



<b>SUBJECT</b>	<b>TUITION 2017-2018</b>
<b>MEETING DATE</b>	<b>DECEMBER 6, 2016</b>

Forwarded to the Board of Governors on the Recommendation of the President

**APPROVED FOR  
SUBMISSION**

Santa J. Ono, President and Vice-Chancellor

<b>DECISION REQUESTED</b>	<p><b>IT IS HEREBY REQUESTED that <i>the UBC Board of Governors approve:</i></b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li><b><i>A 2% increase in tuition for new and continuing domestic undergraduate and graduate students, for programs as specified in Schedule A, except for the Master of Management in UBC Okanagan (0% increase);</i></b></li><li><b><i>An increase in tuition for international students:</i></b><ol style="list-style-type: none"><li><b><i>Continuing International undergraduate students:</i></b><ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><b><i>3% increase for students who entered their degree or certificate programs as set out in Schedule A, on or after May 1, 2015 and prior to May 1, 2017;</i></b></li><li><b><i>2% increase for students who entered their degree or certificate programs as set out in Schedule A, prior to May 1, 2015;</i></b></li></ul></li><li><b><i>New and continuing International graduate students in thesis-based programs:</i></b><ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><b><i>2% increase in tuition (except on-leave fees, which will have 0% increase) for all new and continuing international graduate students;</i></b></li></ul></li><li><b><i>Continuing International graduate students in non-thesis-based programs:</i></b><ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><b><i>3% increase in tuition for students who entered their degree programs (except Master of Management in UBC Okanagan, 0% increase) as specified in Schedule A, on or after May 1, 2016 and prior to May 1, 2017;</i></b></li><li><b><i>2% increase in tuition for students who entered their degree programs as specified in Schedule A, prior to May 1, 2016;</i></b></li></ul></li></ol></li><li><b><i>A 3% increase in tuition for new international graduate students entering the Master of Data Science and Master of High Performance Coaching and Technical Leadership programs effective May 1, 2017;</i></b></li><li><b><i>A 15% increase in international per credit tuition for unclassified, qualifying, visiting, access studies, and auditing students;</i></b></li></ol> <p><b><i>All of the above proposed increases apply to both campuses in Vancouver and Okanagan, and are effective May 1, 2017.</i></b></p>
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<b>Report Date</b>	November 16, 2016
<b>Presented By</b>	Angela Redish, Provost & Vice-President Academic <i>pro tem</i> Deborah Buszard, Deputy Vice-Chancellor & Principal, Okanagan Cynthia Mathieson, Provost & Vice-Principal Academic, Okanagan Louise Cowin, Vice-President Students Andrew Simpson, Vice-President Finance & Operations

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## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

A 2% increase in domestic tuition is proposed for all domestic students for 2017-2018 for programs listed in Schedule A (except the Master of Management in UBC Okanagan). This increase applies to both UBC Vancouver and UBC Okanagan campuses. No increase is proposed for the Master of Management program in the Okanagan campus because the program is currently under review.

Current Provincial Policy has limited domestic tuition and all mandatory fee increases to 2% for all programs. The University continues to operate in a constrained funding environment. Even though the Province of BC is unlikely to make further cuts to the operating grants of the University and will provide assistance for mandated salary increases, any inflationary costs including non-mandated salary increases have to be either absorbed or covered by other sources of revenue growth.

A range of 2-3% increase in international tuition is proposed for continuing international undergraduate and graduate students in non-thesis-based graduate degree programs, as set out in Schedule A. A 2% increase is proposed for new and continuing international students in thesis-based graduate degree programs. This moderate increase in tuition will allow the University to continue to invest in teaching and research excellence.

A 3% increase in tuition for new incoming international graduate students in the Master of Data Science and Master of High Performance Coaching and Technical Leadership programs. These two programs received Ministry approval in 2016 and were not included with the programs for which the Board approved tuition increases, last year.

A 15% increase is proposed for international unclassified, qualified, visiting, access studies and auditing students. This aligns with the approved rate of increase for new incoming international undergraduate students entering their programs effective May 1, 2017.

The tuition increases are used to maintain and enhance the caliber of the University's teaching, learning, and student services and experience. Most of the incremental tuition revenue will be allocated to the Faculties to support teaching, learning and research infrastructure. Tuition allocations will also be made to student financial support programs and to fund centrally-administered student services.

All increases apply to both UBC Vancouver and UBC Okanagan campuses and apply to programs and courses commencing on or after May 1, 2017.

Under the Guidelines of Policy 71, the Vancouver and Okanagan Provosts, VP Students and AVP Students, Okanagan conducted a consultation process and engaged with the student body on information related to the tuition proposal. A communication campaign was developed to provide information and to encourage feedback regarding the 2017-18 tuition proposal.

**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 tuition is proposed for all domestic students for 2017-18 for programs listed in Schedule A (except the Master of Management in UBC Okanagan). This increase applies to both UBC Vancouver and UBC Okanagan campuses. No increase in domestic tuition is proposed for the Master of Management program in the Okanagan campus as the program is currently under review and no new intake is expected for 2017-18.

Current provincial policy limits domestic tuition and mandatory fee increases for 2017-18 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 continues to operate in a constrained funding environment. Even though the Government is not likely to cut the operating grants of universities and has provided assistance for some staff and faculty salary increases, any inflation costs (including cost pressures arising from the low exchange rate for Canadian dollars, non-supported salary increases, and library acquisitions) must be absorbed or covered by other sources of revenue growth. Higher expenses with no corresponding revenue increase can lead to a deficit, and the University is not allowed to run an operating budget deficit. A moderate increase in tuition is part of the solution. This helps the University to continue to invest in teaching and learning excellence.

The principles used to guide developing the 2017-18 domestic tuition include:

1. Tuition fees will be the same for UBC Vancouver and UBC Okanagan for comparable programs.
2. Annual planning should be directed by the University's longer-term goals.
3. Resources required will be based on measures consistent with those goals.
4. Tuition increases in 2017-18 will be based on current Government policy.
5. 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 Continuing International Undergraduate Students**

On December 3, 2015, the Board approved increases in tuition for new incoming international students for three academic years: 2016-17, 2017-18 and 2018-19. The Board also approved limiting the annual increases to no more than 5% for the subsequent four years, or until graduation from their current degree program, whichever is shorter, for international undergraduate students entering their degree programs in 2016-17, 2017-18, or 2018-19. The actual percentage of increase proposed is to be reviewed at the end of each academic year.

Upon review, a 3% increase in tuition for continuing international undergraduate students who entered their degree programs in 2016-17 (on or after May 1, 2016 and prior to May 1, 2017) is proposed.

It is proposed that continuing international undergraduate students who entered UBC on or after May 1, 2015 and prior to May 1, 2016 will continue to have their tuition increased at 3% per annum for their current degree programs. Those who entered UBC prior to May 1, 2015 will have their tuition increased at 2% per annum for their current degree programs (these students were “grandfathered” when the Board approved the new rate increase for continuing international students).

These tuition increases are applied to maintain and enhance UBC’s ability to make investments that will strengthen the teaching, learning and research mission and excellence of the University.

### **Tuition for International Students in Thesis-Based and Non-Thesis-Based Graduate Programs**

A 2-3% increase in tuition is proposed for continuing international graduate students in the following graduate programs and courses as set out in Schedule A:

- All international graduate students in thesis-based programs, including full-time and part-time programs (except on-leave fees, 0% increase)
- All international graduate students in non-thesis-based graduate programs (except the Master of Management program offered by UBC Okanagan).

The annual increase for continuing international students aligns with Statistics Canada’s findings that, on average, international students enrolled in Canadian programs experience a 3% to 5% increase in graduate and undergraduate tuition, respectively.

A 3% increase in tuition is proposed for new, incoming international graduate students entering the Master of Data Science and Master of High Performance Coaching and Technical Leadership programs. These two programs received Ministry approval in 2016 and were not included with the programs for which tuition increases were approved by the Board, last year.

No increase in tuition for international students is proposed for the Master of Management program offered by the Okanagan campus because the program is currently under review and no intake of students is expected for 2017-18.

### **Tuition for Continuing Students in Specified Non-Thesis-Based Graduate Programs**

It is proposed that continuing students in the following non-thesis-based graduate programs who started in their current degree programs prior to May 1, 2017 will continue to pay the same rate of tuition until program completion. This applies to both domestic and international students in these specified graduate programs:

- Master of Business Administration,
- Master of Engineering Leadership,
- Master of Health Leadership and Policy, and
- Master of Management (except Bachelor Dual Degree Option)

### Other Tuition Increases

A 15% increase is proposed for international unclassified, qualified, visiting, access studies, and auditing students. This aligns with the approved rate of increase for new incoming international undergraduate students entering their programs effective May 1, 2017.

**BENEFITS**  
Learning,  
Research,  
Financial,  
Sustainability &  
Reputational

As part of the University Operating budget, tuition revenue contributes to investments in several foci, some of these include:

- **Student Experience** with the goals of enhancing the quality and impact of teaching, strengthening efforts to promote student success, expanding educational enrichment opportunities, and supporting student well-being, personal development, and an outstanding campus life.
- **Research Excellence** with the goals of increasing the quality and impact of UBC's research infrastructure, and being a world leader in knowledge exchange and mobilization.

#### UBC Excellence Fund:

#### Summary of Expenditures and Commitments - 2016/17 (\$'000)

Budget (\$'000)	5,800
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Description	Planned 2016/17 budget	Allocations
Student Recruitment	500	259
Student Retention	400	690
Faculty Recruitment and retention	2,400	1,990
Research Clusters	2,000	2,150
Student Learning Experience	500	840
<b>Total</b>	<b>5,800</b>	<b>5,929</b>

The UBC Excellence Fund (EF) was established in February 2016 to support the University's ambition to become the best university in Canada over the next decade. UBC estimated that \$5.8m would be available for investment in FY 2016/17 to support strategic investments that will provide the margin of excellence that will help transition UBC from excellence to eminence. The expenditure plan was developed through consultation with students, academic leaders and the UBC executive. Examples of some of the investments that UBC will be making include: a) Student recruitment – build advising capacity to support Aboriginal students, and creation of “Experience UBC Scholarships”; b) Student retention – investments in well being and advising support in Faculties; c) Faculty Recruitment and retention – faculty hires and research start-up support and relaunching

the Distinguished University Scholars program; d) Research clusters – investments research clusters, an Indigenous People’s Research Support Unit and a Sequencing and Bioinformatics Consortium; and e) Student Learning Experience – investments in Faculties and the Office of the VP Students to support experiential learning.

The forecasted \$0.2m deficit will be mitigated by fiscal savings that will result from timing of some of the investments – particularly faculty hires.

<b>SCHEDULE</b> 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 2017-18, effective May 1, 2017.
<b>CONSULTATION</b> Relevant Units, Internal & External Constituencies	<p>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 2017/18 tuition proposal.</p> <p>The consultation was conducted over the period of October 6 and November 6.</p> <p>The student consultation process included the following components:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 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.</li> <li>• Tuition consultation website featuring: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Basics of the university budget, tuition allocation plan, and commitment to financial support</li> <li>○ Links to the feedback survey, open between October 6 and November 6.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Broadcast email to students directing students to the website</li> <li>• Scheduled tweets encouraging students to get informed and have their say on the tuition proposal</li> <li>• A post to the FYI blog, sent out in the FYI newsletter</li> <li>• Tuition proposal information on UBC digital signage across the Vancouver campus</li> </ul> <p>Student society submissions are summarized and attached verbatim in the Consultation Report (Attachment 1). Individual student submissions were received through the consultation website. These are also summarized and attached verbatim in the Consultation Report.</p>

<b>Previous Report Date</b>	December 3, 2015 (Undergraduate and Non-Thesis-Based Graduate Program Tuition Increases for International Students for 2016-17, 2017-18 & 2018-19)
<b>Decision</b>	<p>The Board of Governors approved:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. An increase in tuition for new incoming international students effective May 1, 2016 and for the two succeeding academic years:</li> </ol>

- International undergraduate students (including baccalaureate and post-baccalaureate programs):
    - A range of increases from 0% to 23.5%, for programs specified in amended Appendix A, for 2016-17;
    - A range of increases from 0% to 23.5% for programs specified in amended Appendix A, for 2017-18; and,
    - A range of increases from 0% to 15%, for programs specified in amended Appendix A, for 2018-19.
  - Non-thesis-based international graduate students:
    - A range of increases from 3% to 50%, for programs specified in amended Appendix A, for 2016-17;
    - A range of increases from 3% to 44%, for programs specified in amended Appendix A, for 2017-18; and,
    - A range of increases from 3% to 44%, for programs specified in amended Appendix A, for 2018-19.
- ii. A maximum 5% increase in tuition per year for the subsequent four years from the first year of entry or until graduation from their current degree program, whichever is shorter, for new international undergraduate students entering their degree programs in 2016-17, 2017-18, or 2018-19.
- iii. A maximum 3% increase in tuition per year until graduation from their current degree program for new international non-thesis-based graduate students entering their degree programs in 2016-17, 2017-18, or 2018-19.
- iv. An increase in tuition for continuing international students effective May 1, 2016:
- International undergraduate students:
    - 3% increase for students who entered their degree program on or after May 1, 2015; and,
    - 2% increase for students who entered their degree program prior to May 1, 2015.
  - International non-thesis-based graduate students:
    - 2% increase for students who entered their degree program prior to May 1, 2016.

AND FURTHER, the Board of Governors directs the Administration to provide for review and approval at the February 15, 2016 Board of Governors meeting:

- Terms of Reference for the use of funds directed towards financial aid /diversity support for international students.
- Terms of Reference for the proposed Strategic Investment Fund.

**Action / Follow Up**

The Committee asked the Administration to work with the AMS to revise proposed tuition increases and to present an updated resolution for the Board’s consideration at this meeting. Additional consultation will be conducted with regard to international student tuition for dual-degree and other graduate programs, and a recommendation presented for the Board’s consideration and approval in February 2016. Also to be presented in February 2016 are comprehensive Terms of Reference for international student financial aid / diversity support and the proposed Strategic Investment Fund.

<b>Previous Report Date</b>	February 15, 2016 (Non-Thesis-Based Graduate Program Tuition Increases for International Students for 2016-17, 2017-18, and 2018-19)
<b>Decision</b>	<p>The Board of Governors approved:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• An increase in tuition for new incoming international students effective May 1, 2016 and for the two succeeding academic years for the seven non-thesis-based graduate programs specified in Appendix A by: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ A range of increases from 13.8% to 35.0%, for the seven programs specified in Appendix A, for 2016-17</li> <li>○ A range of increases from 13.8% to 35.0%, for the seven programs specified in Appendix A, for 2017-18</li> <li>○ A range of increases from 13.8% to 35.0%, for the seven programs specified in Appendix A, for 2018-19</li> </ul> </li> <li>• A maximum 3% increase in tuition per year until graduation from their current degree program for continuing international students, in the seven non-thesis-based graduate programs, specified in Appendix A, effective May 1, 2016, for students who entered their degree program on or after May 1, 2016</li> <li>• A 2% increase in tuition for continuing international students, in the seven non-thesis-based graduate programs, specified in Appendix A, effective May 1, 2016, for students who entered their degree program prior to May 1, 2016</li> </ul>
<b>Previous Report Date</b>	April 14, 2016 (Dual Degree Graduate Program Tuition International Students 2016-17, 2017-18, and 2018-19)
<b>Decision</b>	<p>The Board of Governors approved:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• An increase in tuition for new incoming international students effective May 1, 2016 and effective May 1 for the two succeeding academic years for dual-degree graduate programs specified in Schedule A for 2016-17, 2017-18, and 2018-19;</li> <li>• A 3% increase in tuition per year until graduation from their current degree program for new international students in dual-degree graduate programs specified in Schedule A entering their degree programs in 2016-17, 2017-18, or 2018-19; and,</li> <li>• A 2% increase in tuition for continuing international students in dual-degree graduate programs specified in Schedule A, effective May 1, 2016, for students who entered their degree programs prior to May 1, 2016.</li> </ul>
<b>Previous Report Date</b>	April 14, 2016 (Tuition Fees 2016-17)
<b>Decision</b>	<p>The Board of Governors approved:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A 2% increase in tuition for all domestic students as specified in Schedule A, effective May 1, 2016; and,</li> <li>• A range of increases from 2% to 3% for international students in graduate programs specified in Schedule A, effective May 1, 2016.</li> </ul>
<b>Action / Follow Up</b>	<p>Student comments circulated to the Board highlight issues faced by students, including questions they have about allocation of incremental funds generated through tuition increases. The Administration was encouraged to provide those details to students during the consultation process, and to the Finance Committee as part of the reporting process.</p>



SCHEDULE A

UBC VANCOUVER, Effective May 1, 2017

Proposed increases in domestic undergraduate, post-baccalaureate programs, and certificates

UNDERGRADUATE AND POST-BACCALAUREATE	Normal Load Credits	Base Per Credit	Typical Fee For Normal Load	Proposed Per Credit	Typical Fee For Normal Load	\$ Increase Per Credit	\$ Increase For Normal Load	Percent Increase
		2016-17	2016-17	2017-18	2017-18	2017-18	2017-18	2017-18
<b>DOMESTIC</b>								
<b>Undergraduate (except as below)</b>	30	\$169.60	\$5,088.00	\$172.99	\$5,189.70	\$3.39	\$101.70	2.0%
Commerce (years 2-4)	30	\$251.29	\$7,538.70	\$256.32	\$7,689.60	\$5.03	\$150.90	2.0%
Engineering (years 2-5)	37	\$181.04	\$6,698.48	\$184.66	\$6,832.42	\$3.62	\$133.94	2.0%
International Economics	30	\$271.32	\$8,139.60	\$276.75	\$8,302.50	\$5.43	\$162.90	2.0%
Media Studies	30	\$225.70	\$6,771.00	\$230.21	\$6,906.30	\$4.51	\$135.30	2.0%
Pharmaceutical Sciences	37	\$250.04	\$9,251.48	\$255.04	\$9,436.48	\$5.00	\$185.00	2.0%
Pharmaceutical Sciences Resident			\$87.05		\$88.79		\$1.74	2.0%
Entry-to-Practice PharmD	42	\$405.03	\$17,011.26	\$413.13	\$17,351.46	\$8.10	\$340.20	2.0%
Doctor of Pharmacy Flexible Program (Program Fee)*			N/A		\$39,600.00		N/A	N/A
<b>Post-baccalaureate Programs</b>								
<b>DENTISTRY</b>								
Dentistry			\$17,407.24		\$17,755.38		\$348.14	2.0%
Dentistry International Dental Degree Completion			\$37,898.05		\$38,656.01		\$757.96	2.0%
Dentistry Resident			\$412.81		\$421.07		\$8.26	2.0%
<b>EDUCATION</b>								
Education Elementary	60	\$188.86	\$11,331.60	\$192.64	\$11,558.40	\$3.78	\$226.80	2.0%
Education Secondary	60	\$188.86	\$11,331.60	\$192.64	\$11,558.40	\$3.78	\$226.80	2.0%
Education NITEP (years 1-3)	30	\$169.60	\$5,088.00	\$172.99	\$5,189.70	\$3.39	\$101.70	2.0%
Education NITEP (years 4-5)	30	\$188.86	\$5,665.80	\$192.64	\$5,779.20	\$3.78	\$113.40	2.0%
Education Diploma	30	\$188.86	\$5,665.80	\$192.64	\$5,779.20	\$3.78	\$113.40	2.0%
<b>LAW (Juris Doctor)</b>								
Law	32	\$372.21	\$11,910.72	\$379.65	\$12,148.80	\$7.44	\$238.08	2.0%
<b>MEDICINE</b>								
Medicine			\$17,407.24		\$17,755.38		\$348.14	2.0%
Medicine Resident			\$412.81		\$421.07		\$8.26	2.0%
<b>Other</b>								
Unclassified, Qualifying, Visiting, Access Studies, Auditors (per credit)		\$169.60		\$172.99		\$3.39		2.0%
Unclassified, Qualifying, Visiting, Access Studies, Auditors (per credit for Law courses)		\$380.46		\$388.07		\$7.61		2.0%
<b>Certificate Programs</b>								
Certificate of Advanced Study			\$4,707.66		\$4,801.81		\$94.15	2.0%
Graduate Certificate in Adult Learning and Education (per 3 credit course)		\$1,308.82		\$1,335.00		\$26.18		2.0%
Graduate Certificate in Global Surgical Care (per 3 credit course)		\$1,275.00		\$1,300.50		\$25.50		2.0%
Graduate Certificate in High Performance Coaching and Technical Leadership (per 3 credit course)		\$1,570.80		\$1,602.22		\$31.42		2.0%
Graduate Certificate in Rehabilitation Sciences (per 3 credit course)		\$1,206.05		\$1,230.17		\$24.12		2.0%
Graduate Certificate in Orientation and Mobility (per 6 credit Undergraduate course)		\$1,222.05		\$1,246.49		\$24.44		2.0%
Graduate Certificate in Orientation and Mobility (per 3 credit Graduate course)		\$1,308.82		\$1,335.00		\$26.18		2.0%

\* A separate docket was submitted on February 2, 2015. This is listed here for reference only. Ministry approval is pending.

## SCHEDULE A

UBC VANCOUVER, Effective May 1, 2017

Proposed increases in international continuing undergraduate, certificate programs, and non-degree studies

UNDERGRADUATE AND POST-BACCALAUREATE	Normal Load Credits	Base Per Credit	Typical Fee For Normal Load	Proposed Per Credit	Typical Fee For Normal Load	\$ Increase Per Credit	\$ Increase For Normal Load	Percent Increase
		2016-17	2016-17	2017-18	2017-18	2017-18	2017-18	2017-18
<b>INTERNATIONAL</b>								
Undergraduate (began between 2016S and 2016W)*	30	\$1,011.97	\$30,359.10	\$1,042.33	\$31,269.90	\$30.36	\$910.80	3.0%
Undergraduate (began between 2015S and 2015W)*	30	\$906.37	\$27,191.10	\$933.56	\$28,006.80	\$27.19	\$815.70	3.0%
Undergraduate (began between 2014S and 2014W)*	30	\$832.29	\$24,968.70	\$848.94	\$25,468.20	\$16.65	\$499.50	2.0%
Undergraduate (began 2013W and earlier)*	30	\$824.20	\$24,726.00	\$840.68	\$25,220.40	\$16.48	\$494.40	2.0%
<b>ARTS</b>								
International Economics (began between 2016S and 2016W)	30	\$1,213.22	\$36,396.60	\$1,249.62	\$37,488.60	\$36.40	\$1,092.00	3.0%
International Economics (began between 2015S and 2015W)	30	\$1,086.62	\$32,598.60	\$1,119.22	\$33,576.60	\$32.60	\$978.00	3.0%
International Economics (began between 2014S and 2014W)	30	\$997.80	\$29,934.00	\$1,017.76	\$30,532.80	\$19.96	\$598.80	2.0%
International Economics (began between 2013S and 2013W)	30	\$988.13	\$29,643.90	\$1,007.89	\$30,236.70	\$19.76	\$592.80	2.0%
<b>Media Studies</b>								
Media Studies (began between 2016S and 2016W)	30	\$1,011.97	\$30,359.10	\$1,042.33	\$31,269.90	\$30.36	\$910.80	3.0%
Media Studies (began 2015W and earlier)	30	\$974.35	\$29,230.50	\$1,003.58	\$30,107.40	\$29.23	\$876.90	3.0%
<b>Music</b>								
Music (began between 2016S and 2016W)	30	\$923.97	\$27,719.10	\$951.69	\$28,550.70	\$27.72	\$831.60	3.0%
Music (began between 2015S and 2015W)	30	\$906.37	\$27,191.10	\$933.56	\$28,006.80	\$27.19	\$815.70	3.0%
Music (began between 2014S and 2014W)	30	\$832.29	\$24,968.70	\$848.94	\$25,468.20	\$16.65	\$499.50	2.0%
Music (began 2013W and earlier)	30	\$824.20	\$24,726.00	\$840.68	\$25,220.40	\$16.48	\$494.40	2.0%
<b>COMMERCE</b>								
Commerce (began between 2016S and 2016W)	30	\$1,217.33	\$36,519.90	\$1,253.85	\$37,615.50	\$36.52	\$1,095.60	3.0%
Commerce (began between 2015S and 2015W)	30	\$1,015.55	\$30,466.50	\$1,046.02	\$31,380.60	\$30.47	\$914.10	3.0%
Commerce (began between 2014S and 2014W)	30	\$932.56	\$27,976.80	\$951.21	\$28,536.30	\$18.65	\$559.50	2.0%
Commerce (began 2013W and earlier)	30	\$923.49	\$27,704.70	\$941.96	\$28,258.80	\$18.47	\$554.10	2.0%
<b>LAW</b>								
Juris Doctor (began between 2016S and 2016W)	32	\$911.34	\$29,162.88	\$938.68	\$30,037.76	\$27.34	\$874.88	3.0%
Juris Doctor (began 2015W and earlier)	32	\$816.24	\$26,119.68	\$840.73	\$26,903.36	\$24.49	\$783.68	3.0%
<b>Certificate Programs</b>								
Graduate Certificate in Adult Learning and Education (per 3 credit course)		\$1,640.71		\$1,673.52		\$32.81		2.0%
Graduate Certificate in Global Surgical Care (per 3 credit course)		\$2,604.83		\$2,656.93		\$52.10		2.0%
Graduate Certificate in High Performance Coaching and Technical Leadership (per 3 credit course)		\$2,481.86		\$2,531.50		\$49.64		2.0%
Graduate Certificate in Orientation and Mobility (per 6 credit Undergraduate course)		\$5,281.35		\$5,386.98		\$105.63		2.0%
Graduate Certificate in Orientation and Mobility (per 3 credit Graduate course)		\$1,640.71		\$1,673.52		\$32.81		2.0%
<b>Other</b>								
Unclassified, Qualifying, Visiting, Access Studies, Auditors (per credit)		\$1,011.97		\$1,163.76		\$151.79		15.0%
* International Undergraduate rate excludes Education programs which do not have grandparented rates.								

