affect those students more as their total tuition is over 5 times as much as that of domestic students. Doubling the percentage increase on top of that is just ridiculous. Especially at a time when the number of international students at UBC is increasing. The rent is too damn high.

Lower Tuition please.

<p>I had always wanted to attend UBC and was really excited to attend until September when the fees hit me hard. I had to pay over 6,000 dollars! I am not from a rich family and did not have any back up, so I had to apply for a student loan. With the addition of my studies, I have to worry about how I am going to pay all the money back. I believe that to avoid these types of situation, people who have money to spend should be the ones paying more because I know hard it is to run UBC without sufficient funds. However, people who have a hard time paying should have a decreased amount of money to pay.</p>
<p>As an international student coming from the US, I believed that UBC offered a great opportunity academically to interact with a diverse student population and experience a broad arena where various minds collaborated. I still believe this, however, it continues to be difficult to believe that UBC is an opportunity with its constant increase in tuition fees. The program and courses offered by UBC are similar to elsewhere but are also extremely limited in certain interests. One example is their lack of Middle East Studies courses offered or even Arabic courses. I came excited about the opportunity to study here and am disappointed that I could not implement what interested me most in my academics. Perhaps offering competitive salaries to professors to remain here can be adjusted by hiring staff or emphasizing that a UBC is a university that prides itself on a renowned education with professors that are here to inspire and teach rather than to receive a large paycheck. Additionally, the fees are high and it is hard to see where the money goes as even new updates to the internet access on campus is poor and continues to have complications. There are more productive ways to get funds for improving education, however, continuing to increase tuition rates for students is not beneficial as UBC paves way to become an elite, privileged school and close its doors to others that are passionate about learning and want to participate and grow from the UBC renowned educational experience.</p>
<p>The proposal seems fair enough for sustaining the quality and integrity of the University.</p>
<p>Why not just keep tuition the same (or decrease it) and spend money more efficiently? It's not hard. I feel like this is sort of a greedy move. You say that one student will pay some extra cash, but that'll add up with the large amount of students at UBC. I don't think UBC is in any debt at all. Keep it the same.</p>
<p>This tuition increase would contribute to the already large cost of getting education. It would be beneficial to bring the cost of tuition down instead of raise it to allow more people the ability to easily afford and access higher education. Raising tuition may cause students more stress financially and may force them to get time consuming jobs that add to their already busy and stressful lives.</p>
<p>As a student I would like to see that the money in the school is going to places that will directly affect our learning experience at the school. Creating more or upgrading outdated spaces, creating new courses, investing in new or maintaining student equipment and workshops, I believe these are areas that need more attention. Replacing perfectly fine pavers just to have a pretty tree design was an insane waste of money and resources. Further, considering they were not in a condition that needed replacing, it made the action wasteful and unsustainable. I would like to see that my school is assessing where their money is going and following their own plans for excellence and accountability. Therefore, if UBC continues to barge ahead with increasing our tuition continually I would like to see that they are thoroughly evaluating where all the money is going to.</p>
<p>less increase in tuition and fee pls</p>

Feedback on UBCO 2019 Tuition Fees increase for international students who began their undergraduate in 2018 (summer or winter session)

UBCO current fees in 2018: CAD38,111 (Applied Science)

UBCO Proposed Fees in 2019: CAD39,294 (Applied Science).

This is a 3% increase over 2018

Current UBC tuition fees is already very steep for international students. Furthermore, it approximates an increase of 32% over 2015 fees.

The international tuition fees approximate seven (7) times over the local student fees (circa CAD 5000 per year).

Irrespective of peer to peer comparison with other leading Canadian institutions (including inflationary impact), the magnitude of tuition fees is just astronomical considering a four (4) years undergraduate program.

The total tuition sum over these four years is particularly painful for international students who come from emerging countries where their currency is considerably weaker versus more economically stronger countries. For illustration some countries where 1 CAD is equivalent to 2 or 3 times more of their local currency.

Furthermore, we anticipate the global economic climate is not favorable in 2019 or the next. This has a high likelihood of negatively impacting the currency value of emerging countries (more severe for those nations with a much smaller economy e.g South East Asia, South Asia region).

One way of addressing the cost growth is to review the whole UBC operations (processes) to squeeze out non value added operations and optimize the existing processes. This would give UBC immediate dollars savings. I am confident this is achievable if UBC put this as a top priority in the context of 2019 and 2020 economic climate.

UBC is a great university and I like it here.

My sincere wish is to seek UBC understanding not to increase the tuition fees at all for us international students for at least the next 2 years. It's already painful for us to pay current tuition fees.

Thank you and kind regards.