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UBC VANCOUVER, Effective May 1, 2017

Proposed increases in domestic tuition for graduate programs

GRADUATE	Base Per Credit	Typical Fee For Normal Load	Proposed Per Credit	Typical Fee For Normal Load	\$ Increase Per Credit	\$ Increase For Normal Load	Percent Increase
	2016-17	2016-17	2017-18	2017-18	2017-18	2017-18	2017-18
<b>DOMESTIC</b>							
<b>Thesis-Based Graduate Programs</b>							
All Domestic Graduate Programs Full Time (except below)		\$4,707.66		\$4,801.81		\$94.15	2.0%
All Domestic Master's Programs Part Time (except below)		\$2,690.54		\$2,744.35		\$53.81	2.0%
All Domestic Graduate Continuing fee		\$2,150.77		\$2,193.79		\$43.02	2.0%
All Domestic Graduate Extension fee		\$3,020.80		\$3,081.22		\$60.42	2.0%
All Domestic Graduate On-Leave fee		\$341.19		\$348.01		\$6.82	2.0%
<b>Non-thesis-based Graduate Programs</b>							
Master of Architecture		\$5,280.58		\$5,386.19		\$105.61	2.0%
Master of Archival Studies, Master of Library and Information Studies, Dual MAS/MLIS (Full Time)		\$4,814.34		\$4,910.63		\$96.29	2.0%
Master of Archival Studies, Master of Library and Information Studies, Dual MAS/MLIS (Part Time)		\$2,771.48		\$2,826.91		\$55.43	2.0%
Master of Arts in Faculty of Education (Full Time)		\$6,730.38		\$6,864.99		\$134.61	2.0%
Master of Arts in Faculty of Education (Part Time)		\$4,045.94		\$4,126.86		\$80.92	2.0%
Master of Business Administration (Full Time - 15 months) (Program fee)*		\$45,655.00		\$46,568.00		\$913.00	2.0%
Master of Business Administration (Part Time - 28 months) (Program fee)*		\$45,655.00		\$46,568.00		\$913.00	2.0%
Master of Business Analytics (Program fee)**		N/A		\$38,000.00		N/A	N/A
Master of Community and Regional Planning		\$9,763.00		\$9,958.00		\$195.00	2.0%
Master of Data Science (Program fee)		\$30,000.00		\$30,600.00		\$600.00	2.0%
Master of Education (Full Time)		\$6,730.38		\$6,864.99		\$134.61	2.0%
Master of Education (Part Time)		\$4,045.94		\$4,126.86		\$80.92	2.0%
Master of Education (off campus) (Program fee)		\$14,267.71		\$14,553.06		\$285.35	2.0%
Master of Education (off campus) with transferable Graduate Certificate		\$4,755.90		\$4,851.02		\$95.12	2.0%
Master of Education in Adult Learning and Global Change		\$7,926.53		\$8,085.06		\$158.53	2.0%
Master of Education in Counselling Psychology (on campus)		\$6,730.38		\$6,864.99		\$134.61	2.0%
Master of Education in Counselling Psychology (off campus) (Program fee)		\$24,660.25		\$25,153.46		\$493.21	2.0%
Master of Educational Technology (Per Course fee)	\$1,554.21		\$1,585.29		\$31.08		2.0%
Master of Engineering (Full Time)		\$5,722.00		\$5,836.44		\$114.44	2.0%
Master of Engineering (Part Time)		\$3,372.02		\$3,439.46		\$67.44	2.0%
Master of Engineering in Clean Energy Engineering (Full Time)		\$17,161.36		\$17,504.59		\$343.23	2.0%
Master of Engineering in Naval Architecture and Marine Engineering (Full Time)		\$26,010.00		\$26,530.20		\$520.20	2.0%
Master of Engineering Leadership (Program fee)*		\$27,540.00		\$28,090.80		\$550.80	2.0%
Master of Fine Arts in Creative Writing (Distance Education) (Per Credit)	\$580.22		\$591.82		\$11.60		2.0%
Master of Food and Resource Economics (Program fee)		\$20,535.04		\$20,945.74		\$410.70	2.0%
Master of Food Science (Program fee)		\$11,950.93		\$12,189.95		\$239.02	2.0%
Master of Geomatics for Environmental Management (Program fee)***		N/A		\$17,000.00		N/A	N/A
Master of Health Administration (Program fee)		\$27,901.86		\$28,459.90		\$558.04	2.0%
Master of Health Leadership and Policy (Program fee)*		\$27,540.00		\$28,090.80		\$550.80	2.0%
Master of High Performance Coaching and Technical Leadership (Program fee)***		\$22,000.00		\$22,440.00		\$440.00	2.0%
Master of International Forestry (Program fee)		\$17,589.52		\$17,941.31		\$351.79	2.0%
Master of Journalism		\$6,894.01		\$7,031.89		\$137.88	2.0%
Master of Kinesiology (Full Time)		\$5,336.56		\$5,443.29		\$106.73	2.0%
Master of Kinesiology (Part Time)		\$3,119.60		\$3,181.99		\$62.39	2.0%
Master of Land and Water Systems (Program fee)		\$18,971.21		\$19,350.63		\$379.42	2.0%
Master of Landscape Architecture		\$5,087.91		\$5,189.67		\$101.76	2.0%
Master of Laws in Common Law (Per Credit)	\$836.90		\$853.64		\$16.74		2.0%
Master of Laws in Taxation (Per Credit)	\$867.00		\$884.34		\$17.34		2.0%
Master of Management (12-month Early Career Masters) (Program fee)*		\$27,902.00		\$28,460.00		\$558.00	2.0%
Master of Management (16-month Operations Research/Transportation and Logistics) (Program fee)*		\$27,902.00		\$28,460.00		\$558.00	2.0%
Master of Management (Bachelor Dual Degree Option) (Program fee)		\$27,902.00		\$28,460.00		\$558.00	2.0%
Master of Museum Education (Full Time) (Program fee)		\$14,937.56		\$15,236.31		\$298.75	2.0%
Master of Museum Education (Part Time or Program Off-Campus) (Program fee)		\$14,937.56		\$15,236.31		\$298.75	2.0%
Master of Occupational Therapy (Program fee)		\$13,950.67		\$14,229.68		\$279.01	2.0%
Master of Physical Therapy (Program fee)		\$13,950.67		\$14,229.68		\$279.01	2.0%
Master of Public Policy and Global Affairs (Program fee)		\$43,860.00		\$44,737.20		\$877.20	2.0%
Master of Rehabilitation Science (Online) (Per 1.5 credit)	\$603.01		\$615.07		\$12.06		2.0%
Master of Science, Genetic Counselling (Program fee)		\$38,047.26		\$38,808.21		\$760.95	2.0%
Master of Sustainable Forest Management (Program fee)		\$17,589.52		\$17,941.31		\$351.79	2.0%
Master of Urban Design		\$17,686.80		\$18,040.54		\$353.74	2.0%
Dual Master of Arts (Asia-Pacific Policy Studies) and Master of Arts (Planning)		\$9,415.31		\$9,603.62		\$188.31	2.0%
Dual Master of Business Administration and Master of Arts (Asia-Pacific Policy Studies)(Program fee)		\$50,363.56		\$51,370.83		\$1,007.27	2.0%
Dual Master of Business Administration and Juris Doctor (Program fee)		\$79,898.44		\$81,496.41		\$1,597.97	2.0%
Dual Master of Architecture and Master of Landscape Architecture		\$7,650.00		\$7,803.00		\$153.00	2.0%
Combined Master of Public Health and Master of Science in Nursing (Program fee)		\$18,830.64		\$19,207.25		\$376.61	2.0%
Combined Master of Public Health with Diploma in Dental Public Health		\$17,407.97		\$17,756.13		\$348.16	2.0%
Combined Master of Science in Craniofacial Science and Diploma in Periodontics (Program fee)		\$52,224.65		\$53,269.14		\$1,044.49	2.0%
Combined Master of Science in Craniofacial Science and Diploma in Endodontics (Program fee)		\$52,224.65		\$53,269.14		\$1,044.49	2.0%
Combined Master of Science in Craniofacial Science and Diploma in Orthodontics (Program fee)		\$52,224.65		\$53,269.14		\$1,044.49	2.0%
Combined Master of Science in Craniofacial Science and Diploma in Pediatric Dentistry (Program fee)		\$52,224.65		\$53,269.14		\$1,044.49	2.0%
Combined Master of Science in Craniofacial Science and Diploma in Prosthodontics (Program fee)		\$52,224.65		\$53,269.14		\$1,044.49	2.0%
<b>Doctoral Degree Programs</b>							
Doctor of Education in Educational Leadership (Program fee)		\$32,306.60		\$32,952.73		\$646.13	2.0%
Doctor of Education in Reading Education (Program fee)***		N/A		\$25,000.00		N/A	N/A
Combined Doctor of Philosophy and Doctor of Medicine		\$4,895.16		\$4,993.06		\$97.90	2.0%
Combined Doctor of Philosophy in Craniofacial Science and Diploma in Endodontics (Program fee)		\$52,224.65		\$53,269.14		\$1,044.49	2.0%
Combined Doctor of Philosophy in Craniofacial Science and Diploma in Orthodontics (Program fee)		\$52,224.65		\$53,269.14		\$1,044.49	2.0%
Combined Doctor of Philosophy in Craniofacial Science and Diploma in Pediatric Dentistry (Program fee)		\$52,224.65		\$53,269.14		\$1,044.49	2.0%
Combined Doctor of Philosophy in Craniofacial Science and Diploma in Periodontics (Program fee)		\$52,224.65		\$53,269.14		\$1,044.49	2.0%
Combined Doctor of Philosophy in Craniofacial Science and Diploma in Prosthodontics (Program fee)		\$52,224.65		\$53,269.14		\$1,044.49	2.0%
Combined Master of Physical Therapy and Doctor of Philosophy in Rehabilitation Sciences (Program fee)		\$26,504.41		\$27,034.50		\$530.09	2.0%
<b>Other</b>							
Unclassified, Qualifying, Visiting, Access Studies, Auditors (per credit for graduate-level courses)	\$399.51		\$407.50		\$7.99		2.0%
Unclassified (per credit for graduate-level Master of Laws in Common Law courses)	\$836.90		\$853.64		\$16.74		2.0%

\* Increase applies to new incoming students only.

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## SCHEDULE A

UBC VANCOUVER, Effective May 1, 2017

Proposed increases in international tuition for specified graduate programs, and continuing international tuition for all graduate programs

GRADUATE	Base Per Credit	Typical Fee For Normal Load	Proposed Per Credit	Typical Fee For Normal Load	\$ Increase Per Credit	\$ Increase For Normal Load	Percent Increase
	2016-17	2016-17	2017-18	2017-18	2017-18	2017-18	2017-18
<b>INTERNATIONAL</b> (No international thesis-based graduate fee will be less than its associated domestic fee)							
<b>Thesis-Based Graduate Programs</b>							
All International Graduate Students Full Time (except below; until degree completion)*		\$8,270.54		\$8,435.95		\$165.41	2.0%
All International Master's Programs Part Time (except below)		\$4,755.57		\$4,850.68		\$95.11	2.0%
All International Graduate Students On-Leave fee		\$1,028.62		\$1,028.62		\$0.00	0.0%
<b>Non-thesis-based Graduate Programs</b>							
Master of Architecture (began between 2016S and 2016W)		\$21,413.00		\$22,055.39		\$642.39	3.0%
Master of Architecture (began in 2015W or earlier)		\$15,918.00		\$16,236.36		\$318.36	2.0%
Master of Archival Studies (began in 2016S or later)*		\$8,518.66		\$8,774.22		\$255.56	3.0%
Master of Archival Studies (began in 2015W or earlier)*		\$8,435.95		\$8,604.67		\$168.72	2.0%
Master of Library and Information Studies (began in 2016S or later)*		\$8,518.66		\$8,774.22		\$255.56	3.0%
Master of Library and Information Studies (began in 2015W or earlier)*		\$8,435.95		\$8,604.67		\$168.72	2.0%
Dual Master of Archival Studies and Master of Library and Information Studies (began in 2016S or later)*		\$8,518.66		\$8,774.22		\$255.56	3.0%
Dual Master of Archival Studies and Master of Library and Information Studies (began in 2015W or earlier)*		\$8,435.95		\$8,604.67		\$168.72	2.0%
Master of Arts in Faculty of Education (Full Time) (began between 2016S and 2016W)*		\$9,511.12		\$9,796.45		\$285.33	3.0%
Master of Arts in Faculty of Education (Full Time) (began 2015W or earlier)*		\$8,435.95		\$8,604.67		\$168.72	2.0%
Master of Business Analytics (Program fee)**		N/A		\$50,000.00		N/A	N/A
Master of Community and Regional Planning (began in 2016S or later)		\$19,104.44		\$19,677.57		\$573.13	3.0%
Master of Community and Regional Planning (began in 2015W or earlier)		\$18,918.96		\$19,297.34		\$378.38	2.0%
Master of Data Science (Program fee)		\$40,000.00		\$41,200.00		\$1,200.00	3.0%
Master of Education (Full Time) (began between 2016S and 2016W)*		\$9,511.12		\$9,796.45		\$285.33	3.0%
Master of Education (Full Time) (began 2015W or earlier)*		\$8,435.95		\$8,604.67		\$168.72	2.0%
Master of Education (off campus) (Program fee)		\$14,267.71		\$14,553.06		\$285.35	2.0%
Master of Education (off campus) with transferable Graduate Certificate		\$4,755.90		\$4,851.02		\$95.12	2.0%
Master of Education in Adult Learning and Global Change (began between 2016S and 2016W)		\$8,936.78		\$9,204.88		\$268.10	3.0%
Master of Education in Adult Learning and Global Change (began in 2015W or earlier)		\$7,926.53		\$8,085.06		\$158.53	2.0%
Master of Educational Technology (Per Course fee) (began between 2016S and 2016W)	\$1,752.30		\$1,804.87		\$52.57		3.0%
Master of Educational Technology (Per Course fee) (began in 2015W or earlier)	\$1,554.21		\$1,585.30		\$31.08		2.0%
Master of Engineering (Full Time) (Program fee) (began in 2016S or later)		\$18,350.59		\$18,901.11		\$550.52	3.0%
Master of Engineering (Full Time) (Program fee) (began in 2015W or earlier)		\$18,172.43		\$18,535.88		\$363.45	2.0%
Master of Engineering in Clean Energy Engineering (Full Time) (began in 2016S or later)		\$28,917.47		\$29,784.99		\$867.52	3.0%
Master of Engineering in Clean Energy Engineering (Full Time) (began in 2015W or earlier)		\$28,636.71		\$29,209.45		\$572.73	2.0%
Master of Engineering in Naval Architecture and Marine Engineering (Full Time) (began in 2016S or later)		\$42,024.00		\$43,284.72		\$1,260.72	3.0%
Master of Engineering in Naval Architecture and Marine Engineering (Full Time) (began in 2015W or earlier)		\$41,616.00		\$42,448.32		\$832.32	2.0%
Master of Fine Arts in Creative Writing (Distance Education) (Per Credit) (began in 2016S or later)	\$966.51		\$995.51		\$29.00		3.0%
Master of Fine Arts in Creative Writing (Distance Education) (Per Credit) (began in 2015W or earlier)	\$957.13		\$976.27		\$19.14		2.0%
Master of Food and Resource Economics (Program fee) (began between 2016S and 2016W)		\$34,234.88		\$35,261.93		\$1,027.05	3.0%
Master of Food and Resource Economics (Program fee) (began in 2015W or earlier)		\$33,256.74		\$33,921.88		\$665.13	2.0%
Master of Food Science (Program fee) (began in 2016S or later)		\$34,254.44		\$35,282.08		\$1,027.63	3.0%
Master of Food Science (Program fee) (began in 2015W or earlier)		\$33,921.87		\$34,600.31		\$678.44	2.0%
Master of Geomatics for Environmental Management (Program fee)***		N/A		\$32,000.00		N/A	N/A
Master of Health Administration (Program fee) (began between 2016S and 2016W)		\$32,934.00		\$33,922.02		\$988.02	3.0%
Master of Health Administration (Program fee) (began in 2015W or earlier)		\$27,901.86		\$28,459.89		\$558.04	2.0%
Master of Health Science (began between 2016S and 2016W)		\$10,946.00		\$11,274.38		\$328.38	3.0%
Master of Health Science (began in 2015W or earlier)		\$8,270.54		\$8,435.95		\$165.41	2.0%
Master of High Performance Coaching and Technical Leadership (Program fee)***		\$37,000.00		\$38,110.00		\$1,110.00	3.0%
Master of International Forestry (Program fee) (began between 2016S and 2016W)		\$28,911.02		\$29,778.35		\$867.33	3.0%
Master of International Forestry (Program fee) (began in 2015W or earlier)		\$28,630.33		\$29,202.94		\$572.61	2.0%
Master of Journalism (Program fee) (began between 2016S and 2016W)		\$30,917.00		\$31,844.51		\$927.51	3.0%
Master of Journalism (Program fee) (began in 2015W or earlier)		\$25,239.44		\$25,744.23		\$504.79	2.0%
Master of Kinesiology (Full Time) (began between 2016S and 2016W)*		\$11,165.00		\$11,499.95		\$334.95	3.0%
Master of Kinesiology (Full Time) (began in 2015W or earlier)*		\$8,435.95		\$8,604.67		\$168.72	2.0%
Master of Land and Water Systems (Program fee) (began between 2016S and 2016W)		\$31,025.29		\$31,956.05		\$930.76	3.0%
Master of Land and Water Systems (Program fee) (began in 2015W or earlier)		\$30,724.07		\$31,338.55		\$614.48	2.0%
* International Thesis-based Graduate Students, MAS, MLIS, Dual MAS/MLIS, MA & MED in Education, and MKIN Students receive an International Tuition Award.							
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	2016-17	2016-17	2017-18	2017-18	2017-18	2017-18	2017-18
<b>INTERNATIONAL</b>							
Master of Landscape Architecture (began between 2016S and 2016W)		\$21,413.00		\$22,055.39		\$642.39	3.0%
Master of Landscape Architecture (began in 2015W or earlier)		\$15,918.00		\$16,236.36		\$318.36	2.0%
Master of Laws in Common Law ( <b>Per Credit</b> ) (began in 2016S or later)	\$985.96		\$1,015.54		\$29.58		3.0%
Master of Laws in Common Law ( <b>Per Credit</b> ) (began in 2015W or earlier)	\$976.38		\$995.91		\$19.53		2.0%
Master of Laws in Taxation ( <b>Per Credit</b> ) (began in 2016S or later)	\$1,120.63		\$1,154.25		\$33.62		3.0%
Master of Laws in Taxation ( <b>Per Credit</b> ) (began in 2015W or earlier)	\$1,109.75		\$1,131.94		\$22.19		2.0%
Master of Management (Bachelor Dual Degree Option) ( <b>Program fee</b> )		\$40,782.85		\$42,006.34		\$1,223.49	3.0%
Master of Museum Education ( <b>Program fee</b> ) (began between 2016S and 2016W)		\$20,191.29		\$20,797.03		\$605.74	3.0%
Master of Museum Education ( <b>Program fee</b> ) (began in 2015W or earlier)		\$18,722.83		\$19,097.29		\$374.46	2.0%
Master of Music (began between 2016S and 2016W)		\$10,426.00		\$10,738.78		\$312.78	3.0%
Master of Music (began in 2015W or earlier)		\$8,270.54		\$8,435.95		\$165.41	2.0%
Master of Occupational Therapy ( <b>Program fee</b> ) (began in 2016S or later)		\$78,043.36		\$80,384.66		\$2,341.30	3.0%
Master of Occupational Therapy ( <b>Program fee</b> ) (began in 2015W or earlier)		\$77,285.66		\$78,831.37		\$1,545.71	2.0%
Master of Physical Therapy ( <b>Program fee</b> )		\$80,000.00		\$82,400.00		\$2,400.00	3.0%
Master of Public Health (began between 2016S and 2016W)		\$10,152.00		\$10,456.56		\$304.56	3.0%
Master of Public Health (began in 2015W or earlier)		\$8,270.54		\$8,435.95		\$165.41	2.0%
Master of Public Policy and Global Affairs ( <b>Program fee</b> ) (began in 2016S or later)		\$69,010.00		\$71,080.30		\$2,070.30	3.0%
Master of Public Policy and Global Affairs ( <b>Program fee</b> ) (began in 2015W or earlier)		\$68,340.00		\$69,706.80		\$1,366.80	2.0%
Master of Rehabilitation Science (Online) ( <b>Per 1.5 credit</b> ) (began in 2016S or later)	\$608.93		\$627.20		\$18.27		3.0%
Master of Rehabilitation Science (Online) ( <b>Per 1.5 credit</b> ) (began in 2015W or earlier)	\$603.01		\$615.07		\$12.06		2.0%
Master of Science, Genetic Counselling ( <b>Program fee</b> ) (began in 2016S or later)		\$38,420.28		\$39,572.89		\$1,152.61	3.0%
Master of Science, Genetic Counselling ( <b>Program fee</b> ) (began in 2015W or earlier)		\$38,047.26		\$38,808.21		\$760.95	2.0%
Master of Science, Occupational and Environmental Hygiene (began between 2016S and 2016W)		\$9,223.50		\$9,500.21		\$276.71	3.0%
Master of Science, Occupational and Environmental Hygiene (began in 2015W or earlier)		\$8,270.54		\$8,435.95		\$165.41	2.0%
Master of Social Work (began between 2016S and 2016W)		\$11,648.50		\$11,997.96		\$349.46	3.0%
Master of Social Work (began in 2015W or earlier)		\$8,270.54		\$8,435.95		\$165.41	2.0%
Master of Sustainable Forest Management ( <b>Program fee</b> ) (began between 2016S and 2016W)		\$28,911.02		\$29,778.35		\$867.33	3.0%
Master of Sustainable Forest Management ( <b>Program fee</b> ) (began in 2015W or earlier)		\$28,630.33		\$29,202.94		\$572.61	2.0%
Master of Urban Design (began in 2016S or later)		\$30,992.70		\$31,922.48		\$929.78	3.0%
Master of Urban Design (began in 2015W or earlier)		\$30,691.80		\$31,305.64		\$613.84	2.0%
Dual Master of Arts (Asia-Pacific Policy Studies) and Master of Arts (Planning) (began in 2015W or earlier)		\$16,541.09		\$16,871.91		\$330.82	2.0%
Dual Master of Business Administration and Master of Arts (Asia-Pacific Policy Studies) (began in 2015W or earlier) ( <b>Program fee</b> )		\$65,142.61		\$66,445.46		\$1,302.85	2.0%
Dual Master of Business Administration and Juris Doctor ( <b>Program fee</b> ) (began between 2016S and 2016W)		\$149,841.00		\$154,336.23		\$4,495.23	3.0%
Dual Master of Business Administration and Juris Doctor ( <b>Program fee</b> ) (began in 2015W or earlier)		\$127,422.14		\$129,970.59		\$2,548.44	2.0%
Dual Master of Architecture and Master of Landscape Architecture (began in 2016S or earlier)		\$32,119.75		\$33,083.34		\$963.59	3.0%
Combined Master of Public Health and Master of Science in Nursing ( <b>Program fee</b> ) (began between 2016S and 2016W)		\$36,845.00		\$37,950.35		\$1,105.35	3.0%
Combined Master of Public Health and Master of Science in Nursing ( <b>Program fee</b> ) (began in 2015W or earlier)		\$33,082.16		\$33,743.80		\$661.64	2.0%
Combined Master of Public Health with Diploma in Dental Public Health (began between 2016S and 2016W)		\$43,274.57		\$44,572.81		\$1,298.24	3.0%
Combined Master of Public Health with Diploma in Dental Public Health (began in 2015W or earlier)		\$41,393.35		\$42,221.22		\$827.87	2.0%
Combined Master of Science in Craniofacial Science and Diploma in Periodontics ( <b>Program fee</b> )		\$124,179.69		\$126,663.28		\$2,483.59	2.0%
Combined Master of Science in Craniofacial Science and Diploma in Endodontics ( <b>Program fee</b> )		\$124,179.69		\$126,663.28		\$2,483.59	2.0%
Combined Master of Science in Craniofacial Science and Diploma in Orthodontics ( <b>Program fee</b> )		\$124,179.69		\$126,663.28		\$2,483.59	2.0%
Combined Master of Science in Craniofacial Science and Diploma in Pediatric Dentistry ( <b>Program fee</b> )		\$124,179.69		\$126,663.28		\$2,483.59	2.0%
Combined Master of Science in Craniofacial Science and Diploma in Prosthodontics ( <b>Program fee</b> )		\$124,179.69		\$126,663.28		\$2,483.59	2.0%
<b>Doctoral Degree Programs</b>							
Doctor of Education in Educational Leadership ( <b>Program fee</b> ) (began between 2016S and 2016W)		\$36,424.00		\$37,516.72		\$1,092.72	3.0%
Doctor of Education in Educational Leadership ( <b>Program fee</b> ) (began in 2015W or earlier)		\$32,306.60		\$32,952.73		\$646.13	2.0%
Doctor of Education in Reading Education ( <b>Program fee</b> )***		N/A		\$53,500.00		N/A	N/A
Combined Doctor of Philosophy in Craniofacial Science and Diploma in Endodontics ( <b>Program fee</b> )		\$124,179.69		\$126,663.28		\$2,483.59	2.0%
Combined Doctor of Philosophy in Craniofacial Science and Diploma in Orthodontics ( <b>Program fee</b> )		\$124,179.69		\$126,663.28		\$2,483.59	2.0%
Combined Doctor of Philosophy in Craniofacial Science and Diploma in Pediatric Dentistry ( <b>Program fee</b> )		\$124,179.69		\$126,663.28		\$2,483.59	2.0%
Combined Doctor of Philosophy in Craniofacial Science and Diploma in Periodontics Dentistry ( <b>Program fee</b> )		\$124,179.69		\$126,663.28		\$2,483.59	2.0%
Combined Doctor of Philosophy in Craniofacial Science and Diploma in Prosthodontics ( <b>Program fee</b> )		\$124,179.69		\$126,663.28		\$2,483.59	2.0%
Combined Master of Physical Therapy and Doctor of Philosophy in Rehabilitation Sciences ( <b>Program fee</b> )		\$102,054.77		\$104,895.87		\$2,841.09	2.8%
<b>Other</b>							
Unclassified (per credit for graduate-level Master of Laws in Common Law courses)	\$985.96		\$1,015.54		\$29.58		3.0%
* International Thesis-based Graduate Students, MAS, MLIS, Dual MAS/MLIS, MA & MED in Education, and MKIN Students receive an International Tuition Award.							
** A separate docket was submitted on April 14, 2016. This is listed here for reference only. Ministry approval is pending.							
*** A separate docket was submitted on December 3, 2015. This is listed here for reference only. Ministry approval is pending.							

SCHEDULE A

UBC OKANAGAN, Effective May 1, 2017

Proposed increases in all domestic tuition and in international tuition for specified graduate programs, and continuing international tuition for all graduate programs

UNDERGRADUATE	Normal Load Credits	Base Per Credit	Typical Fee For Normal Load	Proposed Per Credit	Typical Fee For Normal Load	\$ Increase Per Credit	\$ Increase For Normal Load	Percent Increase
		2016-17	2016-17	2017-18	2017-18	2017-18	2017-18	2017-18
<b>DOMESTIC</b>								
<b>Undergraduate (except as below)</b>	30	\$169.60	\$5,088.00	\$172.99	\$5,189.70	\$3.39	\$101.70	2.0%
Engineering (years 2 to 5)	36	\$181.04	\$6,517.44	\$184.66	\$6,647.76	\$3.62	\$130.32	2.0%
<b>Post-baccalaureate Programs</b>								
Education - Elementary (2-year program)	67	\$188.86	\$12,653.62	\$192.64	\$12,906.88	\$3.78	\$253.26	2.0%
Education - Secondary (12-month program)	60	\$188.86	\$11,331.60	\$192.64	\$11,558.40	\$3.78	\$226.80	2.0%
<b>Diploma and Certificate Programs</b>								
Diploma and Certificates in Education		\$188.86		\$192.64		\$3.78		2.0%
<b>Other</b>								
Unclassified, Qualifying, Visiting, Access Studies, Auditors (per credit fee)		\$169.60		\$172.99		\$3.39		2.0%
<b>INTERNATIONAL</b>								
Undergraduate (began between 2016S and 2016W)*	30	\$1,011.97	\$30,359.10	\$1,042.33	\$31,269.90	\$30.36	\$910.80	3.0%
Undergraduate (began between 2015S and 2015W)*	30	\$906.37	\$27,191.10	\$933.56	\$28,006.80	\$27.19	\$815.70	3.0%
Undergraduate (began between 2014S and 2014W)*	30	\$832.29	\$24,968.70	\$848.94	\$25,468.20	\$16.65	\$499.50	2.0%
Undergraduate (began 2013W and earlier)*	30	\$824.20	\$24,726.00	\$840.68	\$25,220.40	\$16.48	\$494.40	2.0%
<b>Other</b>								
Unclassified, Qualifying, Visiting, Access Studies, Auditors (per credit)		\$1,011.97		\$1,163.77		\$151.80		15.0%
<i>* International Undergraduate rate excludes Education programs which do not have grandparented rates.</i>								

GRADUATE	Base Per Credit	Typical Fee For Normal Load	Proposed Per Credit	Typical Fee For Normal Load	\$ Increase Per Credit	\$ Increase For Normal Load	Percent Increase
	2016-17	2016-17	2017-18	2017-18	2017-18	2017-18	2017-18
<b>DOMESTIC</b>							
<b>Thesis-based Graduate Programs</b>							
All Domestic Graduate Programs Full Time (except below)		\$4,707.66		\$4,801.81		\$94.15	2.0%
All Domestic Master's Programs Part Time (except below)		\$2,690.54		\$2,744.35		\$53.81	2.0%
All Domestic Graduate Continuing fee		\$2,150.77		\$2,193.79		\$43.02	2.0%
All Domestic Graduate Extension fee		\$3,020.80		\$3,081.22		\$60.42	2.0%
All Domestic Graduate On-Leave fee		\$341.19		\$348.01		\$6.82	2.0%
<b>Non-thesis-based Graduate Programs</b>							
Master of Arts in Faculty of Education (Full Time)		\$6,730.38		\$6,864.99		\$134.61	2.0%
Master of Arts in Faculty of Education (Part Time)		\$4,045.94		\$4,126.86		\$80.92	2.0%
Master of Education (Full Time)		\$6,730.38		\$6,864.99		\$134.61	2.0%
Master of Education (Part Time)		\$4,045.94		\$4,126.86		\$80.92	2.0%
Master of Engineering (Full Time)		\$5,722.00		\$5,836.44		\$114.44	2.0%
Master of Engineering (Part Time)		\$3,372.02		\$3,439.46		\$67.44	2.0%
Master of Management (Program fee)*		\$27,902.00		\$27,902.00		\$0.00	0.0%
<b>Other</b>							
Unclassified, Qualifying, Visiting, Access Studies, Auditors (per credit for graduate-level courses)		\$399.51		\$407.50		\$7.99	2.0%
<b>INTERNATIONAL (No international thesis-based research graduate fee will be less than its associated domestic fee)</b>							
<b>Thesis-based Graduate Programs</b>							
All International Graduate Students (except below; until degree completion)**		\$8,270.54		\$8,435.95		\$165.41	2.0%
All International Master's Programs Part Time		\$4,755.57		\$4,850.68		\$95.11	2.0%
All International Graduate Students On-Leave fee		\$1,028.62		\$1,028.62		\$0.00	0.0%
<b>Non-thesis-based Graduate Programs</b>							
Master of Education (Full Time) (began between 2016S and 2016W)		\$9,511.12		\$9,796.45		\$285.33	3.0%
Master of Education (Full Time) (began in 2015W or earlier)		\$8,435.95		\$8,604.67		\$168.72	2.0%
Master of Arts in Faculty of Education (Full Time)		\$8,270.54		\$8,435.95		\$165.41	2.0%
Master of Arts in Faculty of Education (Part Time)		\$4,662.32		\$4,755.57		\$93.25	2.0%
Master of Education (Part Time)		\$4,662.32		\$4,755.57		\$93.25	2.0%
Master of Engineering (Full Time) (began in 2016S or later)		\$18,350.59		\$18,901.11		\$550.52	3.0%
Master of Engineering (Full Time) (began in 2015W or earlier)		\$18,172.43		\$18,535.88		\$363.45	2.0%
Master of Management (Program fee)*		\$40,783.00		\$40,783.00		\$0.00	0.0%
Master of Social Work (began between 2016S and 2016W)		\$11,648.50		\$11,997.96		\$349.46	3.0%
Master of Social Work (began in 2015W or earlier)		\$8,270.54		\$8,435.95		\$165.41	2.0%
<i>* Increase applies to new incoming students only.</i>							
<i>** International thesis-based graduate students receive an International Tuition Award.</i>							



# CONSULTATION REPORT

## Introduction

Under the guidelines of Policy 71, the VP Students and AVP Students, Okanagan conducted a consultation process regarding the proposed tuition and fee increases for 2017/18.

The consultation was conducted over the period of October 6<sup>th</sup> to November 6<sup>th</sup>, 2016.

This report presents the findings of that consultation, and consists of four sections:

1. Overview of Process
2. Annotated consultation timeline
3. Submissions received
  - Submissions from Student Societies
  - Summary of Individual Submissions
4. Appendices
  - Appendix 1: Consultation materials
  - Appendix 2: Verbatim individual student comments

## 1. OVERVIEW OF PROCESS

This section provides a brief overview of the consultation process. A more detailed timeline of the consultation, with topics discussed and list of participants follows.

### SUMMARY OVERVIEW

The consultation occurred between October 6<sup>th</sup> and November 6<sup>th</sup>.

The consultation process was developed in consultation with elected student leadership, and included two streams:

#### 1. Consultation with Elected Student Representatives

- Submissions received from
  - Alma Mater Society

#### 2. Web Consultation

- consultations.students.ubc.ca launched with materials on October 6<sup>th</sup>, 2016
- Open access website – any student could review and submit feedback
- 6,589 page views (82.5% new visits, 17.5% return visits)
- 1 minute and 30 seconds average session on the page
- 1,186 responses from individual students

The consultation was advertised and promoted through:

- Student societies
- Direct email to all students
- students.ubc.ca website front page and in notifications
- Digital signage
- Student communications social media
- UBC FYI e-newsletter



## 2. ANNOTATED TIMELINE OF CONSULTATION

This section outlines the key consultation events, communications and web analytics.

Date	Action
October 6 <sup>th</sup>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Consultations.students.ubc.ca Website launched. For text of website, please see Appendix 1</b></li> <li>• <b>Email notification</b> sent to all registered and continuing students on both campuses.</li> </ul>
October 11 <sup>th</sup>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Digital signage</b> promoting the tuition consultation launched</li> <li>• <b>Twitter campaign</b> launched (9 tweets, 5,693 impressions, 34 total engagement)</li> </ul>
October 19 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Tuition consultation featured in UBCfyi newsletter</b> (40,614 recipients, 23,414 opens, 151 URL clicks)
November 6	<b>Tuition consultation closed</b>
<b>WEB ANALYTICS AND NUMBER OF SUBMISSIONS</b>	<b>consultations.students.ubc.ca live October 6<sup>th</sup> to November 6<sup>th</sup></b> 6,589 page views (82.5% new visits, 17.5% return visits) 1minute and 30 seconds average session on the page 1,186 responses from individual students on tuition proposal

A submission was received from the Alma Mater Society. No other student society submissions were received.



**Submission to the UBC Board of Governors Regarding Annual Tuition Increase**

**On Behalf of  
Alma Mater Society of UBC Vancouver  
November 6th, 2016**

Dear Board of Governors,

This submission is being made on behalf of the Alma Mater Society (AMS) of UBC in regards to the consultation surrounding the annual tuition increase of domestic tuition by 2%, thesis-based international tuition by 2%, non-instructional fees by 2%, and continuing international tuition by 2-3%.

The AMS acknowledges the commitment the University has to proper consultation and we are appreciative that this consultation occurs every year. As per the student directive from 2014, the AMS is in opposition to any and all increases to tuition, and as per the AMS Policy on UBC and Student Affordability, the AMS advocates for the maintenance of the government's 2% domestic tuition cap.

We would like to thank the Board of Governors for ensuring student voices are properly heard at the highest levels of governance at the university, and we hope to see this continue.

Sincerely,

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#### 4. INDIVIDUAL STUDENT SUBMISSIONS

In total, there were 1,186 individual student responses regarding the international tuition proposal. The verbatim comments are provided in Appendix 2.

#### Methodology

The categories for this analysis were developed through an initial thematic coding to identify the primary codes. A subsequent pass was done to ensure sufficient specificity to capture the range of issues and opinions being presented by the data. A final pass was done to ensure alignment with coding. Comments could be coded into multiple themes.

#### Summary of findings

The number and percentage of responses that were against the proposed increase or in support of/not opposed to the proposed increase are provided, with examples, in the table below<sup>1</sup>. Additional information on the responses in the Against Increase category can be found on the following page.

Opposed/Not Opposed	Example of verbatim comment	Number of responses	Percentage of responses
Against Increase	<p>I am against raising tuition fees. University is financially inaccessible as it is for many students. We should be moving in a direction where post-secondary is more accessible for more people, seeing as it is what's needed now a days to get a decent job.</p> <p>Fee increases are unjustified. The university already makes a lot of money through students, and for no good reason.</p> <p>I understand the need for tuition increases, however as a student it is difficult enough as it is to afford the cost of tuition. The desire to focus on studies, get volunteer experience and be part of the UBC community makes the cost of tuition increasing a dark cloud hanging over our heads.</p>	1,009	85%
Support Increase/Not opposed	<p>Maintaining the previously set standards requires the university to tackle the issue of increasing costs. Thereby, I back the proposal to increase the fee by 2%.</p> <p>I support the university's proposal for the increase of tuition fees. I know this is an unpopular position among students but it is one that was bound to happen given the pull-back in funding the province has engaged in. I am sure the increase in tuition fees will, over time, result in a much better experience for students overall.</p> <p>Looks good to me. As a domestic student, 2% seems like a reasonable increase. The reporting in this document helped to contextualize how this fits into the overall budget.</p>	122	10%

<sup>1</sup> This section does not add up to 100% because there were 55 comments (5%) that were neither in support nor against the tuition increase.

**THEMES WITHIN THE “AGAINST INCREASE” CATEGORY**

Within the category of “Against Increase,” there were several themes that emerged. Because of multi-coding of the comments, the categories should not be considered mutually exclusive (e.g. comments about reducing costs can also be comments about construction). As well, there are a series of general remarks that were against the increase but did not contain additional reasons<sup>2</sup>. The full set of verbatim comments can be found in Appendix 2.

Theme	Examples	# of Against Increases with Theme	% of Against Increase with Theme
Domestic/International	<p>It's not fair to raise the tuition fee for continuing international students. Tuition was part of the reason when we consider UBC when selecting our university... I don't think it's fair to let international students pay majority for the inflation in Canada.</p> <p>I want to ensure that my peers from other countries are from various social economic classes.</p> <p>In addition to having fewer sources of outside funding, other factors such as the exchange rate for different currencies, difficulty in finding off-campus employment, language barriers and emotional stress of moving to a different country all take a huge toll on international students.</p> <p>The increase should only apply to international students. Instead of 2%, their tuition should increase by 6%. Domestic student's tuition should not increase at all.</p>	139	14%
All Costs Rising	<p>Keep in mind, as students are paying for inflation for tuition fees, they are also paying inflation for every other aspect of living in Vancouver that has close to a 3% inflation rate.</p> <p>As a PhD student I contentiously encounter higher living expenses in Vancouver while being forced to pay higher tuition fees each year!</p> <p>Even small increases have a large effect on students. Vancouver is an extremely expensive city to live in, and with the current housing crisis, it is becoming harder and harder to live in safe conditions on a student budget.</p>	94	9%
Construction on campus	<p>The only evidence and benefit we see from our tuition is all the inconvenient building constructions all over campus: unnecessary aesthetics.</p> <p>But instead, all we see is new, big construction projects for apparently private interests (such as new halls of residence providing accommodation that will be rented at exorbitant prices to students) popping up all over campus.</p> <p>Maybe try spending less money on fountains, statues and gardens and spending it on student related needs.</p> <p>UBC has no problem spending billions of dollars on expensive infrastructure projects such as the Nest, the alumni centre and the</p>	89	9%

<sup>2</sup> This table does not add up to 100% because the comment categories are not mutually exclusive and the comments without additional reasoning have not been included.

Theme	Examples	# of Against Increases with Theme	% of Against Increase with Theme
	new light pole decorations in front of it. This money could be better directed towards controlling tuition hikes and ensuring an affordable student experience		
Too Many Increases	<p>Two percent increases like this grow and accumulate, and become obstacles that hinder student's achievement by creating massive student debts and forcing us to drop out because we literally can't pay.</p> <p>After the implementation to increase international fees from last year, it is not necessary to increase tuition by another 2%.</p> <p>Is this going to be an annual event now?</p>	79	8%
TA Rates/Stipends/Employment	<p>The amount of funding should also increase for graduate students at the same rate.</p> <p>Inflationary pressures for expenses such as university education is not balanced with inflationary pressures for wages. How will students who are already on multiple lines of credit, and student loans pay for university education?</p> <p>Every year UBC has been raising the tuition. Yet, there is not a raise in wage every year. It is already difficult for students to keep up with school, while working.</p>	69	7%
Find other places to reduce costs	<p>The real question seems not to be about tuition increases, but priorities.</p> <p>Find another way to earn money for the university that doesn't involve making poor students even poorer.</p> <p>Downsizing administrative costs, which have increased exponentially faster than educational costs have over the past decades.</p> <p>I have had several professors talk about how large salaries of professors are, and I do not believe students should pay more for any budget needs, when professors are overpaid.</p>	65	6%
Government or other funding sources	<p>The University should partner with the provincial and federal government for more investment, as opposed to asking students to make up for inflation by increasing tuition fees.</p> <p>The BC government needs to step up and fund post-secondary education and stop deferring its funding shortfalls onto the students.</p> <p>I hope that the university can find out other channels to increase the revenue instead of increasing the tuition every year.</p>	59	6%
Ancillary and Student Society Fees	<p>My complaint is with one particular exorbitant fee: the sports and recreation fee. The price of this fee indicates that this institution is not mindful of affordable education.</p> <p>I object to the increase on non-instructional fees. The reason I go to school is for the courses. I would rather that students could choose what aspects of the non-academic life they support. I never use the gym, so why do I need to pay a Rec fee, for instance?</p>	58	6%

Theme	Examples	# of Against Increases with Theme	% of Against Increase with Theme
	<p>I find it absolutely ridiculous that we are not told where our 'non-academic fees' go and how they benefit students and the university (I see nothing come out of the recreation fee for me, and it sure isn't helping out the smaller recreational teams) while there are fees that we can opt out of that go towards student services that actually benefit students.</p>		
<p>More Information Needed &amp; Allocation of Incremental Funds</p>	<p>I understand that the university does not have control over inflation but I would like to know the breakdown of the use of the money from the proposed increase so that I can be confident about how the university is using these funds to serve the students.</p> <p>I do not believe the tuition or other fees needs to be increased by 2%, this happens every year. We have no clue where those extra funds are going. More transparency needs to be present with cases like these.</p> <p>I've been paying more and more tuition here, every year, for the past [...]. It's absurd. So where does all this money go? Certainly not to anything meaningful.</p> <p>I'd also appreciate as a student to have more say in where some of these increased fees go towards. Polls, casting online ballots, and/or further feedback on how UBC would like to invest money would be helpful. It would help us students feel we are a part of the process in building UBC as an internationally recognized institution.</p>	<p>53</p>	<p>5%</p>
<p>Need for more value from tuition</p>	<p>Each year it seems there is an increase in tuition, yet I have yet to see any benefit.</p> <p>I have a hard time believing this extra money will provide me with any benefits at all. The profits at this school are already extremely high, everything is overpriced, from food, to books, to UBC gear.</p> <p>It's especially galling to be paying the high fees and experiencing inconsistent standards of teaching across different courses</p>	<p>52</p>	<p>5%</p>
<p>Don't believe the rationale put forward/CPI</p>	<p>Domestic tuition and fees should match bank of Canada's inflation rate not a 2% year by year. 2015-16 inflation was at 1.1%.</p> <p>Furthermore, in light of the recent economic slowing in Canada, it is not fair to ask of students to pay more, especially since inflation rates have remained low.</p> <p>With the downturn in the economy and current lack of employment, tuition should be being reduced in order to encourage higher education for the Canadian work force. We are already being greatly over charged for the quality of education we are getting.</p>	<p>51</p>	<p>5%</p>
<p>Consultation</p>	<p>The consultation is more or less a formality, and I doubt it will make any difference anyways.</p> <p>If UBC became more efficient then maybe there would not be this need to cope with "inflationary pressures."</p>	<p>49</p>	<p>5%</p>

Theme	Examples	# of Against Increases with Theme	% of Against Increase with Theme
	What is the purpose of this proposal when there will be an increase anyway? It has been like this for the past couple of years. Do our voices even concern those proposing the idea?		
Financial Aid	<p>While I appreciate that the university's overall awards pool is substantial, I believe it is too heavily slanted towards merit based over need based awards. Merit awards appear roughly four times as well funded as needs based (~\$80m to ~20m) which for me is far from a reasonable balance of priorities.</p> <p>And if tuition fees do increase, scholarship and award requirements must be more lenient to compensate and the amount provided by the awards and scholarships must be increased as well.</p> <p>UBC has not increased their scholarships to reflect the need for financial aid (both in terms of the amount awarded and the number of awards available). Unacceptable.</p>	49	5%
Education is a right/innate value of education	<p>Public education is a right of the population at large, not a privilege for a wealthy elite. By raising tuition further, you are condemning those unlucky enough to be born into a family without enough money for a good education</p> <p>Access to higher education for those who are willing to pursue it should not be hindered by financial hurdles</p> <p>University is increasingly favoring the privileged population and making harder and harder for people of middle class or lower to attend or sustain their education</p>	45	4%
Personal Financial Situation	<p>If tuition were more affordable I would be able to take more courses, engage more deeply in the course content, reduce my personal stress levels, and pursue a more challenging academic goal</p> <p>Most of us now have to take reduced course loads because we can't afford to take 5 courses</p> <p>It is difficult trying to balance commitments to a full course load, extra-curricular activities and networking and career planning when you forced to take multiple jobs in order to sustain yourself. In Vancouver, it is especially challenging with increasing rent and living expenses, which the average student job doesn't come close to covering.</p> <p>If tuition were more affordable I would be able to take more courses, engage more deeply in the course content, reduce my personal stress levels, and pursue a more challenging academic goal.</p>	23	2%
Fee Increases for Continuing Students	<p>There should be a contractual clause that states the tuition you pay from your first year will be the same throughout all four years.</p> <p>I believe you need to grandfather this increase in.</p> <p>I wish there was more information available UPFRONT about the projection of tuition fees (and their increase) for the duration of the program. Students mid-program almost have no choice, whereas</p>	22	2%

Theme	Examples	# of Against Increases with Theme	% of Against Increase with Theme
	knowing about potential changes up front might help someone's choice when they embark on a degree.		
UBC Okanagan	<p>This is my [...] attending UBCO, and each year there has been a 2% increase in tuition. There is no good reason for this much of an increase fee each year for students (many of which are low-income and/or unable to work during the active school period).</p> <p>We are already paying a substantial amount for tuition, and at UBCO we also have to pay for so much more that is not included in our tuition.</p> <p>Why should anyone pay more to get the same or less in return?</p>	15	2%
Reputation	<p>A university's reputation does not increase in inverse proportion with the indebting of its students; quite the opposite.</p> <p>Wrong decision as UBC attract students due to its reputation along with its relatively cheap fees.</p>	8	1%

## APPENDICES

Appendix 1: Consultation Material from Website

Appendix 2: Verbatim Individual Student Submissions

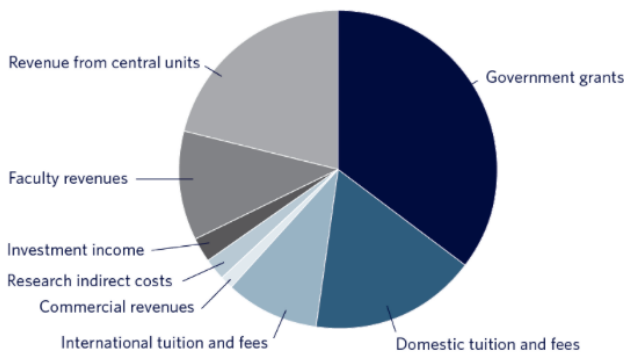


## CONTEXT: THE BASICS OF THE UNIVERSITY BUDGET

The University's budget is made up of two parts: the Operating Fund and restricted funds. Your tuition is part of the Operating Fund, which goes to general University operations such as faculties, student services, academic and financial supports, IT, and facilities. Restricted funds are earmarked for specific purposes like research projects, scholarships, and capital infrastructure projects including new buildings and community spaces.

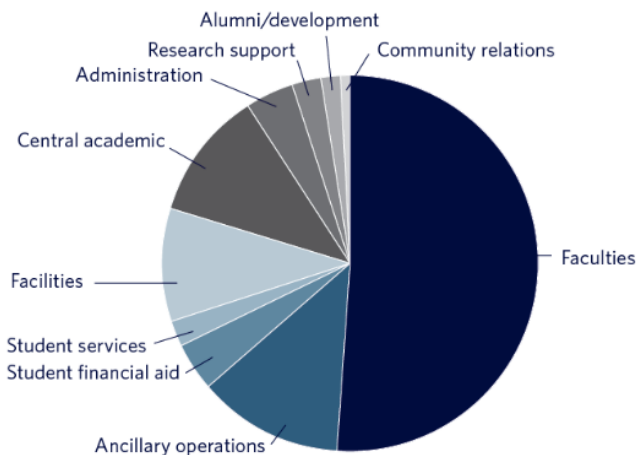
### THE OPERATING FUND

#### Total operating revenues 2016/17



- Government grants \$595.1m
- Domestic tuition and fees \$287.4m
- International tuition and fees \$218.2m
- Research indirect costs \$37.3m [read more](#)
- Investment income \$40.3m [read more](#)
- Commercial revenues \$24.9m
- Faculty revenues \$194.6m [read more](#)
- Revenue from central units \$354.5m [read more](#)

#### Total operating expenses 2015/16



- Faculties \$892.7m [read more](#)
- Ancillary operations \$220.3m [read more](#)
- Student financial aid \$72.7m [read more](#)
- Student services \$37.7m [read more](#)
- Facilities \$169.8m [read more](#)
- Central academic \$191.8m [read more](#)
- Administration \$82.6m [read more](#)
- Research support \$53.1m [read more](#)
- Alumni/development \$26.6m [read more](#)
- Community relations \$9.3m [read more](#)

### RESTRICTED FUNDS

#### Research and endowment funds

The [UBC Endowment](#) funds specific research and academic projects, student financial support, and capital infrastructure projects. UBC's Endowment money comes from donors (75%) and land lease revenues (25%).

The University also receives significant [research funding](#), with \$600 million coming last year from NGOs, government, and industry research grants.

#### Construction costs

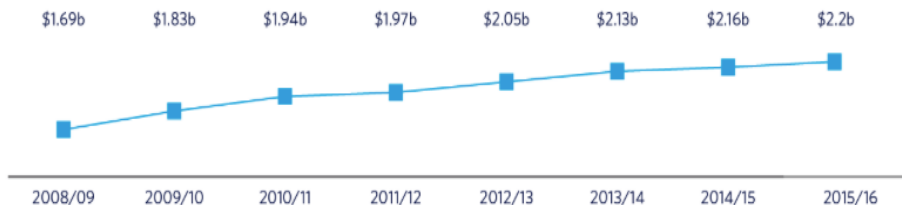
Construction and renewal of buildings, walkways, fountains, and public spaces are not funded by tuition fees. They are capital infrastructure projects funded through the UBC Endowment, private donations, government investments, and levies on UBC-owned land.

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## FINANCIAL PRESSURES

The University is facing financial pressures as costs continue to rise year over year, and revenue sources are constrained. While UBC continues to look for cost savings and other revenue opportunities, the proposed tuition increase is necessary to address inflationary pressures and maintain our commitment to an excellent teaching and learning environment. These inflationary pressures are, in part, calculated by consulting the Higher Education Price Index (HEPI) to determine increased operational costs, such as: utilities, library acquisitions, data processing, supplies and materials, and equipment. The increase is also in line with [Provincial Government policy](#) which has, since 2005, capped tuition increases for domestic students to 2% annually.

### Increase in University expenses, 2008–2015 (source)



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## ALLOCATION PLAN

The incremental revenue from the proposed increase to tuition and fees will be allocated in the same proportional distribution as the current base tuition and fees are distributed. The incremental revenue will be used to address inflationary pressures.

### HOW IS TUITION CURRENTLY ALLOCATED?

Tuition funds are currently allocated slightly differently depending on the program and type of student.

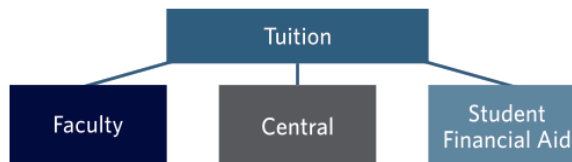
In general, the majority of tuition funds go to faculties to support:

- teaching and learning;
- faculty-based student services and programming;
- learning and research infrastructure; and
- research.

The second largest proportion goes towards central supports, such as:

- infrastructure including the Library and IT services;
- student services; and,
- enrolment services.

Many programs also have defined student financial aid and financial support mechanisms, which draw a small percentage from tuition. These range by program and by type of student.





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## TUITION

A moderate annual tuition increase is necessary to offset increasing costs and maintain the high calibre of education and services at UBC.

### PROPOSED TUITION INCREASE, 2017/18

UBC is proposing:

- a 2% increase in tuition for all domestic students across all programs for the 2017/18 academic year.
- a 2% increase in tuition for new incoming international students in thesis-based graduate programs.
- a 2% to 3% increase for all continuing international students across all programs for the 2017/18 academic year.
- a 2% increase in non-instructional fees for all students.

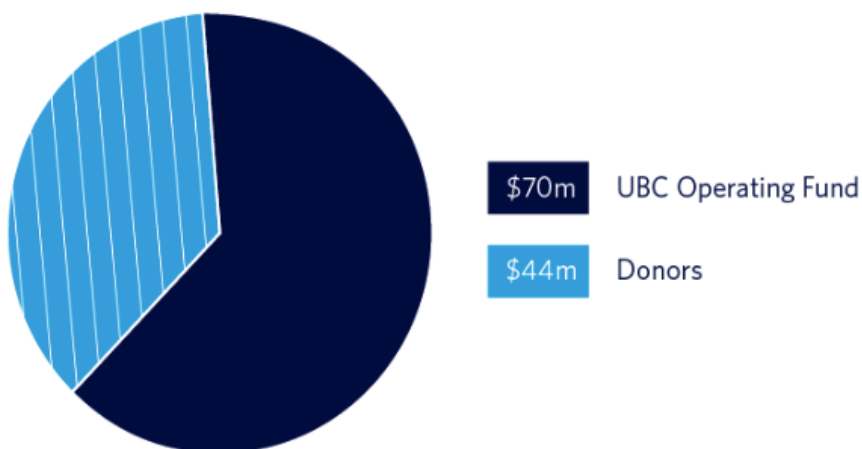
Compare 2016/17 tuition amounts to proposed 2017/18 tuition amounts for:

- Domestic students at [UBC Vancouver](#) and at [UBC Okanagan](#).
  - International students enrolled in thesis-based graduate and other applicable programs at [UBC Vancouver](#) and at [UBC Okanagan](#).
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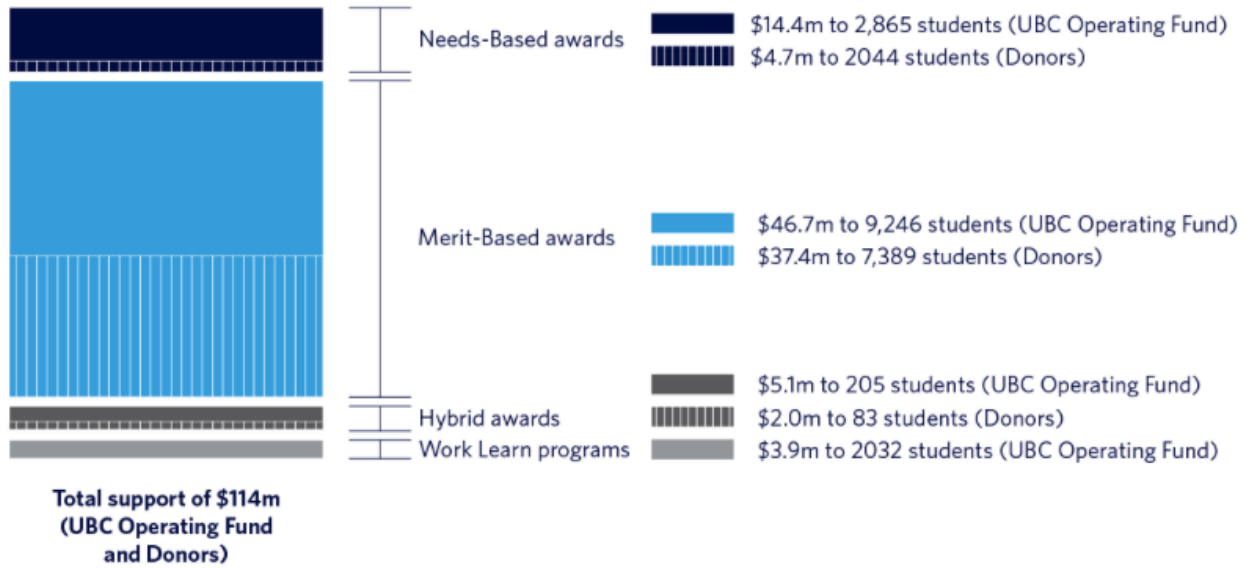
## COMMITMENT TO FINANCIAL SUPPORT

Each year, UBC provides approximately \$100 million in financial supports through scholarships and bursary programs.

Financial support for UBC students, 2015/16\*, by source



Financial support for UBC students, 2015/16\*, by award type



Full details are available on the [Board of Governors website](#).

\* Latest available data

Hello, I am a first year International Student. Currently I am paying more than \$3000 for each course plus my housing and meal. Next year probably I won't have housing assistant and have to rent a place and pay extra for rent. It's very difficult for me to pay these expenses and the increase for next year! I really do not know how I am going to afford these expenses and also focus on my studying.

I think that there should be a higher tuition increase for international student programs and no tuition increase for domestic students.

I am ok with the changes.

I strongly oppose any increase of tuition fee to our local students as the fee is very high and is quite unaffordable already.  
Increase of tuition fee to international students is applicable, however, as the average fee they paid is not that high as compared with the other countries. A little increase in tuition to the international students will not affect their will to study here at UBC.

The tuition increase is not welcomed, we are working part-time jobs that may compromise our grades just to pay the already high fees, not to mention the ridiculous textbook prices and such. Thank you.

It's too expensive for international students to afford. I don't think that we have the ability to pay the tuitions. The fee is so expensive for international students. Life is so hard.

Tuition increase every year is ridiculous. Students are already struggling to pay for other things, and increasing the tuition doesn't help them. Using inflation as an excuse to increase the tuition is a blatant way of collecting more money from students and what's worse is that the money is spent in pointless building projects rather than helping the student body. Overcrowded classes, lack of class selection, registration problems, taking more students than spaces allow for, UBC really doesn't even deserve this money and is in it for themselves.

Another increase on tuition prices and another ignored survey. I am a [...] student and I think this is the first time I have given my unfiltered opinion of UBC on a survey. Let me start my background story: I am from [...] in BC. I chose to go to UBC because it was close to my family and support, it was decently ranked on reviews and it offered an affordable alternative to schools like McGill and U of T. If I had known what I know now, I would have considered another university. Since my enrollment, I have seen UBC housing and tuition prices sky rocket. UBC has become an elitist establishment which stopped caring about the quality of students they accepted and are merely replacing them with students that can afford their ludicrous prices. UBC is chasing the idea that universities should primarily be an investment rather than a public education hub. If the private education debacle in the States is no evidence enough that this doesn't work, then I don't know what is. I understand that everyone has to pay the bills, but I have a theory that UBC is just getting greedy or is mismanaging funds and here's why:

UBC seems to be falling behind other post education institutions. Even since I started attending, UBC has dropped in the world rankings, but yet tuition has only increased. I would love to see where my university is spending all of this money if not to the betterment of the students education. My suggestion is that we open up the books to see because since I have been here, my program has only gotten budget cuts, not increases. So, if UBC is doing nothing to improve the standing of our school, why does their tuition keep going up? It's not like they have become a more reputable school in the last 4 years. Just food for thought.

UBC seems to have more money than ever. Looking from the outside, they have increased their sources of revenue substantially in the last 4 years. For example: the massive building projects on UBC endowment lands (apartment buildings, expansion of the Westbrook Village, etc), the 40% increase in international fees over the last 3 years, the insane hikes in UBC housing, the starting of Vantage College which was suppose to make the university millions of dollars.... Either UBC needs to not increase the prices or they need to do a better job at pretending our university has no money because their tuition increases are continuing to bring morale down. All I hear about is students complaining that they can hardly afford to go to school anymore and I am one of the lucky ones who has gotten support from my parents. If I hadn't gotten this help, I would never have come to UBC. I would have considered more affordable routes like SFU or gone out of province to UofA which offers much better financial aid programs.

On top of tuition fees, student housing has become practically unaffordable. Consider the prices of Gage Towers back in 2013/2014. I can't remember what the exact price was, but it was somewhere between \$600-\$700. Now it has increased to a minimum of \$849 for terrible - mediocre housing. Another example of this is the 'Nano Studio' complex where UBC tries to confine students to the smallest amount of room possible while simultaneously encouraging on campus spending. Smart move, UBC.

And on top of everything aforementioned, vacancy rates in Vancouver are under 1% making students desperate enough to consider these inflated housing costs on campus.

So, there seems to be no alternative to the never ending hikes in all areas of our education. If the UBC establishment had any ethical concerns at these monetary increases, they wouldn't be capitalizing on the current housing bubble by exploiting their students more than they have to and they also wouldn't be increasing tuition prices. These pricing changes most likely won't affect me, but UBC will be guaranteed of one less alumni contribution if they do not change their attitudes toward students and their current capitalization on education. Tread lightly UBC, because I know I am not the only one.