This 'slight' increase in tuition fees may be understandable/acceptable, however, the fact that I, as an international student, would, again, have to pay double the increase than a domestic student is simply unfair, as the international tuition fees are already absurdly high (i.e., essentially unaffordable for someone who is still in university, and without a steady income). Thus, I would strongly appreciate it if I as well as fellow international students will not be subjected to more financial burden than domestic students ... not to mention that this is not in line with UBC's preaching of equality and fairness, etc. -- clearly, UBC's international students are, finically speaking, being discriminated against.

Tuition at UBC has been increasing significantly in the past few years - this needs to stop!
Any tuition increase should be no higher than cost of living (less than 3%) for the province.

I do not see a necessity to increase fees and tuition due to the incredible resources and technology currently available. Tuition is expensive enough for international students, and the price is accessible for many people. Increasing it would lower the appeal of the school due to higher prices. However, total costs are appealingly low for American students due to the exchange rate and thus wouldn't change much opinion-wise based on a change in \$1000-2000. Thanks!

Please do not increase the tuition fee anymore. I understand the university needs more funding for staff salary, new resources and campus maintenance. However, I struggle to pay the increasing fee every year. I pay the full international students tuition fee. All by my home country's government student loan. Without any scholarship. My government does not support students who have ambition to study abroad in terms of scholarships. I love this school, I enjoy studying here though, I probably have to quit it because of the financial issue. I have seen some of my friends who pay international students fee could not afford anymore and left the university. They are brilliant. They have bright future. But they had to give up studying because of the tuition fee. I am sure there are more students who are facing the same problem. The university is actually losing many talented people. This does not motivate continuing students either.

Also, I do not understand why there is an increase only in international students fee. In my opinion, everyone in the world has right to gain a good quality of education. It is for better future, in world scale. Some people come to this school because they do not have a right access to education in their countries. Increasing tuition fee does not help achieving the ideal future. Some international students who left here could have contributed to international development and made the world a better place. Some could have established business in Canada and contributed to Canadian economy. However, this does not happen due to the financial crisis as a student. In addition, international students contribute to the Canadian society. We live here. We buy grocery here. We work here. And we pay tax as domestic students do. Even though it is a Canadian school, it is not fair that international students get no reward from it. In fact, 2% of domestic students fee and 4% of international students fee are very different in price.

In the end, UBC has been increasing the tuition fee in the past years. Meanwhile, UBC has been dropping its rank in Times Higher Education or Top University rankings. I know those university rankings are not the only ones to measure the quality of university or education. Nevertheless, I have not seen the positive effect by increasing the fee in the past. Please do not increase again.

It is very hard to pay the current fees and my family is buried under loans and I as a student try to work part time to help my parents support my education as much as possible. It would be almost impossible to complete my engineering degree if the tuition fee would be increased so much.

I would be extremely grateful if UBC would reconsider the increase.

Thank you

UBC is not acting in the students' interests by proposing and enacting student tuition increases. Rather than downloading the cost of operations to students, of whom many are carrying massive student debt loads, the institution would be wise to examine ways to cut operational costs instead. Increased tuition will not only force some students out of completing their education, but will also act to dissuade students from entering UBC in the first place. UBC Okanagan's enrollment is at an all time high, which suggests that revenue has increased to offset expenses as is. In my estimation, a tuition increase will not be welcomed by the student body.

I do not support the tuition increase!

Tuition should not be increased. Students already face enough financial burden. Please make education more accessible by reducing tuition fees.

I am in support of said proposal given that the proposed increases in tuition be meant to sustain university operations.

I understand the need of funds to run an university, but I would also like to request a deep concern and understanding of international students who have been paying way higher tuition than domestic students, who have to use big chunks of studying time to do part-time jobs, who do not have sufficient financial support from family, who have to make student loans, and/or who have to strictly economize their cost of living in order to pay the tuition and housing fees. Thank you.

While I understand the need to raise tuition costs, I don't feel like the extra 2% increased cost for international students over the 2% increase for domestic is necessary, especially so as international students already pay considerably more than domestic. An equal raise I would be fine with, but since this increase alone is already more than 1/4 the cost of domestic students' tuition, I don't feel as if that 2% bump is rational.

Having the fee increase will have a big impact on my current budget. Vancouver is an expensive city to live and the school fees are already quite substantial - more than any other university in Canada. It will stretch my budget even more and end up in more debt. I won't be able to afford the increase in fees so I am against this.