These proposed tuition increases are remarkably myopic. This is because, even if UBC does face increased costs, shifting these costs to UBC students (by increasing the cost of tuition) is not a sustainable strategy for achieving a balanced budget. Consider that, in all likelihood, for the same reasons that UBC is facing increased costs now, it will face increased costs in the future as well (just as it has in the past). Will UBC therefore continually increase the cost of tuition for students, who at the same time are, crucially, not receiving more money (through, e.g., increased incomes)? If this pattern continued, then the burden of higher education would continually increase for students; as a result, higher education would become less and less accessible to the population. This, it seems, is a move in the wrong direction. Wouldn't you agree? Yet, if UBC weren't willing to increase tuition again and again in the years ahead, since doing so would, after all, lead to an absurd and unethical result, then why should it be willing to increase tuition now? The difference between the effect of repeated tuition increases 10 years from now and the effect of the proposed tuition increase in a year or so is merely a difference of degree; in other words, even the currently proposed tuition increases would have the same sorts of negative consequences (e.g., making higher education less accessible) that 10 years of similar tuition increases would have. (Moreover, PhD students are looking at around 6 years of such increases anyway, and those increases accumulate and so constitute barriers for people with tight budgets.) UBC is thus faced with an opportunity: it can put its foot down and reject further burdening its students, or it can move down the path of increasing inaccessibility. It is shameful that this institution, like so many others, is so willing to burden its students more (and more and more), when those same students can be seen daily walking through the campus, wearing UBC shirts, sweatshirts, and the like. I personally was contemplating buying a UBC mug, but buying and using such a mug would suggest that I think UBC is on my side, and the current proposal of tuition increases suggests that UBC is not on my side. What's more, if (a) I bought a UBC mug, and (b) UBC increased tuition for me, then with every sip of coffee or tea from that mug, I'd be reminded that higher education at UBC is more like a business than a social institution that seeks to provide a public service. Are other universities increasing costs? Certainly they are. But this would be a rather childish excuse for making a deliberate error and failing to take leadership against a troublesome trend. Perhaps, though, that really is UBC's excuse, and so I should get a hoodie that expresses the university's real motto: "UBC: She did it first" or maybe "UBC: They did it too." Maybe UBC could then even use some of the money from the tuition increases to build a kindergarten playground for its leaders. Now, I don't want these complaints to be dismissed as failures to take into account all of the "complexities" of the situation, because basic decency and pursuing the mission of higher education are not the least bit complex, even though they may at times be difficult. It would be a mistake to conflate complexity and difficulty, and to use alleged complexity as a cloak for weak will. Moreover, it is my conviction that, in one of the world's wealthiest countries, the difficulty is truthfully not immense; it is just the persistent and tiresome call for austerity when there is, relatively speaking, plenty. At any rate, I wish you wisdom in your decision-making, but I confess that I have very little hope, for, as Thoreau remarked, "After the first blush of sin comes its indifference." I implore you to prove me wrong.

I don't have any objections to the tuition policy but I am curious as to what has changed from the previous long-term tuition policy. I was under the impression that the plan was to raise international tuition by over 40% over 5 years. Could you explain why that policy has changed? What areas will receive less money and what impact will that have? Lastly, why was that extra funding deemed unnecessary? Thank you.

From my prospective, the tuition fee is nicely disposed.

It's insane how the increase has been every year since I have began attending UBC. There has not been a year where the tuition fee did not increase. Domestic students shouldn't have the increase in tuition fee, especially since there are so many fees that are not applicable to us. It is becoming a luxury to attend University, especially UBC.

I don't agree with the 2% increase in tuition. Vancouver is a very expensive city and yearly increases do not help at all.



NOOOOOOOOO!!!!

I am in favour of not raising school fees.

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Increase in tuition will always disappoint students, especially those who are struggling to maintain their finance balance.

These increases seem appropriate based on rate of inflation. It is unfortunate that it will place extra financial strain on students.

It's disappointing to hear that UBC is yet again raising tuition and student fees. I understand that the university is expanding, but this should NOT come at the expense to the students in which you serve.

I, like many, students am struggling to get by, and constantly stressed over the rising costs of attending university. I am loyal to UBC. I love the campus, the instructors are first rate, and the atmosphere is very academically focussed on providing student feedback to excel and forward their career.

At this time, however, the jobs environment is pitiful. And employers require more education today, than they did 10-20 years ago for the same position. With this in mind, increasing fees make it even harder on students, both financially and mentally, with the knowledge that they may not be able to afford completing their education as originally planned. I am not one of the fortunate few to have a "free educational ride" with all costs covered by wealthy parents or caregivers. I hope the University will consider domestic students who are from less than affluent origins, who rely on university education to raise their standards of living.

I hope you consider this positive feedback. As I say, I love the campus, and all UBC has to offer, and I will always be loyal as a UBC Alumni and returning student to this institution.

Sincerely,  
[...]

I believe that a 2% increase in tuition for new in-coming international students

disagree with the purposed tuition increase.

A myriad of people are barely able to pay for their tuition, so they have to work immensely which doesn't leave them much time to study and reach their true potential. Increasing our tuition is just going to make it harder for us cope, no matter how little the increase.

So just please think of that first, your students, and then proceed with your plans. I, personally, say no to the increase. There are many other ways to get revenue for university projects; this shouldn't be on of them.

Thank you for your time.

For real? Increases? Come on man. I bust my ass and work all summer to go to school and still I have to get a student loan. Lets be real this 2% is probably going to some building we don't really need in this over crowded campus. My parents generation could have easily paid off their tuition in 2 months. Also, you guys already bleed us dry for everything, one example would be parking. Okay look at this. It costs roughly around \$4000 bucks per a semester. Now lets throw on the additional cost of a parking pass for two semester which is roughly around \$900. Lets all include textbooks in there too which we'll say is roughly around \$500. Okay now you could argue for me to use the bus, but even then that compass card isn't exactly free either. There's also all the other athletic fees and what not. At this point I am pretty sure you're seeing my point. A lot of people who are domestic student don't live at home either, which means they have to care about their costs for living. Even though that 2% for you guys doesn't seem like a substantial increase, but for us as hard working students, it is. So pretty much what I am trying to say is that you got me fucked up if you want to increase the tuition.

Honestly I don't think there should be a tuition increase as classes are already expensive enough. Students are already having a difficult time trying to pay university costs without having thousands of dollars in debt. In addition, I receive a similar email every year about this and which over a period of 4 years is an increase of 8%. At this point, that is taking advantage of the students. I would be okay with the increase if more options were available to students for both academically. For example, if a minor in management was available to engineering, that would be acceptable. In the mean time, I would like to know where this 2% goes towards. If the money is going towards the students, great. If it is going towards increase in the staff paycheck, then no! Universities are meant for learning and preparing students for the future jobs to come which means we shouldn't be gouging the students just to make some quick bucks.

Please do not increase tuition fee for international. It's already more expensive compared to domestic students.. Increase in domestic price wouldn't affect me but I would prefer that if you increase domestic than international.

It seems like there are significant differences in how funds are allocated across the university. I am in the social work program and compared to other programs I don't really see how the money I pay for tuition is dedicated to my program. For example, there are not enough regular faculty to teach classes this year and it has made things difficult. Given the variety of sources of revenue for the university I wonder why tuition seems to be the first area that is looked at to increase especially given the cost of living in BC and how difficult it is to try and work and be a full time or part time student. As well, for people who are registered in a program that is multiyear, it does not seem fair to increase their tuition when they have budgeted based on an understanding of a particular amount. Finally, I was quite disappointed this summer when I paid my tuition for the spring/summer term and very shortly after received a message from UBC that they had decided an across the board tuition increase that was effective for this term. I then had to pay addition beyond what I had budgeted which was a burden to me financially. I would suggest that given the size of UBC that more thought goes into other ways of generating revenue before impacting students, many of whom already are making significant financial sacrifices to go to school.

There is no reason for the increase of tuition every year for students attending UBC, so I don't understand why it is a continuous trend. Many students are already struggling financially with the current tuition which they must pay.

Greetings, thank you for the opportunity to provide feedback. I am aware of the constant need of UBC to raise tuition fees. However, as a doctoral student it is very hard to make ends meet in Vancouver while trying to complete school FT. Our department ([...]) does not routinely offer graduate student (and specifically, doctoral students) support so more tuition means that myself (and others) will have to work more hours, thus decreasing the amount of time dedicated to school. With more and more doctoral students dropping out of the program, or going PT and surpassing the maximum amount of time allowed for a degree, I think it should be a consideration of the university that to

increase tuition means students in unsupportive programs will have to make up the money in other means.... or leave altogether. Thank you.

It sounds fine, as long as my graduate student income goes up a little more than the cost of tuition.

As long as it benefits campus life then it is okay

As an international student, I am negatively affected by any increase in the tuition fees given the living expenses in Vancouver. I don't fully understand all the charts and diagrams that show how the increase has been going on for years. Neither do I understand the justification behind it. I will be worrying more about supporting my PhD program that has just started.

i do not feel like it is fair to always increase the tuition its already a fortune to come here and you guys don't actually make improvements to the school with the increase. like increasing the computers in the library, and making it computer labs more available for students. As well there should be more options to opt out of stuff that you pay for fees. Some people never use the athletic facilities so why should we pay 150 for something we never use if you want to use the gym there should be separate side fees for the use of buildings not everyone uses. People including myself who don't spend our days waiting around for computers to become available so we can work on our maple assignments, or find a table to do our homework at. If your going to increase the price of tuition then it should be going to benefit all students need. The ubc bus pass, if we have to pay that it should come off of our parking passes since those as well are upwards of 500\$ and if we never use the pass then it again a waste of our money. I understand the cost of classes, and labs, and running the buildings but if i never use a building that's dedicated for the athletes then i shouldn't have to pay for it and neither should the rest of the students in my situation as well. In conclusion, if your planning on increasing the tuition, then there better be improvements for each department, and the library. As well you should consider the prices of mandatory fees that not everyone ends up using.  
Thank you.

I absolutely understand the need to make up for costs of inflation, but I do not believe we should rely on tuition fees to do so. Students are already overburdened with tuition fees and are leaving university with considerable debt and little promise of a career that will allow them to pay it in a timely manner. Keep in mind, as students are paying for inflation for tuition fees, they are also paying inflation for every other aspect of living in Vancouver that has close to a 3% inflation rate. We simply can't keep up financially. Even those of us with scholarships struggle to make ends meet and have to work a considerable amount outside of our studies to meet the costs of study and living in Vancouver, yet some scholarships limit the number of hours we can work. How do we survive? Financial stress, work stress, and academic stress are overwhelming for students. It is not surprising we see mental health issues among students on the rise. If anything, we should be looking for ways to reduce student fees. Putting more pressure on federal and provincial sources of funding to meet inflation seems a better choice if we care about the health and well-being of students and the future of Canada. A cost analysis of student health issues related to stress may be one way to put pressure on the federal government. I suspect that increasing student funding may reduce the burden of student health care issues, which I imagine are costly.

I do not agree with raising tuition. UBC benefits from many for profit projects, so I don't understand why is it needed. It feels as if is part of a neoliberal agenda to make us customers rather than students.

The reasoning behind the proposed changes is sensible. However, student fees and tuition are already quite substantial, and most students (I believe) do not have a steady income, so end up requiring loans. If feasible from a

<p>fiscal standpoint, I would suggest a 1% increase rather than a 2% increase for domestic students. However, I do understand that the university has costs to cover, too.</p>
<p>This is absurd. To my recollection, there was a tuition increase last year. If you want more money going to the university, make the students pay less for whatever recreation fees are and put the money to someplace useful other than sports. Stop making us pay for athletes to go to school and have our money go to research or class improvements. Non scholarship students already have to pay a lot of money to come to school and the last thing we want to do is pay more for the same quality of education as the previous years.</p>
<p>No, I absolutely do not support ANOTHER 2% tuition increase! This university is rolling in money, students are tens of thousands of dollars in debt, and we do not need another brand new building to be constructed on the campus. Learn to work with the budget you have!</p>
<p>It would be nice to have a little more consultation/information regarding the tuition proposals, preferably before the feedback survey (or during it, if not before). While I agree that it is possible for rising tuition to benefit us students, I'm more concerned about extensive consultation than the fee rise itself.</p>
<p>I would like to see a larger allocation of the UBC Operating Fund put into needs based scholarship. UBC prides itself on merit, I understand that. However, much of the merit based scholarships look at involvements that may not be available to equally capable lower income students. Income diversity should be held as important as cultural diversity.</p>
<p>The tuition for the new-coming international students this year increased dramatically, I think the additional 2-3% should be kept as low as possible to avoid any financial damage it may cause.</p>
<p>I'm an exchange student so I don't really have an opinion on tuition fee.</p>
<p>As an international Ph.D. student in a thesis-based program, I have seen my tuition and fees rise steadily since enrollment in 2012.</p> <p>International graduate students face many challenges in securing funding, and do not benefit from the reduction in tuition that domestic students do in the latter years of our training. For instance, my peers now pay \$716.92 per term, while I pay \$1,187.63, even with the International Partial Tuition Award.</p> <p>Increasing this disparity seems patently unfair, as well as likely to lower the ability of UBC to recruit and retain top-tier graduate students from nations outside of Canada.</p> <p>Although it may not be possible to adjust the tuition and fee increase based on the stage of the program, I firmly believe that the International Partial Tuition Award should be increased across the course of the Ph.D. program so that international students are treated fairly.</p>
<p>You just raised the tuition and housing costs, why raise it again, UBC is supposed to be accessible.</p>
<p>Though I understand how the money will be spent, it is still difficult for students to pay tuition increases year after year for every single course. I am currently struggling to pay tuition at the current rates. What happens when I can no longer afford to pay?</p>
<p>Although I do not like it, inflation increases costs. A tuition increase is likely necessary, but even more effort must be put in to decreasing the costs.</p>

<p>The high costs of tuition for both domestic and international students make it difficult for some students to continue their studies without a heavy financial burden. Further increasing these tuition fees only makes it more challenging for students to continue higher education.</p>
<p>I agree with the proposal . I am very please about UBC helping students with financial issues . I would like to see more budget in this area.</p>
<p>I understand that costs are always increasing and that money needs to come from somewhere. I do believe that international students should pay higher tuition but UBC is already extremely expensive in comparison to other local schools. I disagree with increasing tuition considering UBC and Vancouver are already difficult to afford. Continuing to raise tuition will impair the lower SES students success.</p>
<p>I think the tuition increase should make a better learning environment and infrastructure for both UBC campuses. Especially better teaching quality for students.</p>
<p>It is not fair to keep raising the all-continuing-international-students' tuitions since all the budgets for 4 years (entire academic years) were already planned and prepared before coming to UBC. The fact of raising tuitions for education may make some of international students very difficult to graduate successfully, and ,for sure, it will make international students harder to focus on their studies due to the fact they have to earn extra money to be prepared for tuitons. I may have to decide going back to my own country instead of paying extremely increasing tuitions for the degree.</p>
<p>I don;t think I can keep affording these tuition increases on top of student living fees, textbook prices and other school supplies :(</p>
<p>Absolutely no raise in tuition. I budgeted and planned for this program, at this school, under the assumption that was the tuition I was paying. I wasn't aware this was even legal to accept someone into a program then raise prices mid-way. I can't exactly drop out.</p>
<p>No</p>
<p>It is very unfair that only continuing international students have a 2-3% increase in the tuition fee. there shouldnt be increase at all considering how expensive UBC is charging comparing to other college and universities. This is ridiculous. Eating, parking, and living on campus are already so expensive. Students are experiencing stress not only from study, also from heavy debt starts from 18 years old. It is hopeless for them to get through school with such little money and being asked for more money every year. This not only takes away students' money, also harms students' mental health. So when you guys talk about reducing stress for students, how about stop increasing thousands of dollars in tuition every year? The education quality we receive here is really not as good as how much we pay for. Please reconsider increasing tuition. Thanks.</p>
<p>Dear Administrator, Every year my tuition increases with inflation, but my wages always stay the same. Do you plan on rectifying this paradox? Sincerely, Student</p>
<p>This is not reasonable about the increase. UBC has already increased the housing fees. It should increase the housing fees, instead of increasing the tuition fee.</p>

<p>We pay some of the highest taxes. Government has monopoly on land and resources and pretty much everything is up for sell, from water to trees to even our local mountains. Every where buildings are going up like mushroom and more people are coming in and paying more taxes. When the buses get full we are short in money and can't have more buses unless we pay for it. When our schools get crowded, again we are short in money and have to pay for it. I don't get it!</p> <p>May it's time for the white-collar to cut back on latte, sushi, and five star travel and let the blue-collar, black-collar, red-collar, yellow-collar, brown-collar and the blue planet (gone black) to breath!</p>
<p>The tuition increase discourages me everyday, I have a younger sibling who would want to come to UBC and everyday im reminded of the idea that my tuition costs could be hindering her future. As an international student who see's her family for maybe 2 months a year, increases in tuition fees is the last thing I need .Especially since living costs on campus itself are high.</p>
<p>Don't increase UBC's tuition. It's expensive enough already.</p>
<p>Please, no more increases. If we want this country to keep being the "most educated" country, than we can't keep making it insanely hard to go to school and make a living. Come on now, 2% and 3%. We already pay fees for everything anyone could think of under the sun. It's already twice as expensive as college, and colleges, from my experience so far, far more attentive with their students.</p>
<p>i don't think our part-time jobs as students get a yearly 2% increase, why should you guys? #moneyhungryliberals</p>
<p>UBC needs to prioritize its students over its growth and status. Do not charge the students because you want to expand and grow and profit more as an institution. Education fees should be going down if you want to call yourself a progressive institution. Do you want your students to go into the world prepared and capable to steward their generation and future generations or do you want to send them into the world caught up in debt and student loan that will inhibit their ability to be active, progressive members of society?</p>
<p>I cannot support this, CPI inflation is only forecast to be just over 1% this year so 2% is too much and 3% is way too much, you should speak to your economics department. By raising tuition fees 2% every year you are fueling inflation not reacting to it as you think you are. I also cannot support giving UBC more money when they are already irresponsible with what they have. Money should not be spent on fancy street lights (outside the fancy new alumni centre) when what students need are soap dispensers and microwaves that actually work.</p> <p>You did consultation last year, I doubt you received much support for fee increases but they were implemented anyway so I'm guessing these will be implemented as well. It was very unfair how they were implemented suddenly for the next term. Students need to be given the time to work for the additional money, many students have a very tight budget.</p>
<p>It is very hard to afford rising tuition costs when the graduate student stipends in the faculty of medicine do not also increase due to inflation.</p>

I have a hard time believing UBC is struggling with the costs of providing a university education due to inflationary pressures. Didn't the UBC board of governors just approve last year a 37% increase in international student tuition? That seems to be a significantly larger source of revenue than the current proposed tuition increases. Where is that money going?

I have a hard time believing that the proposed 2% increase is simply to match inflationary pressures, especially when the BC government's cap on tuition increases also coincidentally enough happens to be at 2%. Had there not been a tuition cap, I'd have not problem believing that UBC would be proposing a 30% tuition hike with the exact same "inflationary pressures" excuse. That's what happened in 2003 and 2004 and it was meet with incredibly negative reception.

UBC's tuition increases are generally perceived by the public as an unrelenting cash grab. It paints a strong negative light on the board of governors who are perceived as trying to maximize their profits rather than actually run an educational institution.

I do not support the proposed tuition increases.

The University argues that as general costs are increasing, students have to provide increased tuition payments to help defray these costs. Meanwhile however, all living cost in Vancouver is increasing substantially too for students, while scholarships or pay rates are not necessarily increasing to help students survive without requiring financial aid or credits. In turn, UBC may open up scholarships and more financial aid programs to help students, but this administrative cost is much larger than not increasing tuition as much and forcing students to request for more financial support. Overall, the proposal suggests to me that the investment in students on campus is not large enough. Nearly the same amount of money is spend in outreach/alumni engagement (and community relations) as for student services, without stating in the proposal how much money was raised through these efforts in terms of donations. Moreover, the cost to run ancillary operations is high, however they are self-sustained as seen by their retrieved income which exceeded the costs of operation by \$100m. It is unknown from the proposal where this specific revenue, that is created by students, is allocated to. It appears that over 75% of the income of the university was from government grants and student money (either tuition or central unit revenue), and most of the remaining is created by faculty and grant overhead payments to the University. It remains unclear to me where the University comes into this picture, and how the University 'diversifies revenues to become less reliant on public funding'. From a student perspective it appears that less reliance of public funding is currently replaced with reliance on students tuition.

I do not approve. This place is a mall dressed up as academia. This is where TED talks are born.

Increase international student fees more, and decrease domestic fees to 1%.

No tuition increases whatsoever. The average undergraduate student goes heavily into debt over the course of obtaining a degree. A university education should be available to everyone, not just the wealthy elite. Society should be paying most of the costs, because in the end it is society that benefits.

I am against the tuition increase for domestic and international students.

A 2% increase is a lot for domestic students. I am already in a lot of debt with student loans and I am planning to continue my graduate studies at UBC.

<p>I am not in agreement</p>
<p>Proposing a percentage increase for tuition is not the best way to arrive at the tuition amount charged to students. Tuition amounts should only be seen as a fixed ratio of revenue to expenditure for instructors. The current expenditures on instructors is x. The current student tuition amounts collected is y. <math>x/y</math> is the ratio that all future tuition should be based on providing that <math>x/y</math> is less than 1. The University controls the cost of instructors. Future costs for instructors that exceed the current ratio should be paid out of other funding sources. Future costs for instructors that are less than the current ratio should have any surplus funds placed into a strictly controlled account to offset future instructor costs, such as mid term contract settlements that increase costs. Instructor expenditure is to be defined as salary and monetary benefits such as pension costs. Building maintenance and grounds design and maintenance are not part of instructor costs. The advantage of this proposed plan for tuition costs is that it is pre-established. It also makes the University responsible for linking tuition to the first level of instruction as a comparison to past practice. Further more, the cost of instructors by the practice of contract negotiations will be unlikely to exceed the cost of inflation. By assuming that the current ratio of tuition to instructor expenditure is reasonable then future tuition will also be reasonable. In the unlikely event that the University manipulates the instructor expenditure by employing extraordinarily expensive instructors the political ramification will quickly repair the problem. In the past that practice has resulted in a top down purge of high cost administrators. It was interesting that only generalized data was included with the information package. I have found that this practice often signals fiscal fudging within the budgets. I hope this is not the case.</p>
<p>Tuition is already too high, could cut back on other expenses!</p>
<p>I do not support the tuition increases. Too much of our money is spent on inefficient bureaucracies. Plant/Building Ops being the most glaringly obvious waste. I understand that these services are necessary, but to have my tuition increased when it is so unbelievably obvious that there is a ton of money going to waste in that area makes me strongly question the university's ability to manage the additional funds appropriately.</p>
<p>No absolutely not. Please do not increase tuition. Every year my education gets more unaffordable - I understand that you want to make it a great school, but this is ridiculous. It's getting so unaccessible. Please I'm begging you don't. It's not just the cost of tuition that is students have to pay for, it's so much more. Most of us now have to take reduced course loads because we can't afford to take 5 courses and not have a job and it's too hard to have a job and 5 courses because we need to get good grades because every year grade school gets more competitive. SERIOUSLY STOP INCREASING TUITION. JUST DONT. ITS NOT NECESSARY. DECREASE IT HONESTLY. PLEASE.</p>
<p>We're broke enough! Any domestic student that pays for their own tuition, like myself, need to save all the pennies they can, please don't raise the domestic student tuition!</p>
<p>I understand how my tuition is being allocated to various facilities. However, a majority of facilities that appear on my Financial Summary are facilities that I never use, such as the Recreation Fee. In all honesty, I'd rather only pay for things that I actually use, such as courses and U-Pass, but since it appears I have no choice I feel that I am forced to pay them. In short, I would not want an increase in my tuition as I don't see how it would benefit my academic experience in UBC, as well as throw off the financial planning I had devised over the years I have been a student at UBC.</p>



Despite the fact that tuition comes with a lot more perks than just the classes, I firmly believe that the resources that we get now are excellent and more than enough. The tuition is already terribly high (being an international student with a sibling studying here as well) and should not be increased.

Although the 3% increase seems reasonable for international students, we already pay a lot more than domestic students and we are not able to access scholarships or other financial aid as easily as domestic students. Keeping in mind the possible increased exchange rates between foreign currency and Canadian dollar, the 3% increase might make a significant difference in whether international students and parents will be able to afford the new tuition increase.

In order to help, there should be more opportunities for international students to get loans or awards to help alleviate the financial pressure the increase in tuition will bring. Otherwise, the increase will make it extremely difficult for foreign students to afford tuition. The board should consider lowering the percent increase for international students.

I appreciate that there is generally a 2% inflation rate in any institution. However there has not been a commensurate increase in graduate student funding (such as through 4YF), which means that we are making the same amount of money but paying more fees. Does a tuition increase also mean that there will be an funding increase for students? I think that this issue should be explicitly addressed in the proposal.

I have reviewed the details of the budget and I request you to NOT increase the student fees. UBC increased its tuition by \$5000 just this year and it has upset my budget majorly as an international student. A further increase in the tuition would not be fair for most students (even if it is only a 2-3% increase). Thank you.

After reviewing the proposed tuition increases I am quite upset. There is no actual necessity to increase tuition rather it seems as though this increase is just designed to improve salaries. Here are a few alternatives I would suggest instead of this egregious hike.

1. Consolidating all counseling, advising, and support staff into one general area rather than scattered throughout the campus. This would allow greater convenience for students as well as improve efficiency as multiple departments could share the same machinery and office spaces.
  2. At residence dining halls have an all-you-can-eat option rather than it all being a la carte. Some limits should be imposed such as a one appetizer, one entree, one dessert, and a drink option. While this may cost more for certain individuals, students as a whole tend to overbuy and have overconfidence in how hungry they really are. Along with this, there could also be designated checkout lines for all you can eat customers thereby improving time waiting in line and customer satisfaction.
  3. While I understand the need to build new innovative and code-compliant buildings across campus and that this does not come directly from my tuition, I feel as though if those people dedicated to exploring the production of new buildings focused instead on optimizing existing structures a great deal of time and money could be saved.
- Thank you for your time and I have enjoyed my first month of school here but with tuition increases like this it is making it harder and harder for me to stay here instead of going back to the [...].

I see little point in stating the obvious - that tuition does not need to rise annually, across the board.

I disagree raising tuition for students. As students, it's hard enough already for us to manage to pay for our living expenses, textbooks every semester (UBC bookstore also charges more than on amazon), much less tuition also. Some students are lucky enough to have our families pay for our education, but others are not. A raise in tuition would make living in an expensive city like Vancouver that much harder.

After reviewing the "TUITION CONSULTATION 2017/18," the increases proposed seem fair.

The tuition fees for international students are already very high, and UBC is recruiting more and more international students which leads to shortage of academic and living resources such as lack of course slots, lack of study areas and lack of affordable accommodation services.

I personally am not in favour of this tuition fees raise.

Based on the email I got, the proposal seems to involve a 2% increase of tuition fees across the board - unless, of course, you are an international student. Then you will pay more.

As an international student, whose tuition fees are already higher than anybody else's, I am obviously not excited about this proposal. If there has to be an increase, it should be the same for everyone, regardless of their nationality. But that's just my two cents.

Tuition should not be increased for domestic students.

The majority of domestic students struggle to pay for tuition, student fees, textbooks, and the rising cost of living in Kelowna and Vancouver.

Tuition has continuously been increased on a yearly basis since I began to attend in September [...].

As tuition has been rising at UBC, as an individual attending the university, I have noticed a decline in the quality of the university.

For example

-UBC Okanagan has had substantial growth in the last 4 years yet instead of increasing amounts of programs, programs have been cancelled like the Bachelor's of Social Work and attempted cancellations of the Accounting program and Teaching program

-As a science student I was very disappointed in the lack of variety of majors in Science at UBCO

-Security and Cleanliness at UBCO has become minimal in comparison to[...]

Why should anyone pay more to get the same or less in return?

I do understand that the students are the consumer, and the Board is trying to run a business but each tuition increase is making UBC more and more unaffordable and out of question for middle and low class Canadian students.

how is this benefiting indigenous people ?

I sincerely ask that the proposed tuition increase will not occur in the future. While I do understand the University's hardships in this matter, inflation affects students and their families as well. A difficult financial situation for the University is likewise experienced by the students, and perhaps at an even greater degree at the family and individual level. With both my sister and I enrolled at UBC, we simply do not have the extra money to afford a tuition increase. Please consider the financial consequences the proposal will place upon the students of UBC, and cease to go forward with the plan. Thank-you.

Absolutely should be no increase in tuition. I have been attending UBC since 2011. That's 6 years now and almost every year there is a tuition increase! I'm also being made to pay for unnecessary student fees that DO NOT apply to me! Ugh. I just hate how this school is run.

I'm an international student, and thanks to UBC I have the financial support for performing my PhD studies. I'm more than grateful and I totally understand the situation. The truth is that my income will be lower, because I have to survive with the money that remains after paying the tuition, and as you say, all our expenses increase every year. I can't hide my concern about this increase in the tuition fees

1. When I was admitted my Tuition fee was clearly stated in the admission letter.  
2. When I applied in [...] tuition was almost 25% less then at the time I was admitted [...]  
3. My budget for tuition and cost of living (including my wife and baby) was thoroughly calculated and additionally I had to take loan from outside of Canada (almost 10% annually).  
4. My wife cannot work because she raising (nursing) our baby  
5. I dont have parents or relatives who can provide me extra money  
In a view of the above I consider unacceptable any increase in any fees and tuition after I entered program.

I don't think tuition should increase. It is already so expensive to live in Vancouver, and the tuition is already so expensive at UBC. In addition, my loans do not consider my clinic fee which is double my tuition. It would be good to have more available grants and bursaries available to students as well.  
Decreasing tuition would decrease the (financial) stress that students already carry when attending university.

Rising tuition costs affect students' lives. There are already so many stories of UBC students graduating with crippling student loan debts to pay off -- I know many people personally in this situation. The costs of post secondary education have risen, no doubt, but university administrators' salaries are a major reason for this increase! Instead of taking from students, please look to UBC administrators who have six figure salaries!

dont raise tuition

Stop raising tuition, other institutions have been able to hold tuition steady for multiple consecutive years. What's wrong with UBC that they can't do that.

My name is [...], I am a [...] international graduate student of [...]. I wish to present my opinion regarding the increase in the tuition fees for 2016/2017 academic year.  
Although increasing tuitions can help UBC support students with financial needs, it does not suit me and my cohorts. We are international students and don't have an adequate funding source which covers our tuition fees and costs of living. With regards to the BC regulations, I can only work 20 hours per week which does suffice my costs. As a result, it is really hard for me to afford this 2-3% increase in tuition.  
I appreciate having been given the opportunity to voice my opinion on this issue as well as my concern. I trust that your final decision will be one that benefits us all.

No to hikes.

The overview page was helpful but would be clearer if it included stats on where UBC is finding deficits that require an increase in tuition.

It is reasonable.

UBC: "We propose to raise tuition for all students 2-3%. Do you want this?"  
Students: "No!"  
UBC: "Thanks for your input. We rubber-stamped the approval before this even started."

The tuition increase of 2% to 3 % for international students every year is a huge amount for them who pay the maximum share of the revenues and get the least. There are even no scholarships for the meritorious international students who come for least developed countries. There should be merit based scholarships to intentional undergraduate students every year beside graduate students.

The graduate scholarships and funding to be increased as well. The tuition for graduate students to be omitted since the living cost in British Columbia is high and one cannot expect good research or output from graduate students when they live in financial hardship. Else, in coming years international students will reduce and many will opt for admission in other countries instead of Canada and UBC in particular will not get good research outcome.

As such, Tuition increase of international undergraduate and graduate students should be maximum 1% every alternate year.

In our world today, the lack of affordability of post-secondary education is a serious issue facing young people. There is a truly tremendous amount of anger from people of the "millennial" generation, who are having to pay more and more for the same things - or in many cases, less - of what has been enjoyed by people in previous decades.

Moreover, the often complete lack of understanding from people of previous generations seriously compounds frustrations (jokes about millennials' "entitlement" seem to have become culturally entrenched, to name just one example).

The proposed tuition fee increase of two percent is ostensibly to compensate for inflation. However, according to economic statistics published by a variety of sources, inflation in Canada has not reached 2% since 2011 - and yet, our tuition fees continue to go up at a relatively consistent rate. As a student, I am left feeling cheated by the fact that my university continues to increase tuition at a rate at or above inflation, while claiming at the same time that it is doing its best to reduce unnecessary costs and find other sources of revenue.

I urge the UBC Board of Governors to take a long, hard look at the way that they are approaching tuition increases and the issues of affordability facing young people today. UBC is a well-respected academic institution, but that reputation could be in jeopardy. More and more, I hear people discussing my university's attempts to wring as much money as it can from its students, particularly its international students. I am proud to be a UBC student, but I hope that I am not the only one that sees and worries at the growing disconnect between its administration and its students.

Thank you.

There has already been an increase in tuition fee since last year. As an international student, we pay more than 5 times the domestic fees. I highly urge the university to consider international students and request it to please not increase the international student fees.

No tuition raise for domestic students please.

Please do not raise tuition for domestic students; instead, please compensate by raising international student tuition prices.

Do students not pay enough already? Why do you keep raising tuition each year? We are broke

I don't think tuition should be increased. Domestic students' tuition was increased last year by 2% and now you're planning on increasing it another 2%. No

the increase in university expenses seems to flatten out over the last years but still the maximum possible increase in tuition fee is asked for

it's not fair that the increase in tuition is higher for international than domestic students, especially since international students already have higher tuition fees and costs of living (e.g. health insurance); tuition increase for international

<p>students should be capped at 2% as well  why are over 200m \$ spent on ancillary operations but these services (e.g. payment for parking or housing on campus) are still so expensive?</p>
<p>Fee and tuition increases should be more differentiated among different classes of students.  Lower increases (1%?) for domestic students.  Lower increases (1%?) for international graduate students, to boost excellence in recruitment for graduate programs.  Higher increases (3-4%?) for international undergraduates.  As a public school, UBC should principally be concerned with 1) pursuing research excellence and 2) providing affordable education for qualified Canadian students. Domestic students and Vancouver residents are upset that the school provides special academic and residential spaces (e.g., Vantage College) to international applicants who are unqualified for UBC undergraduate programs, especially at a time when there is a residential shortage on campus. If UBC continues to pursue the strategy of selling academic spots to international students, these spots should be subject to higher fee and tuition increases than those available to Canadians.</p>
<p>I think these tuition price increases are unreasonable. It seems that every year there is a notification for a 2-3% increase. Seeing the massive residence construction that is underway on campus, I feel that I am being asked for more money to subsidize future students' housing. This is unrelated to tuition and should be labeled as such.</p>
<p>As the tuition rates are going up, I am very worried that I won't be able to afford my education.  Any more increase will force me to quit going to this amazing school.  The international students fees are very high and any more increase sounds very depressing.</p>
<p>I propose a 2% increase for domestic students (and for new incoming graduate students). An increase in international student fees would raise the fees by quite a large amount. This may result in some international students dropping out of UBC. Therefore, in the end, resulting in a fall in the number of international students at UBC, thus resulting in a large decrease in the revenue gained by UBC in terms of tuition (due to the high international tuition). If the fees rise even further, I do not know if I will be able to afford it myself. My parents have put in everything they could to make sure I get a good education, and an increase in fees will just mean having to go back home again.</p>
<p>I do not support the tuition increase</p>
<p>I believe that the tuition should not be raised.</p>
<p>I am against raising the tuition fee for all years because there are many people whose academic careers are on thin financial ice. A 2-3 percent increase can make the difference between dropping out and continuing one's education. If there must be such increases, they should be phased in, starting with the oncoming freshman year.</p>

<p>Of course, as I believe many families and university students would say, the increase in tuition and fees is, once again, disappointing, frustrating, and scary.</p> <p>These questions arise when I think about the increase in tuition and other fees every year: are the fees going to keep rising year after year without an end; is there anything the university or third parties can do about it even though they are receiving financial pressure; what can students do to help stop this inflation of tuition and fees?</p> <p>I have read the report and know that tuition and fees do, of course, fluctuate from year to year, but this is not the case for UBC. Students and families have to keep pouring more and more money out to attend this beautiful and prestigious university. Sure, you pay for what you get, but it comes to the point where it seems really unfair for students that just want to pursue a degree at a great school to have to take out so many loans that will lead them drowning in debt after they get their degree. This not only affects students that take out loans but also parents that want to fund their children in university.</p> <p>What if the students don't really care about all the new constructions for new buildings? They care more about the high degree of education they are receiving more than the new, gorgeous buildings that UBC is building. They don't want to spend so much money on it! Again, that brings me back to the questions I've asked previously. Also, is the university really finding a good balance in spending students money?</p> <p>Thank you for reading this feedback!</p>
<p>As an international student I feel that the disparity between domestic and international tuition is already excessive. Coming from a developing country, paying tuition at UBC represents a serious financial strain on my family back in [...]. I would urge for consideration from the board making this tuition increase decision as students coming from countries in financial distress continuously struggle to pay tuition. I am therefore against the proposed tuition increase specifically for continuing international students.</p>
<p>I feel that international students should receive an increase of tuition of almost double that of domestics', atleast. Atleast not 2% and 2% each.</p>
<p>Absolutely NO! How much can you keep increasing tuition????</p>
<p>I am very against the tuition increase as I feel like UBC does not allocate our money in the best way for places/events that will benefit students.</p>
<p>I think the reasons for the increase of tuition are not reasonable.</p>
<p>Proposal seems good! Go on with the tuition increase.</p>
<p>The increase in fees is standard and is necessary and I totally understand it. All I want is the increase in fees to be reflected in the teaching and academic quality at UBC. It would be great to see money being invested in getting GOOD quality faculty (this is not easy due to a variety of reasons, I understand) and student facilities for learning. Unfortunately, that doesn't seem to be happening. It seems like UBC runs more like a for profit business organization and all the money goes to the administrators and the students and the community don't reap the benefits. Money should be invested in research, faculty and student services to facilitate better learning. Spending on infrastructure is also important but I think being a little selective about it and not spending millions on buildings like the Alumni Centre but instead renovating the old Math, Physics buildings and the like would be better.</p>
<p>Please stop raising the tuition we are so poor</p>
<p>I am against a 4% increase in tuition. Fees have been increased nearly every year since I've been in school. They shouldn't be raised again.</p>

I don't believe the fee should be raised, specially for international students because it is already very high.
As an international student in UBC, I have to say that increasing tuition really causes a great pressure on me. International students have nothing here, we have to handle everything by ourselves. We have to save money on food and textbook, rentals, etc. Even a little bit increase in the tuition is going to influence our daily life greatly. I hope the university can really consider about the question. Thank you!
Pls Dont :(
I propose that all courses in the Faculty of Science see an additional tuition increase of 1% on top of the 2% currently planned to subsidize free tuition for the first-year program Science One.
You should be lowering tuition by %2 board - not raising it. Seriously, tuition fees have gotten out of control. Look at what Europe is doing and learn from them - highly educated and everyone can afford it. That is all. Thank you.
In my opinion, I think that as an international student, the fees should not be raised because the amount we already pay is much greater than the domestic students and the fees at the moment are already quite costly. I suggest gaining revenue from other sources rather than the students/
It is unfair to increase student tuition. Reduce costs instead and give us an opportunity to make a living and begin our futures. This is an unfair system. We all deserve better than this.
These annual tuition and student fee increases need to slow down. I understand inflation is a reality, however, I believe money is greatly misspent at the UBC Vancouver campus. In my [...] years at the school, for example, I have seen the same roads dug up time after time after time. This is very costly and I am sure that with better planning, these projects would be finished more rapidly and thus costs would be curbed. If money were handled more effectively by those in charge, I think that money saved could be used to buffer the increasing education costs that accompany inflation. Local students have enough financial woes living in an expensive city like Vancouver--increasing the cost of education will surely make post-secondary education at UBC unattainable for many. Thank you for your consideration.
This is the third time UBC has proposed to raise tuition since I've been here. And every time before they've ignored what I've said. But I'll just say it again, I think it is unfair to raise tuition costs on students after they have already decided to go to the university. I think tuition costs should be raised in accordance with the needs of the university, but it should be done in an as consensual and transparent a manner as possible. Thanks for reading.
no problem
The tuition cost that UBC increases every year is getting out of hand. It is especially unfair to the international student who's been here to struggle with eh cost of meeting tuition requirements without the notice before enrolling here that the price will be moving up by 2-3% every year. Especially for those who's parents are paying out of their pocket, pretty soon the international community will be lacking if this price climb continues just so that UBC can build more dorms that aren't necessary and over charge to live there, baseball stadiums, although Canada or UBC isn't a significant lead in college sports and the fairy tale that this university, has that it will become one just by creating more construction sites over the campus is unreal. UBC is a great school and campus community but it is unfair to think that in this economic status parents and students will be able to keep up with theses annual tuition increases.
Tuition increases should reflect closely the national inflation rate only.

After the big increase of tuition fees last year, I don't see why we should be increasing fees again. This wouldn't bode well for the university's reputation, neither would it be helpful in promoting higher education to potential students. Furthermore, despite the increased income, nothing has really changed in the education of the students. There may have been a new aquatic center and a brand new residential housing complex, but the quality of education and the facilities accessible to students has not seen any improvement. It would be wise for the board to consider not increasing the tuition fees and to efficiently allocate money to the improvement of the educational facilities and curriculum instead.

I thought UBC was all about diversity and equality. How come it is 2% increase for domestic students but 2-3% for international? International students already pay so much more. How come we are treated like unlimited trust funds rather than equal student bodies?

Please explain.

Considering the level of detail on the finance of UBC and economic reality the proposal seem okay. But why variation in increase %?

As a domestic student, I would suffer a 4% increase in my tuition fees. The price of university education is already a significant burden to many individuals, myself included. Post-secondary education at universities, such as UBC, is an important, or in some cases, necessary step in achieving the career goals of many, not a luxury; and therefore, it should not be priced as so. I chose UBC as I believed that it would provide me a world-class education with a lighter financial burden compared to other outstanding institutions, but this proposed increase leads me to wonder if future prospective students will think the same. I hope that the university will go out of their way and do everything in their power to keep tuition at UBC as affordable as possible.

Going to raise it anyways, why consult? Hire some more [...] profs

I highly oppose this idea. Tuition is already high enough for my family (and assuming many others). Students are already paying a lot for tuition and then add housing on top of that. Living on residence housing is way too much for my family to afford to add onto the current tuition for both my sister (also at UBC) and myself. We have to stick through the rough transit because of that, [...] each way. So please don't raise the tuition anymore, it was already raised recently.

The tuition increases are becoming increasingly unmanageable. With school, studying and relationships, it is hard for us to have time to work the hours needed to cover for the expenses of school if our families cannot provide it all. I urge you to cut back

I do not believe tuition should be raised as every year the cost of livin and school is being raised and it is becoming ridiculous. Why is it every year it is an extra \$10 when most jobs aren't getting a 2% raise so why is school costing more every year? Please do not raise tuition



I understand that tuition is likely to increase due to inflation purposes but I personally think that the increase is too much. Our tuition money towards UBC is supposed to help UBC become a better institution for higher education but I feel that more than having this goal in mind, UBC is headed towards the business side. Instead of being offered a better place for my learning, with more focus towards a student's development as a person, I feel more pressure and stress with the increase. Tuition is already expensive and during my first years made me feel overwhelmed and stressed which lowered my academic performance. International students already have to pay a higher quantity of money plus expenses such as rent and living cost (which is usually higher taking into account most students are coming from third world countries). I feel that UBC should really take our opinions into account, by listening to us and the way we feel, UBC will automatically be rewarded by happier students with better performance, with better professors and opportunities, these students will later on contribute back to UBC, the higher and better quality will attract more students and will boost its reputation.

**STOP RAISING THE TUITION & HOUSING FEES!**

What must be paid for with the 2-3% increase? What are the specifics

I do not really like how newer international students have a higher price than older international students, as it isn't our fault that we started university later.

The increase for continuing international students is the most among all. This is not fair. Shouldn't take advantage of their status.

please increase the tuition only for foreign students or non resident students or students that are unable to fluently speak english

Hi,  
In regards to the raise in tuition fees, didn't the fees just got raised around first week of school? I remember going on my ssc to check my deadlines and there was an unopened message. I read it and it was a notice saying that there was a tuition raise for the 2016/2017 year. Why is the tuition raising AGAIN?

I don't think that we should be raising tuition. I believe that if the University needs more money to operate, then there are alternate means of raising funds. Increasing tuition for students, international or local, should be the last resort as understandably, students are having enough difficulty as is, trying to make their tuition payments.

Raise tuition for international students, not for domestic students. I would like to see the quality of programming increase before being asked to pay more.

A 2% increase in tuition seems reasonable. The challenge I have is the extra fees charged to online learners who will never access the services. The second is that, why are my intuitions going to student financial aid? I struggle to pay my own, do not qualify for a student loan and was denied a UBC bursary since I did not have a student loan. How is the student financial aid allocated? If we are increasing tuition will that result in more students needing aid? Have all possibilities been examined to reduce students relying on UBC student financial aid?

I think the university might need to think about the students as well; the economy's inflation affects us as well, and we're already going into our futures with shaky financial prospects.

Disagree tuition is already super costly and high as it is, families with more than one child heading to UBC for first year already have enough trouble paying.

<p>Please don't increase tuition. I understand UBC wanting to grow and enhance its facilities, but if possible, please get funding from donors or other forms. Tuition is difficult to pay for most students as it is. You run risk of turning away bright minds from attending UBC due to rising costs.</p>
<p>I think the tuition should not increase, because it would represent a major burden for students and families.</p>
<p>I think that a tuition increase is unnecessary.</p>
<p>I oppose this tuition increase, for biased reasons as a student, but also see the spending of UBC as rather inefficient. The incessant slow construction on campus of ornate structures and inefficient student services do not render me a satisfied "customer" of UBC, willing to spend more on this institution. If it seemed the university was more practical with spending and willing to invest more into student services, I would be more in favour of an increase. Additionally, 2% across the entire student population is a large increase.</p>
<p>Tuition has increased well beyond the increase of inflation. The real problem is the reluctance of tax payers to support higher education. The university is not really at fault for this, so I realize the necessity of raising tuition. My complaint is with one particular exorbitant fee: the sports and recreation fee. The price of this fee indicates that this institution is not mindful of affordable education. Parents who pay for their children's education can claim this fee back through taxes; students who pay for their own education, and who are not making enough money to claim tax breaks because they are in school, are forced to spend over 848 dollars over a four-year period. This is very serious money in an expensive city, and it is not evident that quick employment will proceed after one graduates with an undergrad. SFU's sports and recreation fee is 118 dollars and 31 cents a year. That is 473.24 over a four-year period. This more modest, more mindful sum UBC would do well to emulate.</p> <p>Here is an article [...] expressing the appropriate reaction to UBC's Sport and Recreation fee:  <a href="http://old.ubyssey.ca/opinion/just-what-athletics-do-i-get-for-my-200/">http://old.ubyssey.ca/opinion/just-what-athletics-do-i-get-for-my-200/</a></p>
<p>I am a domestic student at UBC. I am not in favour of the 2-3% tuition increase. I do not feel like the increased amount of money I'd be giving to UBC would enhance my educational experience at UBC. Unless there are specificities in the proposal that would outline how it would impact my education at UBC, I do not see any benefits.</p>
<p>I believe that this tuition increase is unnecessary. Especially since we had an increase in tuition 2 times over the past 3 years I have been attending UBC. This money is not going towards the students, this money is being spent on unreasonable construction of buildings that are not required by UBC students. I believe this is ridiculous, also housing on campus is extremely high, I do not know how UBC expects students to be able to pay \$1000/month and higher. Thank you for allowing me to voice my concerns.</p>
<p>I don't know how much more you think students can afford. I just paid 663\$ for parking this year and I am not pleased with that. From the ground level, it appears that we pay a LOT of money that should add up to a LOT of revenue. I understand you are constrained by construction inflation and what not, but that's where our government needs to start making this right. How do other countries, that have free secondary education, survive fiscally? Maybe start looking into how broken down this system is. As academics, we should be leading the way for change. If you keep raising tuition we are going to be a country of very uneducated people.</p>

I have come to expect these annual increases. This next increase combined with continuously increasing housing costs, grocery costs, textbook costs, and every additional cost associated with obtaining a post secondary education will leave students with punishing debt at the completion of their studies. This will force some students to accept any employment that is offered to them regardless of whether it provides satisfaction or inspiration to the graduate. Essentially UBC is producing a population of educated forced labourers who must accept any employment opportunities possible to repay their student debt. Not very inspiring but that is the reality. Perhaps UBC should be honest and put this in their Mission Statement.

Using a 2% increase in CPI is a strange way to justify increasing costs. What housing, education or apparel was needed by the institution? Does this mean all staff (including grad students) are getting 2% raises to offset inflationary pressure? If so, that should be explicitly stated.

First of all if this is confidential I don't understand why my name and email are necessary. Secondly no, speaking personally, I am being bled dry by all these extra fees that don't benefit me in anyway as it is. I understand the community support funds such as childcare but the exorbitant sports fees are unacceptable. With the inflation of housing marked we cannot afford our schooling to become more expensive as well. We will not be able to compensate for this.  
Please don't.

To those concerned,  
I understand that increasing tuition fees to keep covering University expenses and to maintain a high calibre is completely and entirely important. However, I was not impressed with the details of where exactly the tuition increase money would be going to (beyond covering the costs due to inflation and the increased cost of living for faculty). I would like to see a breakdown of where the increased tuition is going to, or a clear statement if it is being split according to the charts.

NO

Another increase in tuition is not necessary, considering all of the excess fees we pay as students, as someone who pays for a Upass and doesn't even use it, I feel as though UBC doesn't need any more of my money, UBC is one of the largest corporations in the world, not just institution, corporation, I'm sure that they will be able to cover that 2% without poor students help.

I would not like an increase in the tuition fro next year.

I didn't read the consultation page, it's not very appealing for somebody that has little time and wants to get the essence in a minute or less. Therefore, I only looked at the proposed percentages.  
All that I care about is value for money. If you go up with your price, I expect to get more. Right now, as an international [...] student, I feel that I don't always get my money's worth. If you increase tuition more, it will only increase this belief. I obviously can't drop out of the program anymore, but if I think that I applied to a program based on a price of approx. CAD[...] but now have to pay CAD [...] and know that next year's students will have to pay around CAD [...] without getting anything more, I have my doubts. The higher price significantly increases my expectations and you're currently failing to deliver on that.

<p>As [...] a family of three total kids including myself, all three of us currently in University, the overall costs become quite high for my family to bear. As so, I would like to go against the tuition increase.</p> <p>Considering the tuition increase is a 2% increase, and taking an example value of \$6000 tuition of a year, the increased amount is only \$120. Adding that I've heard UBC already has low tuition, a 2% increase doesn't seem too bad, so I agree with it.</p> <p>-----</p> <p>Long story short, For and Against increase</p>
<p>I prefer the second option of increasing 2% in tuition for students new incoming international students in thesis-based graduate programs</p>
<p>Inflation rate fall between 1 and 1.6% so I fail to understand why UBC tuition fees are raised by 2%. For currently registered students like myself who have to end their degree, how is this not considered as black mailing. As an international student as myself, why the discrimination: paying up to 3% increase.</p> <p>This is simply and purely not acceptable for the reasons listed above.</p> <p>Looking forward to your reply at your earliest convenience.</p> <p>Sincerely, [...]</p>
<p>Domestic students &amp; non-instructional fees should not be increased. With the cost of living in Vancouver, all the mandatory fees that we can barely opt out with, it is really having a toll on domestic students! It's not fair, and education is getting ridiculously expensive!</p>
<p>I don't want to pay more :(</p>
<p>I can't afford any more increases. I just can't. Year over year, you guys consult the students, and year over year you approve tuition hikes, seemingly irrespective of student opinion. Everyone I know is against them. I understand how inflation works, but MY WAGES AREN'T KEEPING UP WITH TUITION COSTS. We live in a city where rent is \$1,200 on average for a dilapidated apartment with a 0.6% vacancy rate. So I commute [...] every day instead. [...] and you want to hike up my course fees? No. You can't do this. I grew up in this city, and I'm tired of getting squeezed out of it because I'm not a socialite. I was born here, dammit. This is my city, this is my university, and I'M NOT LEAVING. Find a way to get the cash by improving your internal operations and efficiency. By getting me to maximize my productive time and find a way to work more hours, you're essentially getting me to do the same. That isn't fair. Then you wonder why we have a student mental health crisis and overcapacity at Counselling Services. Stop being so greedy. Stop burying me. Stop asking me for more.</p>
<p>Considering the higher tuition international students have already undertaken, hopefully the percentage increase for international students should be lower than that of domestic students. That will be fair for all of us. Thanks.</p>
<p>While I think the tuition fee increases are quite justified, I hate the fact that the non-instructional fees are increasing yet again. They are already considered way too high for students like me who never use the UBC REC, or any other sports facilities on the campus! Even though I know that there must be economical benefits in spreading the cost more-or-less equally amongst all the students, please keep in mind: for students coming from [...] families (like me) who generally survive off of [...] (because campus meals are outrageously priced), the \$200+ could really be better used elsewhere to keep us healthier. Thank you.</p>

<p>I think a 2% increase in tuition for all domestic students across all programs for the 2017/18 academic year is reasonable. International students tuition fee is already very expensive.</p>
<p>I can't afford tuition increases.</p>
<p>You need to fight harder to have the per student funding increased, rather than taking it out on the student end. This is ridiculous. I know many people who will not go to UBC because of the expense. The elitism of this institution is making it irrelevant.</p>
<p>Please stop increasing tuition. You make it harder every year for people to afford to attend UBC. Vancouver is expensive enough to live in as it is. Get money from your extensive donor list rather than from poor students.</p>
<p>There is a lot said about how the tuition increase will "maintain our commitment to an excellent teaching and learning environment", but there's no quantitative measurement of excellence or continued care for the teaching programs. For example, the technology used within the classrooms regularly breaks down, necessitating mid-class breaks while the teacher troubleshoots or calls someone for aid e.g. projector refuses to work, screens are stuck, iclicker fails once again etc. That does not scream care for a professor's needs. Will increasing the tuition really maintain the quality of learning? After [...] years of going to UBC, I have found many classrooms in which professors read off the powerpoint slides and the only real reason to come to class is to see if the professor will pull some brilliance out of nowhere that will be on the test. I doubt a tuition increase is needed to motivate professors to avoid repeating powerpoints verbatim.</p> <p>I doubt the money going towards facility upkeep is being used at all. The washrooms smell persistently of stale urine and mold, often lack soap and paper towels, and are generally out of service and in need of repairs. The Chemistry and Hennings buildings are notable offenders: there is gum everywhere, there are chairs that are broken, there are desks that don't set up properly, and let's not discuss the fact that many of the Science students' buildings are not earthquake safe and will most likely fall down and crush us all when the big earthquake hits (because those costs are not covered by tuition.)</p> <p>There is no evident proof that tuition increases have changed anything, in quality or quantity at UBC. The only thing that has changed is that UBC is becoming increasingly unaffordable in a city that is already hostile to student wallet. Yes, per credit, the increase is only about 3 or so dollars. But pile that on top of increasing rent, and food, and other inane logistics of living in Metro Vancouver, and you have a recipe for overloading UBC's support systems, because nobody can afford to study here, even if it's what we wanted all our lives.</p>
<p>I do not think it is reasonable to increase tuition fee annually.</p>
<p>Too high of an increase. Bank of Canada expects inflation to close in 2016 at 1.8%, and even with slightly higher inflation rates predicted at the end of 2017 (2.1%) it is absurd to be making fee raises higher than 1.8% until at least the third quarter of 2017 when a more realistic figure could be expected from a better known economic climate for that time.</p>
<p>I think the increase should be uniform across all the student including international, domestic...etc.</p>
<p>Figure out new ways to make students pay less. I cannot believe that you are increasing tuition for a uni located in one of the most expensive cities to live in in the world. If you absolutely cannot maybe consider more scholarships/bursaries that involve essays and not just "good" grades.</p>
<p>i think increasing the tuition is acceptable and understandable, but for some of the international students, they might be pressured because of the exchange rate i guess.</p>

It is okay.
<p>Dear All,</p> <p>we disagree with the proposal for international students.</p> <p>My son [...] already pays significant higher fees. The argument that as a [...] we do not pay tax in Canada, does not count, as ALL Candian students in[...] enjoy the same low to non-existent tuition fees when studying at[...] schools and Universities and Colleges.</p> <p>Sincerely!</p> <p>[...]</p>
<p>For all continuing international students across all programs for the 2017/18 academic year, the increase should be the same as other categories, 2% maximum.</p> <p>And if there are increases more than 2%, it should be of the 2017/18 new incoming class.</p>
<p>I don't agree with raising the tuition for international students 2-3% while the tuition for national students would only raise 2%.</p>
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Why is inflation pressure being passed to students?</li> <li>2. What about funding packages for graduate students? Will they also increase by 2%?</li> <li>3. What about emergency financial aid services and student loans?</li> <li>4. By making university less affordable for both international and domestic students, you are decreasing social, economic and political diversity in the classroom.</li> </ol>
<p>I don't understand why new incoming international students will not receive the same tuition increase as continuing students.</p>
<p>UBC already increased the tuition fees a few times over the past few years. I believe it is too soon to have yet another tuition increase--if at all. I have been paying extra for construction and renewal costs (for more than three years), and I do not appreciate also having to pay more for my tuition. In addition, a 2% increase is much too high, especially for domestic students. I believe that it will pose a burden on many, particularly with Vancouver's high housing prices.</p>
<p>No matter the use of tuition, the rising of tuition costs creates a classist post-secondary system which discourages those from lower income brackets who are disproportionately Indigenous, d/Deaf, disabled and non-white. UBC is becoming/has been an institution for the elite solely and these tuition increases are, quite frankly, bullshit. It is time to lower tuition across the board.</p>
<p>Uncool</p>
<p>Please do not increase tuition. My [...] will only stretch so far; it is also covering my cost of living in the city of Vancouver, which is very high due to the near 0% vacancy rate which has led to my half of the rent for my apartment being nearly \$1000 a month. As a publicly funded institution, you should not need to increase tuition every academic year.</p>
<p>The increase in tuition cost is too large. The administration's explanation that raises are due to "inflationary pressures" is incredibly doubtful given that the increase has always been 2% regardless of the state of the economy. Additionally, the fact that the University is increasing tuition at the maximum rate legally allowed makes the "inflationary pressures" explanation seem less reasoned and more a reflection of insatiability.</p>

Increases seem completely reasonable.
continuing international students should not get 2% tuition increase. they should pay the same tuition as the previous year, just like the residents.
As a UBC student for over six years, yearly tuition increases have negatively impacted my education and well being. It is difficult trying to balance commitments to a full course load, extra curricular activities, and networking and career planning when you forced to take multiple jobs in order to sustain yourself. In Vancouver, it is especially challenging with increasing rent and living expenses, which the average student job doesn't come close to covering. While there are no doubt good reasons to match tuition with inflation, the goal of attaining higher education and pursuing career goals for students like me is becoming increasingly difficult to reach. For these reasons, I urge you to reconsider the tuition increase.
I do not believe there should be an increase in tuition. Throughout my undergraduate experience, this extra amount will amount to much more than it seems, and it is already difficult for students to pay for post-secondary education. Even with financial aid available such as scholarships and bursaries, which are not always easy to obtain, students still have a large financial burden if they do not have sufficient funds from family savings. It is especially difficult for students, like myself, who plan to pursue further education after obtaining an undergraduate degree as these fees continue to increase.
As a current student at UBCO, and one who has already spent 5 years and a large sum of money on tuition. I think the constant increase of tuition is insulting. I believe education as a business, as much of a reality that it is in our society, is what keeps so many people in our community from the opportunity of enrolling in a post secondary education. Elevating the cost to attend school and get a degree seems so normal at this point that it seems almost foolish to ask my feedback. I think the worst thing we can do as a society is make higher education unattainable to people. As I've previously stated, I've been spending money to attend the university for many years now, and i feel very privileged to do so. It's sad to me that many people cannot because of the constant hiking up of tuition costs.
This non-stop increase in tuition, together with housing cost caused serious problems to international graduate student. But the wages for TA has never increased during my study. Every individual or institute has financial pressure but the school cannot only transfer the pressure to others. The school should help with taking away the pressures from students and let them focus more on studies. Then the school got more reputation and other benefit than just money.
Having worked in various departments now on campus over many years, I've seen huge amounts of organizational inefficiencies that constantly waste time and money (e.g., poor communication, highly de-centralized services, poorly regulated research funding). It would great if, rather than raising tuition yet again when students are already drowning in debt trying to pay for school & the cost of living in Vancouver, there was actually a concerted effort to reduce the huge amount of organizational inefficiencies. From what I've seen, UBC is so focused on marketing and branding itself, trying to attract external funding, that it ignores all the money that's haemorrhaging out the door because of a lack of organizational oversight. I will probably never make any donations to the university as an alumni myself because I've seen how poorly that money is used internally.
If fees are raised by 2% then I would like to see an increase in bursary amounts as it is significantly increasing the barrier for a low income student as myself. Even after loans it is hard to account for all expenses given that we live in an expensive city.