I do not support the increase in tuition for the proposed investments. I agree that the Integrated Renewal Program is necessary, and that the Employer Health Tax and foreign exchange rates are out of UBC's hands, but UBC's infrastructure seems to me to be in pretty good shape. Also, it frustrates and confuses me that students have to continually pay increased amounts to keep the staff from leaving. Does UBC have no other draws for its professors? This might bother me less if UBC had better scholarships for its first year domestic students, apart from the all but unattainable Major Entrance Scholarship. (I don't know how difficult it is for international students to get UBC scholarships, so I can't comment on that)

If UBC were to improve its scholarship programs for undergraduate students, I would be more willing to get on board with a tuition increase. I don't support this proposal.



Student Society
of UBC Vancouver

Submission to the UBC Board of Governors regarding the General Tuition and Fees Increases for 2019-2020 November 9th, 2018

Dear Board of Governors,

This submission is being made on behalf of the Alma Mater Society (AMS) of UBC Vancouver in response to the consultation opened on October 3rd, 2018 on the general tuition and fees increases for the 2019-2020 academic year.

The proposed tuition increases include a 2% increase for all new and continuing domestic students' tuition, a 4% increase for new international undergraduate students' tuition, a 3% increase for continuing international undergraduate students' tuition, a 2% increase for new and continuing international graduate research students' tuition, and between a 2% and 4% increase for international professional graduate students' tuition. The proposed increase for all mandatory fees is 2%. All the proposed increases will take effect in the 2019-2020 academic year.

We appreciate that the University has taken efforts to improve the annual consultation process this year. We support the enhanced level of information provided by the University online regarding the allocation of tuition and student fees. This information, however, does not give an accurate representation of the effect international tuition increases will have on students in higher cost programs. The University continues to selectively pick lower cost programs for the "Impact on Students" section.

We hope that the University will recognize the magnitude of student comments this year regarding personal finances and the fairness regarding continuing tuition increases. If the University is going to have continuing tuition increases every year, they need to be openly advertised to students when they initially apply to UBC. Furthermore, UBC needs to review the effect that annual increases can have on higher cost programs where a 2-4% increase is a significant additional burden placed on the student. These were comments that we raised last year for the general tuition and fees increases consultation, and there continues to be little progress to no progress. The issue of rising tuition costs is only getting worse according to the 2018 AMS Academic Experience Survey (AES) where data indicates there has been a statistically significant increase compared to 2017 (7% increase) in the number of students who experience financial hardship related to their tuition and other expenses (43% in total).

If the University is going to have annual tuition increases, the University must commit to continued development and improvement of the services and supporting resources that a student may access. If tuition increases are necessary to develop and improve the quality of education that we offer our students, they should be able to recognize how these increases have improved their education. Additionally, there should be a formal process to update students on these developments and improvements on an annual basis. Again, these were comments that we raised last year and there continues to be little to no progress. The lack of progress is especially alarming when data from the 2018 AES indicates that only 22% percent of students agreed that the university cares about what students think about the cost of education compared to 51% who disagree with the statement.



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We hope to work with the University to ensure that we explore new avenues to prioritize student affordability. Every year the University, including the Board of Governors, has the same conversation about affordability and it is typically centered on this consultation. Although the AMS is happy to see these conversations are happening, from observation so far it is clear that little is being done to address the broader issue of affordability for students. When 16% of undergraduate students and 23% of graduate students in the 2018 AES indicate that they might need to abandon their studies at UBC due to financial reasons, it is time to address the problem and to start a serious conversation about affordability. This conversation cannot just be about tuition and fees, and it cannot just happen during the general tuition and fees increases consultation. Students expect the University to show continued commitment and action in understanding and alleviating issues of affordability beyond tuition consultation.

The University continues to justify tuition increases as a necessity due to inflationary pressures and other increased costs. The AMS does not doubt that these pressures exist and are a reality the University needs to seriously address, however, there seems to be a lack of effort to address the opposition to tuition increases. Also, it is difficult for the AMS and students to understand how the University can accurately calculate the revenue needed for next year and for future years when there continues to be no public long-term enrolment plan for the University. The AMS hopes the University will also address how over enrolment affects both the quality and the cost of education at UBC.

Since the AMS has seen little progress by the University to seriously address the issues of affordability and the lack of information shared with us, we oppose all the proposed increases to tuition and fees. The AMS was unable to receive materials that detail how the faculties' and university's budgets would be affected by the increase and what the budget model would look like without an increase. The AMS hopes that this detail has at least been shared with the Board of Governors, if not we are even more supportive of the Board of Governors to oppose this increase without the information about how this will affect the budget.

We want to thank the Board of Governors for their continued commitment to ensuring that all student voices are heard at the Board of Governors and throughout the University. We hope to see this continue and we look forward to working with UBC to make education affordable and accessible to all current and future UBC students.

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