I STRONGLY DISAPPROVE of the 2% increase in tuition. If we keep increasing tuition it will never stop. All the reasons for wanting to increase the tuition this year, weren't they all the same reason it was raised last year? In addition, as a domestic student, I believe international students already pay more than they need to.

As a domestic student at UBC Okanagan, I am getting tired of increasing tuition fees. I would prefer if tuition fees were to remain static and programs and unnecessary additional expenditures were cut. There are a significant number of programs and clubs on campus which receive funding from UBC which offer value to only a very select few members of campus. I would rather see funding cut to clubs and program expenditures reduced to maintain tuition costs at the same level they were at last year.

I don't understand the need to increase tuition every year since I began at UBC six years ago.

I completely disagree with the proposal. I'm a fourth year student who is already [...] in debt with student loans- now you're making educational access even harder for people. How can we gain education and yet still live in a city which already has soaring rent prices and a ridiculous vacancy rate? Sure, if we're rich and can have our parents pay for us- or if we work two jobs and have no goals other than sleeping, working, (hardly) eating, and going to classes. Why not raise the tuition for those who are above a certain wage gap? Or maybe... just maybe.... consider those who are actually trying to improve themselves and are pushed out of this university by soaring rates. It's already hard enough for people to get by- don't make it harder for us. And you wonder why our mental health is so poor. We don't need or want a fancy new student building, or a nicer gym, etc. I just want to be able to pay my bills and gain an education without breaking down. I don't want, nor need, your platitudes- maybe just try to think about us in a concrete way (like perhaps stopping the soaring tuition prices?) rather than hiring a new xyz university employee, or giving us 'free umbrella stations'.

2% adds up quite a bit for students taking more than full course loads. This extra \$700 per year is out of reach for those of us who want to maintain competitive averages while paying for it ourselves. No, relying on student loans won't work either because of the massive amount of work needed to pay it off. Surely the BoG can change policies on department spending instead? There seems to be an awful amount of frivolous spending happening on campus.

i do NOT support the increase in tuition!

I find myself unconvinced that a tuition is the best way to go about this. Rather perhaps it is time to call a moratorium on new construction projects and reduce the amount of money we put into research.

Small increases in tuition fees cumulatively result in the cost of attending university becoming prohibitively high for those Canadians who are not wealthy. This in turn results in the obvious problem that only privileged classes of student receive high quality education. This is not an optimal or equitable social outcome. We need to be turning to other social models such as those employed in Scandinavian countries who invest in the education of their citizens, to the benefit of society. Please begin thinking about these issues and the cumulative effects of incremental increases to tuition charges in greater detail. This proposal is shameful.

Sorry, but the tuition is too damn high. After decades of way-above average increases, going back to 2% increases (which is still higher than inflation) won't make UBC more affordable. UBC should think about cutting down on administrators, seriously lobbying for more public funding, and cancelling vanity construction projects.



There are already plenty of students who struggle to pay the current tuition amount at UBC and if it were raised, this would either force the students to look for a different post-secondary institute or pile up debt in order to pursue their education here. I respectfully disagree with the proposal made about the tuition increase for 2017/18 as a university student who is going through financial difficulties. Perhaps another alternative is to ask for donations from alumni/families/students who aren't under financial pressure. Increasing the tuition for all students, however, seems like a bad decision as this school may lose students who aren't able to withstand the financial aspect.

I'm not very sure about whether it is possible to increase international students' fee, but I hope it would be less (or won't). The same percentage doesn't equal the same cost for local and international students. We international students pay a huge amount of money for our tuition fee or whatever else to school every year now. But actually many students were not born in a wealthy family, the cost here really pushes us and our family under too much financial pressure. I do believe most of the international students' purpose of coming here is to receive a better education. I don't think it's a good phenomenon that one day individual students have to drop out because of they can't afford their tuition fee anymore. Although I know Canada has a very sound social welfare system for Canadian students to reduce their education expenditure, this does not mean that we international students should be the victims of education for all the students.

I'm an international student, and I think our tuition fee has been too expensive. Also, the exchange currency of Canadian dollars is going up. I don't want an increasing tuition fee for every year, otherwise maybe I cannot afford it.

The tuition increase for continuing international students should not be higher than that of incoming international students.

Please stop raising tuition; wages are not rising to meet inflation increase, and housing prices continue to grow.

The frequent increase in the tuition makes me worried. I hope that there won't be any increase any time soon. I hope that the school can consider more about the international students because the fee for them is already much higher than domestic students.

1% increase in domestic. 3% increase for international students. Many domestic students are already finding it difficult to fund for university & since UBC has the majority of its major scholarships for international students, it's only fair that more fees aren't taken from domestics

It is too high for international students to pay tuition.

I understand that UBC faces inflation pressures and thus needs to increase the cost of Tuition, and Student Fees. But the salaries of grad students or the value of our academic awards do not increase with the cost inflation. This means that every time the tuition or student fees are increased without an equivalent increase in my grad student stipend, I have to pay for more with less. This goes along with the fact that costs external to being a grad student also rise with inflation.

In the long term, the increase in fees is not going to be sustainable when considering flat salaries and the increased cost of living.

I work a full time job as well as being a full time student. Some nights I can't afford to eat. All of my money goes towards tuition. You are asking to raise the price, however I don't see how the money I pay you actually goes towards things that directly impact me. I am a very involved student. I get good grades and volunteer when I have time. Sometimes it feels like the money we are paying doesn't go towards the student body or anything we would actually

use. I do not believe raising tuition will be of any use unless I can see directly where the money is going and will actually help me as a student.

With the surge in off-campus housing prices, it has become difficult for International students to manage livelihood in Vancouver already, regular increase in tuition fees will ensure added burden, specifically to Graduate students, who mostly finance their own education. Hence, it is a plea to put a halt in the increase of tuition fee for International Graduate Students, as [...] is not increased at par with rising fees, rent, or cost of living. Vancouver has become a nightmare for Graduate students.

I am not in favor of the 2% increase in tuition for all domestic students across all programs. The [...] program is the most expensive undergraduate degree and as a student enrolled in this program, we are already paying quite a bit for it. Increasing the tuition would just make the financial strain worse for myself and others trying to get our education.

According to tuition consultation, the answer to "Why are fees increasing?" was due to "inflationary pressures." BC's inflation rate for 2015 was on average, 1.09% (<http://inflationcalculator.ca/2015-cpi-inflation-british-columbia/>). The tuition is increasing at a higher rate, 2% for 2017/18. Students are learners, not customers. Education is not a business. Students wish UBC to become student-centered, not money-driven.

I am not in favour of increasing the tuition of another 2% next year, as there was a 2% increase last year to tuition fees. As a graduate student, going to school full time, [...]. It is a hard pill to swallow, to have my tuition fees raised again! I would be in favour of an increase, IF AND ONLY IF there was a guarantee of some financial assistance for students in my position. I saved up for 4 years to be able to afford to return to school and live in the most expensive city in the country, and with every increase in my tuition fees and other administrative fees it makes it harder and harder to afford the basic things such as food, shelter, transportation, etc. The small administrative charges that aren't even included in these fee rates are the biggest frustration as a student. When I am quoted a "program fee" cost, I assume that there would not be any extra charges for classes (excluding student fees, athletics fees, healthcare insurance fees, etc) which normally adds an extra \$1200/8 months. Yet, it is super frustrating to have a required/mandatory course that is only offered online, and therefore subject to an extra \$50 surcharge for having an online class! I already pay over \$4000/term ([...]) and to have these additional charges that just nickel and dime you as a student is a HUGE frustration. Therefore, if more funding through grants, scholarships and bursaries was available to students in my program (who pay some of the largest fees at the university), and you forewarned students that there was likely to be a 2% increase in their tuition fees during their time at UBC BEFORE they started their program (so they could budget for it), then I would be in favour of an increase in tuition fees. If this cannot be done, then once again I am 100% against an increase in any tuition fees this year, given the extreme downturn in the economy and the tough times many students are facing, just trying to afford the rest of the costs associated with their programs.

Honestly, I don't think the feedback that the students provide is relevant when you make your decisions. If tuition and fees increase every year, less students will be able to enroll, especially international students. Tuition increase could be justified if TA and RA salaries also increase, but if they stay the same while the costs of studying go up, that is not justifiable. If this trend continues, you will lose students (especially international) as it will be impossible to cover all expenses (tuition, fees, accommodation, food, etc.).

Don't increase the tuition. We are already paying a premium for classes at UBC. Eventually, students won't be able to afford going into programs because tuitions so high.

As an international student, I have to assume a large amount of tuition, which is a heavy burden for most of our families. Thus, I do not want to see a rise in tuition especially for international students. I don't think I can get visible reward on that extra part of tuition.

Inflationary pressures cause obvious need for an increase in tuition, however I'd like to see more money allocated towards need-based awards. I believe they are essential in creating an equal playing field for all students- no matter what financial background they come from. Though the increase may appear small, it is exponentially more costly for students with less financial resources (because it takes up a greater proportion of their income.)

I have to work two jobs to pay for tuition and living expenses. This increase is one full day of my life, so I hope you are being as frugal with your budget as I am with mine.

First of all, thank you for openly inviting student consultation on fees.

Second, the proposal is quite reasonable. Inflationary pressures are of course a strain on the institution, and 2% is roughly in line with BCs recent CPI data. Inflationary increases are something of a default position, which make sense to me as a student - I do not expect a cut in real terms by it increasing less than 2%.

Third, in reviewing the budget info provided, I do find financial aid is an area for concern. In my view, the significant reliance of the university on student fees creates accessibility issues which must be offset for those students least able to afford them. While I appreciate that the university's overall awards pool is substantial, I believe it is too heavily slanted towards merit based over need based awards. Merit awards appear roughly four times as well funded as needs based (~\$80m to ~20m) which for me is far from a reasonable balance of priorities. Making sure that students from poorer socioeconomic backgrounds have access to postsecondary is as important if not more important than rewarding good performance because it goes to the deeper issue of inequality and access.

So, overall I am satisfied with the fee increase, but believe university administration should seriously look at allocating a greater share of awards to those who need them most.

The tuition increases sound fair.

Dear Madam, dear Sir,

While I do see why you would want an increase in tuition, I strongly believe that an increase in tuition for all domestic and international students that are already enrolled in UBC would be unfair as they came in with an expectation regarding their total degree costs and increasing that would cause a lot of student financial strain and/or distress. I for one know that I might have to leave UBC if tuition increases since we don't have the financial comfort of being able to pay for this. Also I don't see why you want to increase all non-instructional fees for all students, as they already are very high. I am very sorry but I don't think I can support your proposal. Thank you for taking feedback on this

raise 2% of tuition fee for international student

Tuition increases make things very difficult for many of us. Education should be a right for individuals that seek higher learning. Financial problems should not be a barrier in obtaining our rights as students.

Annual tuition fee increase is not fair for students, especially for international students. International students are already charged a much larger amount of tuition than domestic students, it is unreasonable to charge them in a even higher ratio in this increase.

As a student who has relied on student loans for my undergraduate and graduate degrees, I see the notion of raising the cost of tuition as a weak response to economic changes. The CPI in Vancouver is rising and has been for years, and yet we're being told tuition is going up. For the student population, this only strains our resources more. A more reasonable scenario would be to decrease the salaries of tenured professors and other high-ranking individuals who make over \$200,000 annually (even a salary of over \$100,000 is ludicrous for tenured professors who produce scant research). Will this happen? No, and one of the reasons why it won't is because students don't have any power in this situation. Our feedback is essentially useless -- a facade to uphold UBC's desired objectivity in handling university procedures. One merely has to look at the senate representatives to see how lacking the student voice is. Suggest an income reduction for professors and there will be uproar, simply because many faculty members feel entitled to earning such a large sum for their work. Some professors do, indeed, contribute greatly to society. Yet, this is a disproportionate investment as a research institution; to invest heavily in professors/researchers and constantly tax students does not bode well for the future. This future which, to make matters more dire for students, involves student loans that some may never be able to pay off -- simply because they wanted an education and do their part in bettering the world.

What, then, is the purpose of submitting feedback on topics such as this? Many students do not bother with these consultations because they know their voices don't matter. Now, perhaps that's why we don't get any change and why tuition continues to increase. Yet, we must take into account institutional oppression and again this issue of power dynamics between students and the rest of the university. Who fights for us? The few students who make their way to the senate in the midst of a bureaucratic maelstrom? UBC was founded on the industrial model -- on the idea of capitalism. It is survival of the fittest -- perhaps the richest -- and perhaps that's even why student depression and anxiety rates have spiked in the past few years.

Find another way to earn money for the university that doesn't involve making poor students even poorer. I've suggested one avenue of closing the income gap between faculty and students. The fact is that's where the majority of UBC spending goes -- to people who may or may not be producing adequate research and who may or may not be competent teachers. It is a problem so ingrained in UBC structure that the idea of tuition is merely peripheral to the real problems. But alas, I digress. I thoroughly oppose this tuition increase and would be happy to be part of a team to help UBC deal with structural problems to fix budget concerns.

The tuition fee increase is definitely putting a lot of financial pressure on students, both domestic and international. For those who have to pay for their own tuition through student loans and working part-time, the increase of 2% could be a significant burden. I am pretty sure that without this increase, UBC could definitely manage its' finance through current assets or reduction of expenses that is invested in things that are not as important as student's well-being.

I am very unhappy with the proposition that the tuition will be increased by 2-3% for international students. We are already paying about 5 times as much as the domestic students. I don't think you need to increase the tuition for international students as it is already very high.

I would definitely advice against this as I've of the reasons I choose UBC was because of the affordability as compared to other universities. This rise in tuition would nullify the advantage ubc has over some other schools.

If tuition keeps going up 2% every year, eventually people are going to start dropping out. Yes expenses for the university are going up, but the students are not making any more money (or their parents for that matter)

As an international student, the incremental of the tuition means much financial pressure to me and also my parents. I understand that UBC is doing various constructions, however when most of them are done, most of

<p>the third and fourth year student already graduated from university. Therefore the increase of new student's tuition fee is a reasonable way to increase the university' budget.</p>
<p>No</p>
<p>Our tuition was already increased last year. I do not support continuously inflating tuition. [...]</p>
<p>You ask us every year to make us feel like our voice matters, but you end up raising the tuition every year anyways. For what it's worth, we do not want you to raise our tuition.</p>
<p>The increase in tuition fee for international students is too high.</p>
<p>Please no.</p>
<p>If you need more money then you can please take that from my "athletics and recreation fee". Also, how much of your "merit-based" awards are being given to athletes? Stop glorifying athletics - something that perpetuates patriarchy and rape culture on this campus. I think if you wanted to find the money without increasing tuition you would be able to.</p>
<p>No, no, no. This is a very wealthy university that is always building and buying nice and shiny new things. Slow down, bigger and newer doesn't always mean better. Be careful you aren't loosing sight of the university's goal of educating. Just because a 2% increase is legal doesn't mean you should do it, stop taking advantage of your students. Trust me speaking as an [...] I have seen the disaster of a national student loan crisis. You DO NOT want to follow in the footsteps of the [...]. Please please think in the long term.</p>
<p>Is graduate funding also going to increase by 2% each year then? I completely understand that inflation will require increasing costs but if that same inflation is not being translated to funding for students then maybe increasing tuition costs isn't the best way to cover the cost of inflaiton.</p>
<p>As a UBC student, I feel that fees are high enough as they are, especially for students like myself who do not have the spare time to take advantage of many opportunities and resources funded by their school fees, such as gym membership. It seems unreasonable to continuously increase costs of things that don't even directly play a part in our education, the primary reason for which students come to UBC; expenses incurred for ulterior student resources and purposes should not be mandatory.</p>
<p>UBC should not increase tuition. We should strive to be as affordable as possible and make education as accessible as we can. Student debt is out of hand, costs of living are increasing, and the last thing we need is to pay more for our education.</p>
<p>International students pay a lot, whether or not you compare to local students and whether or not you're considering the types of economies they come from. If tuition fees are expected to rise every year, wouldn't it be kinder to charge them the same tuition fee for all years as was charged in their first year.</p>
<p>i do not want to increasing the tuition</p>
<p>Quit raising the cost of education! Its high enough! This is unfair. You don't need to raise it anymore than it already is!</p>

[...]

Tuition has gone up every year since I arrived here in 2013, however there has been no significant compensatory plan to support the graduate students... The so called "inflationary pressure" which is the underlying reason behind the tuition increases happens to impact more than just the University. So while graduate students have to adjust to an increased cost of living (inflationary pressure), they have to pay increased tuition without any increase in their salaries. Not sure how the log behind this is justified. Is this really the direction the university wishes to go? Dump their financial burdens on the most vulnerable population who happen to be one of their most valuable resource... Please provide details as how the graduate students will financially be supported given these new changes.

It seems reasonable enough for continuing service of the same caliber. Only that international students should perhaps receive less of an increase, simply because they're paying a large tuition so the addition of 2% may cost hundreds of dollars for the students.

Preferred that tuition does not increase overall. Even though its a small percentage, its still a huge hefty number many struggle to afford. I do not recommend.

I want to have more stipend...

Need to focus on cutting expenses instead of raising tuition. Student services at [...] are blotted and self-serving. Students do not reap benefits of spending

As International students are already paying a large sum of money that is far more than any domestic student pays. It directly follows that it is a far larger burden on the families of international students , who have many other responsibilities back home, to support their children abroad with an increase in international student tuition. It is only fair that the proposition of "a 2% increase in tuition for all domestic students across all programs for the 2017/18 academic year," is the one to be applied.

The proposed increase of 2-3% on international tuition seems a little redundant and unnecessary instead of just a 2% increase, which due to extremely high international tuition, will already mean international students who are paying a lot more money already, will end up with a higher increase.

Unless one has wealthy parents, these tuition hikes are unaffordable. I am working and going to school at the same time; all of my expenses are my responsibility including tuition payments and student loan payments. When you factor in Vancouver rent, there is nothing left at the end of the month to save for emergencies.

Do not increase the tuition by 2% for domestic students.

Too much, Im poor

I have been at UBC since [...], and during this time student fees have increased, what feels like every year. Though student fees increase the service and education quality has not. Science class sizes have been 385 students per class, and 1200 per course. The failure and drop out rate of these classes is around 40% and up. How has the quality of education improved with fee increases? How has the failure rate and dropout rate decreased with tuition increases? Students need to be better taken care of first before you ask us to pay more.

I am strongly against this tuition increase. Education should be affordable and accessible to more than those with wealth, and I have noticed since I've attended UBC for a few years that every year tuition / fees get raised. This is ridiculous, 2% a year doesn't seem like much, but in 5 years this means a 10% raise. I worry for the next generation of students who attend university. UBC has become a business, with a shifting focus to development and profit, as opposed to providing their students with quality, affordable education. While I do love UBC, I am worried that the focus of the administration responsible for campus development has their priorities out of order. For example - the Birdcoop gym is extremely small for a campus of our size, and to make matters worse it's open to the public which makes an already crowded gym even worse.

If you continue to ask for increased tuition (which means more funds you can put towards campus development) there needs to be more interaction between administration and students, via polls / surveys on what the students actually want.

I am against the tuition increase plan.

I've read the analysis and claims, but they're not quite convincing. I see no point in applying more financial pressure to the students when the school seems fully capable of paying the funds.

The school's claim is that tuitions are required to pay the faculty, professors, and afford student services. Paying the faculty professors is reasonable and understandable. But the significant proportion of the financial graph was the cost for construction, which is supposedly a part of student services.

To be honest, I don't want to study near a construction sight. It's sometimes noisy, often dusty, blocks the routes and paths that I need to take to the next class, and ruins the view when I want to relax. "Better quality services" is the defence that the construction board holds, but I disagree. I don't feel the need for new buildings and those extra services which I would rarely require. Realistically speaking, they feel like an unnecessary luxury, a waste of money.

For an example, that new swimming pool that's coming up simply has big pool with less color in them. It doesn't have the saunas that I see many people enjoy in the swimming pool we already have. I practically go swimming everyday, and there's always enough room for everyone, so the need of bigger pool is not convincing enough for me.

I'm essentially paying money for LESS SERVICE!!

It's a terrible idea

It's too high

One of the reasons I chose UBC, apart from the fact that it has one of the best writing programs, was its affordability and access. A school that offers such a great program at a fee that was so affordable, UBC was a natural choice that I was really happy with! Increase in the fee for international students is something that I am not very supportive of, in fact the endeavor should be to further reduce fee and offer more scholarships for international students.

Absolutely against a continued tuition increase that appears to happen every year. This slow continual creep up is unacceptable as they have continued to climb for the past 10 years now. UBC seems to use a lot of this money in turn to attract more international students which pay more money and build international student specific building. This developing greed for international tuition rates and the need to accomodate these students is costing all Canadian students who receive no benefits from these buildings.

BC's minimum wage is already one of the lowest in Canada. As the cost of living continues to go up, and the record-high cost of post-secondary education, students like us who earn minimum wage cannot make ends meet. According to a previous study done by Fightfor15BC, students need to work more than 540 hours, or the equivalent of 14 weeks in a full-time minimum wage job just to cover average tuition fee costs. And this is more than three times as many hours as previous generations.

Universities are supposed to provide answers to the big questions in life- but they have already generated many questions of their own. Ken S. Coates and Bill Morrison point out that university tuition is a bargain in their "Campus Confidential" book. They question that whether university is a private good, a public one, or a combination of the two. In other words, "Is it a solid investment in student's futures, or is it an investment by the state, designed to increase the nation's productivity (and consequently the standard of living, the general well-being), competitiveness, and therefore a shared or common good? If it's the former, it seems fair that students should pay the lion's share of the cost of a university education."

Over the past 2 years, tuition and residency has significantly increased for both domestic and international students. I am against all tuition increases due to that. Concerning the non instructional fees increase, I would only support it if there are more options to drop inapplicable fees. For example, even when someone is on coop, they still have to pay rec fees even though they're nowhere near Ubc.

Considering the drastic rise of costs from 2008 to the present, it would appear that an increase in tuition is necessary, due to inflation, although these by-inches increments will eventually lead to a prohibitive spike in cost.

Please do not raise tuition again. I would not have applied to this school originally at current rates.

tuition increase means students in debt.

UBC must work to decrease student fees for students and must work with the provincial government to cover the rising costs of inflation. Students should not be expected to cover these costs rather, students should be responsible for funding programs and costs that go towards making student life greater and recruit and retain quality professors.

I do not support the increase in tuition. As a medical student, I can barely afford my tuition as it is even with financial support through student loans and potential bursaries. I especially do not support the increase in non-academic fees as most of the services to which they contribute are not related to my education, and I do not utilize during my education.

Hi, I support UBC reaching tuition levels in line with other Canadian universities. I believe this needs to be done slowly, so that people who were basing their expectation (and savings) on UBC's previous ridiculously low tuition are not completely blind-sided and saddled with unexpected crazy debt. I hope that UBC will use this as a good learning opportunity - tuition freezes only benefit a small group of people in the moment. Others end up paying for them later on. Please avoid tuition freezes in the future. On a related note, I would like to see UBC consider a part-time option for graduate thesis students. Many older graduate students especially have a lot of outside commitments - relationships built up through previous consulting work that they don't want to lose, young families, partners also in the early stages of their careers, etc. Adding a lower tuition part-time thesis course option would offer an added degree of flexibility and reduce financial burden for many graduate students. Thanks!

As tuition increases every year, would it be possible to reduce the costs of textbooks or allow rental option in more textbooks.



I do not support the tuition increase (that occurs every year). I have had several professors talk about how large salaries of professors are, and I do not believe students should pay more for any budget needs, when professors are overpaid. Another note is that professors are here to teach students, and I have had several teachers over the last 5 years, who do not know how to teach, and do not care about the students enough to enable the students to get the most out of their time in university. It should be a place of learning, not a place of jumping through hoops. For this reason, I do not think that professors are as valuable as they are rewarded financially.

I am very annoyed about the continuing increasing tuition fees. The exchange rate is increasing a lot compared to the last year but the tuition fees are still increasing. I almost cannot afford the tuition fees.

As a student, I obviously am not in favor of tuition increase - living in Vancouver is already prohibitively expensive and paying for school only adds to this burden. Currently I am working two jobs in order to afford both my school and my living expenses, which takes away from time I can dedicate to going to school and to research. I understand that UBC needs to adjust for inflation and budget cuts, but I would rather see the University champion the government for more money and establish community partnerships than squeezing cash strapped students to make up the difference.

An increase in fees, despite some going towards student loans, makes affordability increasingly difficult to say truthfully. As a student working and paying for her own dues I find it increasingly difficult and should not be indebted furthering my education. The University has shown an upward trend in increasing fees yearly, despite students begging or struggling in silence with this increase. I believe there can be cuts made to avoid this.

Certainly I would hope that my tuition fee does not increase in the coming year as UBC does appear to have charges which are relatively high in comparison to the other institutes across Canada (for example McGill).

While I understand the need for increases, I also feel like the cost of schooling is already outrageous, especially in Graduate studies while you are not able to work as much as you would like. It's getting to the point where you won't have student loans paid off until your 50. Increasing tuition while housing and food costs are also going up (especially in a city as expensive as Vancouver) seems a bit much.

I do not agree with the increase in tuition fees. School has turned into a business, rather than an institution where people can learn and gain knowledge for their future. School should be free, like it is in MANY countries in Europe, and the educational level is much higher than it is here. Tuition hikes put pressure on students, especially those that are from low income families. Those students are trying to get a better education in order to climb the ladder finally, and raising their tuition is something that is not appropriate or fair.

Shouldn't do a flat fee increase but a differential. Look at the current fees for different programs and see if there are fees that should increase and if there are those that are already unaffordable.

I obviously don't want tuition to rise. I came here from the [...], where tuition has "gone up incrementally to adjust for inflation" just as you described in the email the university sent about this survey. Incremental changes like this are a slippery slope to go down. I watched my undergraduate university almost double in tuition costs in the time I was enrolled at that school. I know so many people who either had to drop out because of the increases, or bury themselves in student debt in order to finish their degree. Hopefully, UBC will think about the ramifications this could have on the student body, rather than just on the university's bottom line.

I appreciate that the university needs more money, but I remember a year ago about when the proposal was for an increase of 50% over four years for international undergraduate tuition. I was thankfully grandfathered in under the lower rates in [...], but apparently even the increase for newer students isn't sufficient to cover UBC's costs. I also remember the rationale from last year: that UBC charges less than Toronto. Maybe all of this has made me a bit cynical, but does the university \_really\_ need more money? I'm wondering whether these cost increases end up benefiting the students in any substantial way.

I reject this proposal.

It is imperative as a public university to keep education accessible as possible. By raising tuition fees you are marginalizing students with low income who have to work while going to school. You are hindering academic ability, and creating a class system with those who are wealthy enough to afford tuition being able to get better grades, while those who can't afford it, have to work or be stressed out, therefore lowering their academic record. UBC should pride itself on being a public university, funded by the government, and should demand more funding from the government so everyone, regardless of their socio economic stance can have the opportunity to attend in UBC.

I don't agree with increasing tuition for any students. Tuition is already expensive enough, and if anything universities can probably do better with increasing efficiency and reducing the number of staff that they have on hand. I understand the financial pressures, but if students want to be able to afford a life after UBC tuition cannot go any higher. Instead put more pressure on government to help students.

Please not for domestic students

So long as graduate student stipends are also increased by a commensurate 2%, I have no issue with this proposal. Note that the BC rent increase this year is 3.7% (see link below). It would be a good idea to implement an annual increase of the graduate student stipend that tracks the annual BC rent increase.  
<http://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/housing-tenancy/residential-tenancies/during-a-tenancy/rent-increases>  
My best regards,  
[...]

People will continue to go to UBC for its prestige value, but it's hard to keep up with the tuition already. Of course, no student already struggling to pay their tuition at this price would want to agree with this but I doubt we have an impact on this decision anyway. Giving the false illusion of choice-- what a classy move from a world class university!

It's the wrong choice.

I feel very strongly that a tuition increase without getting a vote from students themselves is wrong. A lot of UBCs revenue comes from research and a lot of that research is performed by graduate students. These graduate students struggle with finances most of the time and to increase their tuition fees when most departments do not increase their stipend on a yearly basis is not fair. There are other ways to get additional revenue that you should explore. Continually foraging for money from your students that already give a lot to the university, not only in money but in hard work and effort too, is going to drive them away.

I disagree with the 2% increase. You have not shown what UBC is doing to keep tuition costs down, nor shown me why a 2% increase is justified. Inflation is not 2%, and if your sole reason for the tuition increase is inflation, then that does not add up.

<p>I strongly disagree with the proposal. The financial problem of UBC is caused by you guys who like building. You should think about the root reason of this situation.</p> <p>Best, [...]</p>
<p>I dont see the reason for increasing tuition as we are contributing a big amount of our tuition to the university</p>
<p>I am strongly opposed to the proposed tuition increase.</p>
<p>I understand the desire to improve UBC, but the fact is that we students are already digging ourselves into debt with the current tuition we are paying. There must be other monetary sources, then taking money from the student's pocket. Each year it seems there is an increase in tuition, yet I have yet to see any benefit. It is unfair to continually send students out into the real world with such heavy debt. This university claims to prepare as for our future; however by continually increasing our tuition you only harbour our abilities to thrive and prosper in the future.</p>
<p>I think a tuition hike is ridiculous. UBC needs to more fiscally responsible and try to freeze tuition for a few years or even look at ways of reducing tuition. Especially grad programs. Costs are outrageous.</p>
<p>The tuition costs are the only reason I have chosen to accelerate my program to complete my masters of education in 4 semesters, rather than take my time and do it in the recommended time of two years. I have recently been presented with an incredible opportunity to switch to a master of arts, conduct action research, and write a thesis; however, due to tuition costs, I have chosen to remain in the [...] program. If tuition were more affordable I would be able to take more courses, engage more deeply in the course content, reduce my personal stress levels, and pursue a more challenging academic goal. Considering tuition was raised in the spring, I do not recommend increasing it once again, as it discourages academic and personal growth, which ought to be the primary purpose of higher education.</p>
<p>I personally cannot effort another increase!!</p>
<p>Tuitions shouldn't go higher!</p>
<p>Every year since I have been at UBC there has been a 2% increase in tuition each year. I think enough is enough. If you want to increase tuition it should only be for international students give the Canadians a break. Most of the international students are coming here because their parents are loaded so you may as well charge them instead of the Canadians that are scrapping to get buy. Are student fees include recreational fees. I think that is ridiculous i don't care about team sports I will never go watch a game so why am I paying for it.</p>
<p>Tuition is already expensive.</p>
<p>It's too bad the inflation of tuition seems to outpace the ready availability of decent paying student jobs and minimum wage. I've come to except that I might be able to afford textbooks and other such resources but that I will almost certainly finish my degree with a huge amount of debt.</p>
<p>The tuition increase every year is hard on students who already far beyond what someone from the middle class can do. The stress of borrowing money for schools is also hard on students and their mental well being.</p>
<p>Do not like the tuition increases that have been going on lately</p>
<p>Very reasonable and sustainable idea. I am willing to make the sacrifices work next year for a better school community.</p>

<p>I am already in massive debt. I graduate next year so it won't directly affect me, but students cannot afford to pay more tuition. North America needs to seriously re-evaluate its schooling funding system (see Europe), especially in a society where you need an undergrad degree to even get an unpaid internship. We are putting our future in massive debt before they even have a chance to get started, and it's crippling.</p>
<p>I attend UBC (and before that, [...]) as a senior ( [...]), in retirement. In my [...] studies graduating in [...], fees were in total about \$450/ for an 8 month term. We [...] while taking second to fourth year and my second year [...] salary was \$25.00/ month (about minimum wage). To support myself I taught night school on Monday nights. I barely managed the [...] school fees. One class mate drove a taxi all night (studying in his taxi). [...]. Many times I acted for poor people without fees, and at times I absorbed the out of pocket expenses of a [...] case. Universities should approach student fees in the same way.</p> <p>For the past three years at [...] I watched young students carrying two part time jobs and a full course load. The student debt load leads to nervous breakdowns. The job market after graduation in the humanities still is precarious for young University students. I managed easily in my undergrad years as opposed to the [...] studies, because in the undergraduate years I could work four months and save for the fall. The student costs were manageable in the late [...]. It was a bit more difficult in the [...] studies.</p> <p>About two years ago, the Globe and Mail featured an article by a law student entering 3rd year in Toronto. The arbitrary increase of student fees in his final year meant he could not afford to continue. His student loans were maxed, and the focus of his story was that poor people from single parent families who ate peanut butter sandwiches for supper, could not become lawyers (or perhaps Historians or other like graduates). There was a happy ending for the law student who was offered a last minute loan. Thus he evaded a life of a barista at Starbucks.</p> <p>In my view, a university has a duty to lower student fees for any student from a poor family background. We have to ensure that we are not creating an elite of professionals from rich families. The increase in University costs is irrelevant to the more important question of inequality of income.</p> <p>[...]</p>
<p>2% increase for domestic students.</p>
<p>Please stop increasing tuition, I mean you've already increased over 10% over the last 5 years</p>
<p>They are understandable, but I'd rather of they didn't increase</p>
<p>I am against with the idea of tuition fee increase for all students, including new incoming students.</p>
<p>I like that the increases include domestic students as well as opposed to exclusively international students, but I still am worried about paying my tuition fees with the lack of financial aid for international students.</p>
<p>I can agree with the small increases suggested to keep up with inflation. However, I'm unsure if the "2% to 3% increase for all continuing international students across all programs for the 2017/18 academic year" applies to international students who are in ONLINE ONLY programs. I would disagree about raising the rates for ONLINE students because there would be little to no change or benefit for these types of students due to the price rise. Thank you.</p>

Even though, international students are around 1/4 of the total population of UBC students, we pay almost the same increase as domestic students (\$70m less).

At first instance, it looks reasonable as tuition for international student are not governmentally funded. However, international students does not have the necessary support at all. Let me explain myself.

For international students, moving to a new country is ridiculous stressful as we don't have anyone here and meeting new people becomes a real challenge if you don't know how to socialize in a Canadian way. Back home I was able to talk anyone and everyone wanted to talk with you; the person who sat next to you in the first class would become your buddy and so on. However, in Canada, and as a personal experience, no one wants to talk to you. Everyone seems to be in a bubble, and when you say hi, they seem to get bothered.

Life as an international student sometimes can be really hard as you feel really lonely and going to the consellers doesn't have much effect as all the appointments are booked for at least two weeks and if they send you off-campus, the insurance only covers around 2 visits.

Same problem happens with a lot of students who does not feel comfortable talking in English. In one of my classes, there is a student who struggles to speak in English and you can feel that the students wants to talk in their native language. English programs for international students are not being communicated properly. I didn't know that there were English programs at school till now that I started to search. The efficiency of the school communicating the variety of language help program is being offered in none.

Does the increase really seems reasonable so far for us? I, personally, don't think so.

Furthermore, in the budget, it shows most of the increase goes into the faculties. I felt that was great until I tap the option of "read more" and realized that beside the professor salaries, a part goes into equipment purchases. When I went to the chemistry building, besides of having chalk board (which are not healthy), the desk were really small. So small that it gets really uncomfortable to write after a couple of sentences. Computers all around the campus, besides looking kind of old, they seem to be running some old programs starting by the OS. Even my high school back home had faster and more updated computers and the tuition per month was around [...] \$600 and they don't receive any kind of governmental funding as it is only run by the students tuition.

And my last point, international students still doesn't have any financial support from the university, even though, we pay higher tuitions. If I am not wrong, international students can only apply to 2 scholarships for around CAD \$8,000 in total only if you were full time student the semester before. For example, what happens if a family of a student goes broke? The student must return to their home country as they are not able to continue paying tuition here. But what if I tell you that in certain countries by putting on hold your acceptance to an university, you get ban from the institution after a year, therefore, you are unable to apply to any good university in the country. Sounds horrible right? Sadly, that is what happens in [...], where I am from. I was accepted into a university in [...], however, I opt to came to Canada. By denying or putting on hold my acceptance, I would still get red flagged if not banned for applying again as an undergraduate from the institution. The only possibilities would be to apply to really bad universities or national universities that are relatively bad too as the government does not fund education. Going further, what happens if my family cannot pay my tuition for my last year of studies? I would need to drop my studies in Canada, go back home, and hope I can apply to a university as a year one or two as study outlines here and in [...] are fairly different. That's only in the case if the university does not make me apply as a first year. It is something everyone in [...] that goes to study abroad later realize it as it is never spoken publicly. I have heard stories of students crying at UBC because their parents went broke and they were obligated to drop their studies as we are not able to ask for bursaries.

Finally, international students don't always have the same opportunities as domestic students specially in the cases of counseling and financial aid. However, we are obligated to pay more every year, without any improvement of the services that are offered. And, as the more expensive it gets, the less affordable it becomes for smart international students to apply.

UBC tuition costs are already higher than the Canada-wide average. It is untrue to say that these tuition increases are due to inflation. While it is important for UBC to continue its innovation and research, it can be done with the current budget. It is far more important to reevaluate how the school uses its current funding and redistribute the money accordingly than to simply add more money to the budget. The privilege of an education at UBC should be decided based on merit and no one should be robbed of an education here because they cannot afford it. These repetitive tuition increases, though small, add up and exclude students from low income households. While UBC often argues these students could turn to financial aid for assistance the school only provides a small percentage of its budget to financial aid, not nearly enough to help everyone in need. I am opposed to the tuition increase.

You have my blessing. Please, go ahead with the proposed tuition increase.

The tuition are already fairly high, especially for the international students. Thus, the increase on this basis will be a large amount. I definitely know that the difficulty of the running due to a variety of reasons. But I hope that the university can find out other channels to increase the revenue instead of increasing the tuition every year. Thanks!

No fee increases for domestic students. It's hard enough to be able to afford university costs as it is. If you need to increase fees then do it for the student who are not domestic and are taking up domestic student spaces. We want to attend domestic and expect to pay higher fees if we would learn internationally. It's not fair or acceptable to keep raising domestic fees year after year with an excuse as inflation. There are too many things on campus such as ancient desks, not enough electrical outlets, enough study spaces and much more. If you want to raise fees look at the student who aren't from bc, next who aren't from western canada, then eastern and finally international. BC resident students should get a break because its the university of BRITISH COLUMBIA. If domestic student keep getting tuition increases you'll start seeing dropping domestic and especially bc applications. If schools too expensive there are other options. Its not fair to deprive bc especially and domestic student of attending a domestic university we are proud of. If international student want to attend they should pay more for the priviledge...and the place they are takibg away from a domestic student.

This is not reasonable and the school really should not put more pressure on international students.

Despite the inflationary pressures, I think UBC is spending too much on fancier buildings and decorations that do not necessarily improve students' level of satisfaction or quality of school. Personally, I do not see enough money spent on what's really important. For instance, why do we have such a big waitlist in Computer Science due to lack of professors? There was an increase in tuition recently yet I do not feel the personal benefit. I want to know how that 2% increase is going to improve my school's life other than seeing fancier decorations at SUB or getting more buildings at UBC.

I am strongly against increasing tuition fees and non-instructional fees. International students have already had a significant increase in tuition. Domestic students remain in Canada in order to benefit from affordable education. Continuing to increase tuition and non-instructional fees will lead to UBC not becoming affordable for Canadians.

I highly noticed that UBC is doing so much construction everywhere and its costly. However, I do not think that we are the only generation that is going to pay for this tuition. So I think ubc should consider more in the long run and not only put all the burden on us. Secondly I am hight doubting that the efficiency of ubc, just for an simple example, the elevators in Arbutes, ponderosa house have been under "construction" for 2 month. And sometimes even both of the electors are broken. It is really annoying to climb the stairs from 18 th floor. And also the time, because we did not expect this time on elector issue so we might be late for class if we get out of our room in our regular time. So this small issue really reflects on ubc's efficiency and I highly disagree with further construction under this efficiency level, and hence the tuition fee shouldn't be increased because there should not be construction anymore unless there is a more efficient team for construction. So far I don't see any. Thanks.

It is a buden for students as well as international students to afford such expensive tuition. Educating supposes to be a part of our life, and housing suppose be one another. Obviously, the young educational generation unlikely to afford the extremely radicious housing price in Vancouver. The education should not be a exerbating factor for the majority of families financial burden. The more people get well educated, the more likely we are able to contribute better communities, countries and the earth. At least, there is unfair enough if the tuition is not increase in a same rate basing on regions.

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I think the amount paid for tuition is already insanely expensive for International students. I am frustrated and unsatisfied at what UBC has done with this proposal

I'm going to say what I've said every year. Their shouldn't be fee increases. The amount of money mismanaged and misspent at UBC needs to be addressed before you get any more. There are a lot of people earning salaries too large while other staff are struggling to make ends meet, funds are consistently misdirected to initiatives that fail students, and the scholarships offered by this institutions are inaccessible to those who actually need them. But hey, you'll probably approve the increase again like you do every year because these consultations are just for show right. Optics.

I disagree with this proposal.

While I understand that tuition must inflate over time due to increasing costs and a lack of funding, I would hope UBC take a harder stand against the provincial and federal government on education budget cutbacks rather than simply "asking" students to pay more for tuition. I am especially hoping international students not have their fees increase as it is already very expensive for my peers to study with me at UBC. Not only is their tuition fee significantly higher, but they must also find and pay for housing, flight tickets, and other costly expenses domestic students may not need to pay for. I want to ensure that my peers from other countries are from various social economic classes. I'd also appreciate as a student to have more say in where some of these increased fees go towards. Polls, casting online ballots, and/or further feedback on how UBC would like to invest money would be helpful. It would help us students feel we are a part of the process in building UBC as an internationally recognized institution.

As a financially poor student, I believe the 2% tuition increase is a tad much.Perhaps

I think the tuition is already high enough, especially for international students. Therefore, if there is going to be an increase on the tuition, there should also be an increase on scholarships, more scholarships should be available for continuing students as well.

Why are international fees exponentially higher than domestic fees? I have lived in Canada more than half of my life, always through/with a student visa (so an international passport), making me TECHNICALLY international. In middle/high school (a Christian private school) I was given certain considerations because of it.. Even though the sky-high-tuition doesn't seem to deter international students from attending UBC, and paying for it; I want an explanation as to why you are charging me almost 10 times as much as my Canadian classmate. I understand why you need to increase tuition, and where you plan to invest it... I just don't understand why I have to pay for most of it. Ya feel?

We have a raise in tuition fees every year. Many of us can't cope with the increase in cost. Please don't raise it.

It's getting way too expensive!

It is not reasonable to raise our tuition every single year. International students and domestic students share the same learning resources and we are paying 10 times their tuition. Plus our tuition is raised every year. I don't know you do you use these money. Building constructions I guess. But I don't see the money being applied to what really benefit us students. So I'm absolutely against the tuition raise. Don't put too much burden on our families.

The change in tuition isn't justified, and "inflationary pressures" is a poor excuse for raising it even higher. The university isn't struggling, the students who are living in this expensive city are (without having to worry about spending more and more every year thanks to UBC's adjustments). I've been a student here since 2011 and watched it raise in price along with the height of all the unnecessary new buildings and developments that have been spreading like a rash along our once beautiful campus. Happy to be almost graduated from a school that views academics as a business and its student body as a commodity that can be exploited for financial benefit of the institution. Simultaneously the quality of content in academic programs is neglected... Not impressed.

You claim to be taking cost cutting measure, then also claim that the cost of university education is increasing due to inflationary pressures. The current rate of inflation is under 2%, so how can you claim to be taking cost cutting measure while increasing the cost of tuition by more than the current rate of inflation for 2016? If you have taken cost cutting measures, then you should not have to have student fees and tuitions increase by such an amount, it should be lower. Seems to me like this decision has been made to increase profits.

I am unsatisfied with the increase of the tuition fee.

I see so much construction going on around UBC, including LED Light pillars close to New Sub. I had no clue what it was for, it just seemed to consume unnecessary energy, and so it got replaced to different pillars. I wonder how much it costed and how much of waste it produced to build those things, and take it away and replace them again. You guys also built a large LED panel wall that changes color in Hebb building for no apparent reason. I have no clue how such LED light panel is improving our studying environment in an effective way. Can all those construction for "improving our study environment" be more sufficient, sustainable, necessary and actually useful? It just seems like waste of money, resources and time, and while the university build those things you say you have no money and need to raise tuition where many students struggle everyday to pay for. No matter how much students protest, it seems that UBC just raises tuition and housing fees anyways, and if you decide to do so anyways after all the protest and feedback, what can we do but to leave or to pay? Students should be able to focus on their education without having pressure of paying more and more tuition and housing fee, you are supposed to be an institution that protect and harness students, not to exploit them. Please really carefully reflect and review on all the possibly unnecessary or insufficient parts of how you spend the valuable money. It comes from all the generous donations, government grants and us students' and families. It really makes me angry to see university seemingly wasting money on unnecessary things and construction and then complain to us that they dont have enough money.



<p>I think the increase is too much. Students should not take the burden. The university needs to do something with both the provincial and federal governments.</p>
<p>Increasing the Tuition only makes lives harder for International Students as things are already expensive and we are paying a HUGE amount already as compared to PR holders and Canadian Citizens. It is only fair that the tuition for International Students that is already significantly high remains the same. Especially considering the fact that International Students cannot even get student loans. Hence, this increase seems quite unnecessary.</p> <p>Thanks,</p>
<p>This can't be serious. Even though I am graduating this term, it is difficult to see my friends and classmates struggle with the ever increasing tuition of UBC.</p>
<p>I believe that the 2-3% increase in tuition for the current enrolled international students is too much. I believe that the tuition we're paying right now is already high enough compared to the domestic students.</p>
<p>Don't increase the tuition please we already pay a lot</p>
<p>I've contributed to these surveys in past years but the outcome is always the same. Naturally, as a student, I would not like to see any further increases to my tuition. Every year, it's the same story, something along the lines of needing to "increase tuition by 2-3% to keep in line with inflationary pressures." It is interesting, however, that Statistics Canada shows that for our province, the changes for years 2012-2015 consumer prices averaged only around one percent inflation per year. It's understandable that facilities as they age will cost more and more to operate and maintain. However, once one initiates a trend of increasing fees to "balance" budgets, there will be no going back. Instead of showing how more revenue can be generated through increased fees, how about showing how UBC plans on reducing costs instead? Instead of asking for more money right from the start, how about proposing a plan which clearly outlines that alleged commitment to look for "cost savings and other revenue opportunities?" It's unlikely that once time and wages are already spent will they spend more time creating a new budget which incorporates the opinions of other voices. The consultation is more or less a formality, and I doubt it will make any difference anyways. I may be cynical, but do students' opinions even matter anymore? I predict that the Board of Governors, like they have in the previous years, will approve the increase anyway...</p>
<p>I feel that this is honestly a really bad idea. UBC does not need to increase the fees for students again in the 2017/2018 academic year. In all honestly I feel that this is just an excuse to continue building useless stadiums in UBC. I for one does not want to see this increase.</p>
<p>Please do NOT the raise the tuition! ! Everything else about school is already so expensive! People are struggling to pay off student debt because of tuition and housing costs. Raising the fees would only crest more barriers for students! Maybe pay the Deans less to get some extra money?</p>
<p>I fully disagree with any further tuition increases. Tuition is more than double what I paid for my undergrad degree ten years ago, and so is off-campus housing. I feel for the younger generation-- this seems highly unfair.</p> <p>Also UBC student fees are outrageously high. Even taking one course on campus means \$500 in fees. The BC government needs to step up and fund post-secondary education and stop deferring its funding shortfalls onto the students.</p> <p>Thanks for the opportunity to provide feedback.</p>

<p>I would prefer that a small percentage of the increases be targeted specifically towards need-based financial aid packages. As well, the proportion of tuition going to fund support services - IT Staff, Building services, etc. - could probably be spent more efficiently in line with the private sector. Concessions could perhaps be sought there rather than imposing an increase on student tuitions.</p>
<p>Actually, increasing tuition every year is not a good news for us ,especially international students who have already paid high tuition fees. Thanks!</p>
<p>UBC has been very good to me financially but my situation is not typical at UBC. However, from the point of view of the typical student body at UBC.... I'm curious as to why the administration is even bothering to consult with students. It's not as if any students will support a tuition increase. And it is also unlikely that the administration would ever listen to a student body regarding finances. It is more likely that UBC will continue to do what it pleases, just like all the other major universities in Canada. Frankly, this kind of lip-service consultation process is a bit offensive.</p>
<p>I oppose the tuition fee increase. I understand that budgeting is difficult but piling more fees onto students every year is not a solution. Every year more and more students are excluded from getting an education because of the rising cost of tuition and fees. These tuition increases do nothing but build distrust and animosity in the student body towards UBC and its administration, and this is not compatible with UBC's apparent promotion of "community" and a sense of well-being on campus. I strongly urge a reconsideration of these tuition increases and a better budgeting plan for utilizing funds that are already available instead of constantly demanding more from some of the most vulnerable members of our society.</p>
<p>Is it necessary to increase tuition every year? What are these increases funding? It is already a struggle paying for tuition, and it worries me that by them time I am in fourth year I will be paying way more than I did in first year.</p>
<p>Every year UBC has been raising the tuition. Yet, there is not a raise in wage every year. It is already difficult for students to keep up with school, while working. In addition, there are too constructions that are unnecessary such as fixing the stairs of Biology building when there were already fairly new stairs there.</p>
<p>Please provide a detailed financial report that displays where every dollar is spent, then say you need to increase fees. How can I possibly know if the data provided is credible or not.</p>
<p>no tuition increase please! international students pay way too much anyway so a 2-3% increase doesn't sound reasonable at all!! rent and other expenses are too many as it is on campus and off.</p>
<p>Please don't take so much money! No more than 2% increase for continuing international students. I don't see any improvement in my acadamic studying environment.</p>
<p>You already raised our tuition for this year but you want to raise it even higher??? I do NOT agree</p>
<p>A 2-3% increase for all continuing international students across all programs for the 2017/18 academic year.</p>
<p>International tuition fees should only increase. We should not be punishing canadian residents for pursuing their educational goals and dreams.</p>
<p>I think tuition should be a lot cheaper because then more people that can't afford schooling can be educated so can build a greater future and society. If it was cheaper people wouldn't be in debt for the rest of their life.</p>

<p>I dont know if I would be able to pay my tuition if it continues to increase</p>
<p>It is frustrating that in a time of financial squeeze for many students, tuition will increase again. These increases lead to cynicism. Inflation may be cited as the reason for increases, but a cynical student may begin to feel UBC mistakes are being fixed on students' backs (e.g., two expensive President searches in two years). Tuition increase are partially meant to finance student services, yet students do not always have access to these services for free, for example, the Bird Nest recreation centre (and I suspect the new pool when it opens). At other institutions these services are included in tuition and free to access with your student card (and with smaller student populations to finance with their tuition).</p> <p>It can be tough being a UBC student.</p>
<p>I understand the inflationary pressures that are affecting universities across North America, UBC included. As an excess of budget cuts would hurt the learning experience for students and research and teaching opportunities for all, I appreciate that a small tuition increase may seem like the logical answer.</p> <p>The University of British Columbia suffers a crisis of belonging as well as a crisis of perceived safety. A significant proportion of students do not feel a sense of community on campus. Many social affairs of students being under the control of the AMS and other student organizations; nonetheless, the UBC Student Services website includes a "Have some fun" page that emphasizes the importance of campus community. However, there is clearly more the university could do to ensure that the incredibly diverse student body feels a sense of belonging and pride towards UBC. Therefore, some of the increased tuition revenue must be directed towards furthering campus community.</p> <p>On October 4, 2016, the Totem Park residence was shaken by an attempted murder of a UBC student by another UBC student. Added to this are significant concerns about, and frequent occurrences of, sexual assault, in addition to suggestions that UBC is not taking significant input from panelists on its sexual assault policy (<a href="http://www.metronews.ca/news/vancouver/2016/10/05/sex-assault-panellists-disappointed-ubc-consultation-end.html">http://www.metronews.ca/news/vancouver/2016/10/05/sex-assault-panellists-disappointed-ubc-consultation-end.html</a>). The AMS Safewalk service, meant to protect students, has suffered from concerns about significant (&gt;30 minute) response times. As a result, a proportion of UBC students do not feel safe on campus. This damages the university community, academic performance, and mental health. UBC must dedicate significant resources to making the campus a safer place for everyone - this includes supporting the resource-poor AMS Safewalk service that many students trust to take them to a safe place late at night. The tuition increase must support improved campus security and more robust protective services for students.</p> <p>The University of British Columbia stands rightly among the greatest universities on Earth, thanks to its brilliant academics, its talented faculty, and its diverse and ambitious students. If you must further raise the tuition, make sure that as much of the money as possible goes towards enhancing the safety, community, and happiness of its students. Students are, after all, what make UBC, UBC. Your motto is "Tuum Est" - it's yours. It's our campus, and this is what we want.</p>
<p>Seems like each semester I get email about tuition increases. It's really not fair to us students just barely getting by financially.</p>
<p>I do not agree to raising tuition or non-instructional fees for domestic students!</p>
<p>No. I do not agree with tuition increases.</p>
<p>I think this is a reasonable change.</p>

<p>Due to the current cost of tuition I see no reason why it should be increased further. As a student I see this as either the university pushing for as much revenue from students as possible, or ubc is insufficiently capable of manage the income it currently generates.</p>
<p>I am strongly against the rise in tuition.</p>
<p>I'm an international student and I feel as though we are already paying quite a bit for our education, and 3% of our tuition is a lot more than 3% of regular tuition.</p>
<p>I don't agree with the tuition increase. Every year I've been at UBC there has always been a 2% increase in tuition YEARLY. Although I am graduating UBC in May, I believe that this tuition is unnecessary and not used to its best purposes. UBC hasn't been transparent with where the money is going - the breakdown of it on the consultation page isn't exactly fully clear. Thus, I do not agree with the tuition increase.</p>
<p>I can barely afford the tuition right now, please do not increase it. Even if it's a just \$100 more, for me that's a lot. Re-think ur decision even though you are only doing these feed backs as a formality.</p>
<p>Please don't raise the tuition fees, I'm poor.</p>
<p>There are alternatives that can be made to avoid a tuition fee increase for domestic students in 2017/2018. Tack an extra 2% onto international student fees. I would like to know how many international students acquire financial assistance compared to those students who are domestic?  Also, slow down infrastructure development! Over the period of 1 year there have been so many projects taken on. I understand that this comes from separate funding, but slow down. Can we think about moderation? What is so wrong with the SUB or the old footpaths?  Why do we need more campus housing? Well domestic students that are not in the lower mainland sure, but also for international students....  Why do students need financial assistance, because they can not afford tuition, so then how does raising tuition fees solve that? A never ending circle...how were so many people before me put through university education at UBC without these tuition spikes? Lets take a look at the simpler times and learn something.</p>
<p>Upon reviewing my student finances at UBC, I found that a lot of money from student tuition goes towards student services that I don't even utilize like the Athletics and Recreation Fee which gets more than \$200 from each student? Most students I know don't even utilize these services and this seems to only benefit a particular group of students who use recreating facilities. Why not just get creative and redirect funds rather than make tuition even more unaffordable for students who are already buried under mountains of debt, the people who can't really afford the high cost of getting a university degree??</p>

I have examined your budget and noted your need for funds however as a new International student who already received an increase in tuition before even starting classes I cannot agree with your plan to increase tuition. Originally when I applied to UBC my tuition was supposed to be lower but because of various issues I had to delay my entrance and by the time I arrived the previous increase had been applied. You mention student services, scholarships and Bursaries being part of the cost. I find it somewhat annoying that you are asking me to fund scholarships that I have either not been given or will not be even considered for since I am an international student or I am not taking the amount of credits needed (due to the previous tuition hike) You mention student services but the only services I have received is some advice from the arts department and occasional aid from my ESP overall though I have been left to my self to navigate the big world of Vancouver and not much has been done to support me. I have had to borrow money from different sources in order to come here and have had to go through extreme amounts of stress and hardship in order to get here and have also had to put my family and friends though some of that suffering. My point here is that this has all been on me and I have received no aid from a university that is now asking me to provide money for services I either never receive or which are rarely helpful. UBC touts the theme of you are not alone but I sure feel on my own out here and this tuition increase is just the icing on the cake. Being a former teacher myself im all for paying teacher salaries but is their honestly no other way to raise more funds. Instead of forcing me and other students to cough up more cash perhaps you could do something to reduce your fundraising budget if your spending millions and not getting your moneys worth then I think something must be up. Perhaps you should use a small amount of that budget to ask an Alumnus Justin Trudeau for some cash I hear hes well off and with the government behind him he would probably not mind earmarking some money for UBC. Or maybe you could have more movies being filmed on campus im sure most students would prefer the nuisance to the extra fees. In short I oppose these increases and respectfully call on you to keep tuition as is, I think thats the least you can do for us seeing as you do so little else. P.S I saw a part in the budget for health care WHAT health care I pay a portion of that too.

It's too much. Every year it keeps on increasing and I think it's ridiculous. I feel UBC is wasting money on unnecessary things such as the glowing sticks, totempoles, etc.  
There must be other ways to reduce money, and I feel UBC is not doing it.

All the tuition costs are high already. Making them higher would be disadvantageous to the students. I know UBC is not a charity, but the tuition costs seem to be too high. I know some really good students from Langara (average of A or A+) that could not afford UBC, but they really wanted to study at UBC.

Dear UBC,  
I really that tuition fee will not be increased the next year. I know tuition very important for university development, however, there is another way to get some funding such as to encourage student to make as many as valueable publications.  
Thanks,  
[...]

I understand that there are inflationary pressures but in order for me to enthusiastically accept this increase I'm going to need to know for sure that the university is doing the best that it can to make the campus a safe and healthy environment for everyone. I'm not really sure if I've seen evidence of that so far. I would like to see that become a priority.

2% increase on tuition for Domestic Students for the 2017/2018 academic year. The tuition for international students is already very high and the lack of financial aid available to many of them unlike what is available for domestic students make attending UBC very expensive for international students (and by international I don't just mean Asian).

Domestic students have more access to aid and other financial support which international students usually don't have.
Isn't the tuition high enough already? If most of the increase go towards helping those in financial need, then it would be acceptable, however would UBC be willing and able to at least release information on the harsh financial situations these people (anonymously) face? Knowing where exactly do our money go in relative detail would be nice.
There are many places where you can decrease expenses, why does the burden have to fall on students? I am deeply saddened and concerned to see how UBC is becoming more and more a luxury only elites can afford.
Not sure how you live with yourselves knowing you continue to put added stress on students and families who already struggle with current tuition prices. You want the youth to be educated? Make it affordable then. Sure, everyone is able to access education. This is a great equality but there is a huge difference between equality and equity. To whoever reads this, find the difference.
I believe the tuition proposal is reasonable.
I recommend not increasing the fees, especially for international students. We are satisfied with the way the school is running and do not feel the need to add in additional services and do not wish to pay extra fees for the same
I disagree with the proposed increase. Each year we pay a bit more, but each year there aren't exponentially more developments or benefits for students. Why are the tuition increases being proposed?
I am still trying to figure out why I am paying student fees as a post graduate medical resident. I have not been on campus for four years. I am certainly not excited about our fee raise.
This proposed increase in tuition and non-instructional fees for all students is absolutely ridiculous. The tuition and fees are already too high, and going to school is becoming more and more unaffordable.
No tuition raises. University should better allocate existing funding and focus on trimming expenses instead of increasing revenue.
The proposed seems fair, although I would suggest increasing the prices further on international students to allow more opportunity for local students to successfully enter UBC.
NO, The tuition fees are already very high and it is very difficult for international students like myself to afford this much of money. Considering the inflation, all the living costs are also increasing, however the graduate student RA/TAs are not increasing that much and it is getting harder and harder for international graduate students to afford the living/studying costs in Vancouver. This will force grads to start working in order to earn enough money to survive and part time work greatly affects the quality of our studies and research work, and I think the quality of research is what makes UBC an outstanding name and is more important than building something like the suspended ballroom in the NEST with the collected tuition fees.
The tuition of engineering is too high originally, and engineering students seldom have time to do part-time jobs because heavy load of classes. So it is not reasonable to aggravate financial pressure of us. And we have not heard

<p>something about scholarships of vantage college. If there is no scholarships for vantage college students, such behavior is rather more unacceptable.</p>
<p>I feel like writing this feedback is useless since the university will increase the fee anyway regardless. but I want to give it a try. International students' tuition fee is way too expensive. I don't see the value in some courses to justify the tuition costs.</p>
<p>I don't think you should increase the student tuition because the cost of being a student is already astronomical. Students are graduating with debt they can't even pay off. There have to be other ways to cut in the budget to save money. Also, if possible I would be curious to see about government funding more secondary school. This is just my opinion, thanks for considering my feedback. :)</p>
<p>I suggest not to increase tuition any further. Since my first year at UBC, annual tuition &amp; fees have increased by roughly \$600 annually. Does not sound much, but I earn \$20,000 as a graduate research assistant. Wages for graduate researchers do not increase, but living costs do. I'm paying \$16,600 on rent and tuition, leaving \$280/month for groceries. Unfortunately my doctorate does not leave enough time for a second job, so I would really appreciate if UBC would be bold enough to impose a tuition &amp; fees freeze. Of course, I have not much hope but I wanted to make my voice heard. Cheers.</p>
<p>Hi          If Tuition Increase is for adjusting for inflation it makes sense. But, recently, UBC has increased tuition substantially and increasing it again by more than %2 is harmful to student like myself. I am very depressed and frustrated because of my financial situation.          Cordially</p>
<p>I am personally against the fee increases and think they are unjustified.</p>
<p>How does UBC expect students who are already struggling to deal with the tuition increases from previous years when financial support is difficult to receive from the school?</p>
<p>2% increase for International students please! Why make it higher than 2%?</p>
<p>I think it's pretty ridiculous that tuition was just increased over the last two years after mass student protest. Domestic fees should be increased. As for incoming international and continuing international students, tuition is already between 25-30grand, which is on the higher side in Canada. Where is this money going to what is it being used for? New buildings? Hiking tuition even more causes problems for us international students, some of us won't be able to afford the hike even if it's only 2%, and is that really fair, for someone like me that's been at Ubc for 5 years doing a major and minor in a new program that has extended its new course implementation to next year? In the 5 years I've been here I have seen no transparency in the money use at ubc even despite being [...]. Either make sure UBCs budget is uploaded online so that every student can see exactly where our money is going? And if not then we should not be expected to pay money that goes to building a fountain or to buy the presidents house new furniture. And if you expect to hike the tuition up, what is being done to ensure student safety on campus? You are wanting us to pay more tuition to a campus that has had multiple sexual assaults, dead bodies found on it and an attempted murder.. first make the campus feel safe enough to be called an Ivy League school, then ask about tuition increase. Till then make sure the school is up to the standards of an Ivy League school before asking us for more money!</p>

<p>I don't enjoy the fact that yet again the school is raising their tuition fees and yet the sexual assault policy is just coming under review. I feel that the raises are unnecessary.</p>
<p>the less increase the better! 2%, no more!</p>
<p>Please don't raise the tuition anymore, I'm a domestic student struggling to keep up with last years tuition increase. Another 4% total increase is too high too soon.</p>
<p>I am against raising tuition fees. University is financially inaccessible as it is for many students. We should be moving in a direction where post-secondary is more accessible for more people, seeing as it is whats needed now a days to get a decent job. This tuition increase makes UBC even less accessible than it already is. Please do not raise our tuition and fees.</p>
<p>I do not agree increase tuition fee.</p>
<p>I am Ok about the increasing tution fees and believe that the school would provide a better study envornment for our students.</p>
<p>I am a new student at UBC taking classes since fall 2015. So far I have been less than impressed by UBC's organization and efficiency, with record confusions, and lack of helpfulness and transparency in admission (undergrad AND post grad ) and politics between programs. Considering I find the tuition fee already outrageous, and the inflation rate closer to 1.5% than 3% according to the bank to Canada and other observers, I cannot be very supportive of these fee increase that will directly affect me in the next years.</p>
<p>I would rather not pay an extra 2% for my already expensive tuition. Is it necessary to receive a 2% increase from every single student in UBC? That's a drastic change as the total money received from every student will be a lot. Shouldn't the increase be much smaller? Even if you receive a 0.5% increase from every student you can still receive a substantial amount of funding if you truly need it; however, I fail to see the reason as to why you're increasing tuition by so much for every student.</p>
<p>You should respect the contract for current students at the fees the student Bagan with. This is the third increase in 4 years. It is abusive as we cannot juste "change" service provider. You charge Okanagan students the same fee as Vancouver students as if they had access to the same service and infrastructure. That's outrageous! This greedy policy is not in line with the spirit of university, and certainly not UBC. You are betraying the mission of the institution you represent.</p>
<p>Please don't do this. There are enough disgruntled students as it is that are saddled with enormous student loans and useless degrees once they graduate. Please do not contribute to the current problem facing young graduates today-many are overeducated, underpaid, and in debt because of your increasing tuition. If tuition increases by 2% every year, where will we be in five years?? This is a rapid solution that will only cause more problems in the future. Please, please, please, keep education affordable. Just because our society relies on higher education to define people's worth does not mean you get to abuse your power.</p>
<p>I do not approve of the tuition increase. A lot of construction in UBC has been unnecessary and superfluous. If anything please charge increase to international students rather than domestic.</p>



<p>I believe that tuition is already way to high at UBC. Minimum wage is not high enough already to sustain paying for a full course load. Stop trying to teach us about the growing economic divide between the rich and the poor and raise our tuition yet again denying lower class students affordable education. Ask the government for more funding. Don't ask your broke students</p>
<p>i feel like 2% is okay but it would be wonderful if it can be lower</p>
<p>I swear I do this every year reiterating how displeased I am about the 2% increase and voting against this. I paid around \$4,000 in my first year for four courses for my first year at UBC. Now I will be paying \$6,000 for four courses in my 4th year at UBC. Please do not go forward with the 2% increase. Maybe if you were not building new buildings constantly, we would not have to pay so much. Especially when these building would not have been completed by the time I graduate.</p>
<p>For fucks sakes tuition is high enough already. I'm broke. Stop doing so much construction and don't give us that bull about inflation. Jesus.</p>
<p>Happy to have a chance that speak out, and the opinion of me is to keep the tuition from ascending over and over. We all level-year students have already discussed about the tuition fee increase last team terribly, and no reason to raise them again in such a short run. I believe the inflation could not be the reason for this proposal and do think about students' true voices.</p>
<p>Given that the program facilities for [...] students is pretty sub par, I feel that a tuition hike is a joke since it's unlikely that we will see any improvement. I say no, no increases. The cost of living in Vancouver and lack of housing is terrible as it is. I for one cannot afford a hike.</p>
<p>Please do not increase the tuition fees on international students, since you've already increased that last year.</p>
<p>I agree with domestic tuition fees increasing if the quality of instruction increases. My current professor could learn something from your presentation about streamlining font, colour, etc. to make information easier to read and understand. I do not agree, however, that non-instructional fees should increase for distance students. I don't enjoy the same benefits as students on campus (i.e. improvements to the SUB) and think it's unfair to charge us the same amount for non-instructional fees.</p>
<p>Don't increase the tuition. Don't do it!! Don't sell your soul to the dark side!! Or should you?</p>
<p>The increase is way to rapid and tuition is spent in area students do not see and can not directly benefit from.</p>
<p>Will TA and RA stipends also be 2% higher? Otherwise, how can you expect graduate students to keep up with the increasing costs year after year?</p>
<p>You gotta be kidding? Another tuition increase?</p>
<p>It feels like a certainty at this point that tuition is going to be raised regardless of what I do. I don't support raising tuition, and I'd like that to be noted.</p>
<p>Stop raising tuition! This is outrageous, UBC is becoming run more and more like a corporation, and the irony is that the customers (students) are the ones losing out! UBC doesn't provide may stable academic jobs so salary increases</p>

<p>shouldn't be a reason for tuition increase either. Money appears to majorly be going towards building which seems like a never ending project! We used to have a beautiful campus that is now completely unnavigateable.</p>
<p>I think that your reason for increasing tuition is not that specific.</p>
<p>International student tuition fees are already very high, as housing fees are also increasing, I don't recommend tuition fees increase for continuing international students.</p>
<p>2% increase ffor new students and non-academic fees is fair, but current students' tuition should not increase</p>
<p>I'm sad that I will have to pay more for tuition now :(</p>
<p>Is this going to be an annual event now? Is UBC going to increase tuition fee 2-3% percent every year until UBC is no longer an option for some students because we need to build one aquatic center right next to the old one which is next to an old swimming pool. What kind of feedback is expected of me? Do you expect me to say, ' yes increase tuition fee so I may work more hours and earn minimum wage'? As an internationally recognized university that represents itself as a 'place of mind', it surely doesn't act that way.</p>
<p>I consider that increasing prices to landed immigrants and Canadian citizens should not happen because we want more Canadians to access higher education. It should follow the same principle that the city is following in terms of housing, do not harm the people that live in the province by making education only accessible to those who can pay.</p>
<p>Too much money is being spent on infrastructure, monetary penalties against companies need to be initiated when deadlines are not met &amp; student fees that are not applicable to most students (ie. athletic fees) are already to high and do not need to be increased further.</p>

Alright, so you guys are going to raise all tuition by a minimum of 2%, which you've been doing for a couple of years now. You're operating with a 45.4 M profit based on the numbers here:

<https://consultations.students.ubc.ca/consultations/tuition-consultation-201718>

This 2% inflation you are talking about stands in contrast to easily googled numbers on the average inflation in Canada, found here: <http://www.bankofcanada.ca/rates/related/inflation-calculator/> and here:

<http://www.inflation.eu/inflation-rates/canada/historic-inflation/cpi-inflation-canada.aspx>

Both sources cite the average inflation as being sub 1.7 with Bank of Canada stating an inflation of 1.1% between 2015 and 2016. Whereas education for the period has risen well above that rate, which seems odd, considering the low general inflation - Seen here: <http://www.statcan.gc.ca/pub/62-001-x/2016008/t038-eng.htm>

What I believe should be done, would be halting the ever increasing tuition charges, instead of indebting the upcoming generation of this country, and countries throughout the world and thus skewing society even more.

As an international student, I would love not to pay 16000 CAD just to attend school here for one single semester. The price just doesn't correlate well with the expenses of tuition in European state universities - Somewhere in your organization, someone is earning a load of money preying on young people's need for tuition in a knowledge based world.

Another thing I would like to address is your never ending list of extra fees and funds every student is paying for, on top of tuition fees. Considering I pay 3035 CAD per 3 credit course, I feel like all those extra fees should be included in that exorbitant price. I am paying 100 CAD for the new student building, while you guys are operating with 45 Million dollars in profits per annum. I'm paying 177 CAD dollars in Athletics and Recreation fee without getting free access to anything other than your swimming pool, effectively paying for all the varsity teams, that I have to pay to see.

I am paying for funds and clubs that I have nothing to do with, without the option of opting out. I am even taking out a loan to pay for an AMS Financial Assistance fund, which just seems ridiculous to me, as I'm already paying to be a member of the AMS, paying for AMS athletics and intramurals, and paying to sign up for intramurals.

All of this together means that me and thousands of other students will be well in debt before even looking at settling down in a house.

You guys must sit with a smile from ear to ear sending out this feedback form.

[...]

Students are also affected by financial pressures.

The cost of tuition is ridiculous! This school is becoming very elitist, how are students supposed to get an education when forced to pay 3000 a semester? The tuition has gone up drastically since enrolling in 2012. Here are the points that come to mind for why UBC need to halt the tuition increase.

A. Cost of parking:

Where is all the money going from the ridiculous amounts of parking tickets being given out? Not only is it hard to get a pass for the year, but the amount of tickets given out is insane, the meters only allow 2 hours at a time, and it seems as though the absence of a parking pass leaves the student without a choice, which brings me to my next point...

B. Why is parking so expensive?

Why has the cost gone up this year to \$8 for a full day, AFTER 1. It used to be \$7 after noon (compare to \$4 at kwantlen) Why are parking passes so expensive? Students are payin \$3000 to be at UBC, parking should be free. It baffles me that tuition is going up when the revenue from parking citations and the high rates should be more than enough to a. Cover expansion and b. Keep tuition costs from increasing every semester.

C. Athletic Fee's

My next point is, why are we paying so much for athletic fees? Why don't parking citations cover athletic scholarships? Most importantly, why is it that the gym isn't included in our \$200 (approximate) athletic fee?

Upshot:

UBC's tuition is constantly increasing, If this keeps happening, I don't know how anyone is going to be able to afford an education in the future, and UBC by far has the highest tuition rates. UBC wants to maintain a good reputation, I'm guessing it wants intelligent minds instead of students who are buying their way into the school. If rates keep going up, some of the most intelligent minds (by no means am I referring to myself) are going to be resorting to other schools or other options, the institution will experience a brain drain.

Please stop increasing tuition, give us a break, allow the students to focus on learning and making a difference in the world rather than struggling to pay rent and eat because of the amount of funds required to study at UBC.

Thank you (:

Increasing the tuition and putting the money towards student financial aid seems rather self defeating. Would there be a way to reduce the amount of construction taking place at one time? It feels like there is a large amount of construction year round.

I do NOT agree that international students should pay more! We pay so much already as it is.

I know the school is heavily research based and a lot of funding goes into that, but what about building a better field house. A large nice affordable facility so that students can maintain healthy and active academic lives.

I think there should be a greater increase in fees for international students and a smaller increase for domestic students.

Don't raise tuition please.

I don't want this. You raised tuition prices last year

a 2% increase in non-instructional fees for all students.

A blanket tuition increase is always bad news for students, but if it is necessary due to inflation then there is no room to complain.

No.

<p>I absolutely do not agree with this tuition increase. I am a struggling student who is taking in more debt every year and think it is unfair to raise tuition higher than it already is.</p>
<p>As an international student paying tuition right now, it is difficult to imagine an even bigger price tag to attend this university. Please do not raise the price as it would be a bigger financial burden on my family.</p>
<p>The tuition fees I pay for the professional program are already too high! I study full-time and work part-time, I'm on a student loan, applied for the bursary, and trying to apply for scholarships but haven't been successful. This uncalled for increase in tuition will only worsen my already difficult financial situation and increase my debt, I might have to drop out of my Master's. Please reconsider!</p>
<p>No thanks. Tuition is already so expensive.</p>
<p>I don't believe tuition should be increased by 2% next year. Tuition costs are already high at UBC. Many students graduate with a degree each year but are unable to find work yet still have to repay tens of thousands of dollars in tuition. Even for students who do find work, and employees in general - they are not getting 2% raises every year. I believe that university education should be affordable for everyone who desires to pursue it. Does UBC really just want to attract wealthy students? What about all the intelligent students from low socioeconomic backgrounds that have the potential to change society for the better? I do not think they should be denied a university education or have to take on the burden of hundreds of thousands of dollars of student loans.</p> <p>I understand that the cost of education is rising. More and more students enroll in university classes. If UBC absolutely needs to raise the cost of tuition, I think it should also make a commitment to ensuring there are enough decently paid summer jobs for students to help offset the cost of university classes.</p> <p>Getting a university education in itself is beneficial in my opinion. I very much enjoyed my time at UBC. However in today's expensive world (especially looking at the cost of housing in Vancouver!) we need to have career goals in mind when going to university. I believe the university should be held accountable in helping connect students to jobs and other opportunities to achieve their career goals.</p> <p>A university education is a huge financial investment - students want to see it pay off. Continually raising tuition without an increase in employment is not an investment that will necessarily pay off.</p>
<p>The international students' tuition is already expensive as it is... If the tuition continues to increase like this, it will become a massive burden on many students and their families.</p>
<p>Its too high for international students as compared to domestic students</p>
<p>Stop trying to make the campus look "pretty" and use the money for something useful.</p>
<p>I feel frustrated by the constant increase in tuition. I understand inflation pressures, but I don't feel like what the university spends it's money on ends up benefiting my actual education. The new Nest seems extravagant and beyond what's needed. I take online courses and hardly use the UBC libraries and NEST anyway, and yet I still have to pay for all of the developments on campus. I think if you are going to increase costs you should decrease the costs of online learning, especially since I have found UBC's online courses to be riddled with typos, mistakes and broken links and unresponsive teachers and teacher assistants.</p> <p>I haven't been able to access financial assistance because all of the forms I need to get for it are time consuming. Who has the time to navigate financial assistance when they are working and going to school?? I don't even know if my words will have any impact, and that makes me more sad and frustrated.</p>
<p>The tuition for international students is really high now. Please don't increase international students' tuition.</p>

Please do not raise tuition again. It is already very expensive.

I do not think domestic students should see an increase in tuition. Canadian students should have every opportunity to receive a solid education from an accredited university such as UBC, and continually increasing tuition makes it so it is very accessible for wealthy Canadians to attend UBC, and causes lower and middle class people to take out huge students loans that take years to repay.

I also think tuition should continually be increased for international students.

Raising tuition fees for International students every year is not a good thing. Its already so much more expensive than other students and fees goes up due to inflation every year and now its going to go up even further.

I do not want a raise in tuition for domestic students in any way shape or form due to the fact that methods to pay for tuition are getting more difficult and the minimum wage is not a living wage in Vancouver.

According to UBC's Undergraduate Viewbook for 2015, the tuition fee for domestic students was approximately ~\$5868.36 before tax for 36 credits at its highest in the Applied Science faculty and ~\$4890.30 before tax for all other faculties for 30 credits. According to the UBC website, the tuition fee for domestic students is ~\$5936 before tax for 35 credits in Applied Science with Arts and Sciences at ~\$5088 before tax. Commerce has risen to ~\$7538.70. This is all in the year 2016.

The increase for the Applied Science faculty is \$67.64, or a ~1.1% increase for one year (2015-2016). The increase for the Arts and Science faculty is \$197.7 or a ~3.9% increase for one year. The increase for the Commerce faculty has risen the highest over the year with an increase of \$2648.40 or a ~35.5% increase for one year.

With an increase of 2% for all current domestic students across all programs, looking at these figures, the Applied Science faculty will see an increase of \$121.14, totaling to \$6057.14. The Arts and Science faculties will see an increase of \$103.83, totaling to \$5191.83. The Commerce faculty will see an increase of \$153.85, totaling to \$7692.55.

With a 2% to 3% increase in International Student tuition fees for current international students, the figures will approximately double in accordance to domestic student tuition fees. Non-graduate students are usually occupied with their studies and income is a secondary concern. It is difficult to juggle studies and minimum-wage jobs in order to support an education.

It was stated that the reason for increases in tuition are due to inflation; however, it should be noted that most families attending the University of British Columbia are not high-class wealthy families and also have to deal with inflation. These families primarily earn income through a fixed salary that does not increase along with tuition, which also places a large burden on them where they must support their living needs and also their child's education. It is important to grasp that the average family in Canada does not receive \$595.1M in government grants and \$354.5M in revenue, thus it is safe to say that universities, despite having financial pressure from inflation, generate enough money to look in other directions in increasing revenue rather than increasing tuition fees every year. There has not been a single year since the lifting of the government-instituted tuition-freeze by the NDP where the tuition fee has declined or did not rise. Furthermore, non-instructional fees should not be increased as students are not being directly serviced by the University for what they have come for: educational instruction.

Fee increases should be reconsidered, as they have been increasing since 2002. This is a University, not a corporate conglomerate.

As a fourth (technically fifth) year student, I find it more and more difficult to budget my finances and balance my studies with home life. Every year the tuition rises, but no other expenses are going down, let alone staying the same. The price of food, gas, and housing to name a few, are substantial for most students, (gas if we own a car... as do I since I live quite far from campus). Being a student is hard on its own. It's taking me time to finish my degree because of the cost of tuition rising. I'm working one or two jobs at a time to save up for school even year. And post secondary should NOT be limited to those who can afford it. That's not what university or college is about. As undergrads we want to learn and develop our skills after high school. And most importantly we want to learn who we are; what we enjoy doing, and how we can help the world become a better place. If we can't afford university, what's there to life? Settling down and finding any part time job which doesn't require any higher education is not what we must limit ourselves to. Luckily there are student loans and bursaries we can apply for, But a \$10 000 loan is not going motivate us; yes for a short period of time it might. But that's not our money to spend; hence it's a loan we will have to pay back. I know many students are in my position, we don't have any more increases. Other students may or may not fill out a feedback. Likely its because we feel it might not make a difference. Because the proposal says the "tuition increase is necessary"... so why bother saying anything when it's going to happen any way. Every year I provide feedback to the tuition increase, and I feel more and more disappointed that the students' voices are not being heard, or at least it doesn't seem like it. UBC is an amazing university; and it deserves an excellent reputation. But the students should come first, that's the only way a university can be a university.

Each year the tuition consultation happens, each year the tuition goes up by 2%. I see this as a pantomime of consultation.

The sum is that each year my colleagues and I pay more to UBC and receive less for these fees - and International students among us have it even worse. This creates barriers to economic diversity among the student body that become greater each year. These barriers are especially dire for students who have children and dependents. I wrote 300+ words of specific examples as substantiation but I have deleted this because but what I see is that UBC's Board of Governors, Office of the President, and Faculty of Graduate Studies are not listening. In all areas of graduate education in the social sciences and humanities of History, Anthropology, Sociology, Political Science, English, and Languages, UBC has been supporting students less each year while asking more from them.

I've been attending classes at UBC since 2011--first as an undergrad, now as a grad student--and if I recall correctly, EVERY YEAR the fees have gone up. I think this is ridiculous, frankly, particularly since I work in [...] and we're rarely allowed to increase out tuition.

Additionally, higher rates (both tuition and tuition increase percentages) should be imposed on international students as they pay nothing into the system via tax dollars. I note that at the grad school level, their tuition is comparable to domestic students due to automatic scholarships, or something to that effect, at least in the [...] program. As a domestic student, I find this extremely unfair.

Regardless of comments made by myself and others, the fees will indeed increase. I'm not sure why UBC wastes time with these surveys; these increases are done deals.

Please do not do this. Please. International students like me are already too strained, both financially and mentally. Even though I am enrolled in a thesis-based program and hold a [...], I am getting no financial support towards tuition from my supervisor. Out of \$16,200 that I get yearly, over \$5000 goes towards tuition. After taxes, I am left with less than \$1000 to survive on every month. My rent is \$700. What do I do? I am left struggling between studies and research and part-time jobs. Please do not put more pressure on students like me. Please. I hope you understand the pain I have in my heart while writing this.

The University is trying to match its earnings to expenses and this increase is acceptable.

Tuition should not be increased again! University is overpriced and most students cannot afford it as is. I know I am living off of student loans regardless of the fact I work full time in the summer, and as working during the school year with a full course load is unreasonable there is no other way for me to financially support myself. This is also the case for probably over half of the UBC student population. Rising tuition just adds to the huge amounts of debt we will have after we finish our education.

University is increasingly favouring the privileged population and making harder and harder for people of middle class or lower to attend or sustain their education. Quite frankly, something needs to be done and that something shouldn't be another increase in tuition.

There should not be an increase.

Considering that I already pay \$500 a year in a building fee for my faculty, I'm not exactly impressed with having my already expensive tuition raised even more.

Terrible idea. My university is becoming more corporate and less affordable. There are world-class institutions out there that do not increase fees and remain competitive on the world stage. UBC has taken a different route, similar to private U.S. colleges that focus on prestige above scholarship, exclusiveness above accessibility, and investors over students. I am adamantly opposed to yet-another tuition increase, as the pressures of already paying extremely inflated fees impacts the commitment of myself and my colleagues towards research and teaching, as opposed to seeking more and more creative ways of making money to support a very basic lifestyle hovering on the line of poverty. I am a [...] PhD student, and I never thought that my commitment to academia over the better part of my life would be so heavily jeopardized by steadily rising tuition.

Hi,  
Coming from [...], I barely can afford the high education cost in UBC. Fortunately, I was the few who was granted a [...] towards the completion of my degree. There are about [...] who do not share the same privilege, so I hope that the board can reassess this decision, and perhaps put in a bi-annual increment, which will be less of a burden to the families of international students at UBC.  
Thank you very much for your consideration.

Tuition is making me broke :(

I believe that this increase is unreasonable. UBC's costs are increasing dramatically because it is admitting too many students that the school's resources can't handle, so UBC is spending a lot on trying to accommodate them. Honestly speaking, UBC is having to build way more residences and spaces to accommodate these students while these costs can be avoided if the university would commit to admitting as many students as its current resources can handle. We can't even find space to study, eat, or even get to class anymore on the stairs as all spaces on campus are extremely over-packed. This is such a great place and I really think a way to control costs is to not overburden the university's resources instead of increasing tuition.



Dear Friend who is assigned to read these comments (I honestly hope that someone reads this):

I am writing this because I would like to provide my point of view about the tuition increase proposed by the University. First of all, I have no hopes that this is going to produce any significant change. Honestly, it is like voting (in the sense, that you know it is your right and is the basis of perhaps the most important social institution "democracy", but honestly who eventually wins the election is the result of power gamers between people far more influent than you, am I right? ). If you are still reading this and do not categorize this like just another "against" comment, that means that I manage to draw your attention and you implicitly accept to be my personal therapist for a moment. Let's start, I supposed that this survey was directed specially to international students (like me) since three points of the proposal are exclusively for international students. In that case and before going any further, I know that the University has the RIGHT to increase my tuition every year by a maximum of 5%-10% (I do not remember and I did not sleep last night because I have two midterms today, so I am not going to check). What is my personal opinion? As you probably guess, I think that it is UNFAIR. But not for the silly reason that I feel specially affected in my position as international student, it is because I strongly believe that the main goal of the University is to "provide knowledge to people to gain access to knowledge when they are in the need" (if you google this phrase, you are going to see what I am talking about).

It is kind of sad and infuriating to see how we are more concerned about building new sports facilities, a brand-new building "especially for international students" (Orchard Commons) and another pretty expensive building for the Engineering students to play pool (and before you think I am single-minded and naive, I was part of the [...]). I can write more reasons why I think I am right and the management body of UBC (and pretty much, all major universities and colleges around the world) are doing a pretty bad job, but at last it is a question of perspective (isn't it?). What I want from you is to realise that THERE IS A PROBLEM and ACTIONS NEED TO BE TAKEN (and certainly increasing tuition fees is not the solution).

I am writing this half awake "half asleep, because yesterday I didn't sleep trying to study [...]. Here is the irony, [...]. That's why I realised (couple of months ago) I am paying approximately 18 000 CAD dollars/ term to take several courses from which I have to learn most of the contents on my own (like at least half of my peers) using free online resources. Finally (thank you for wasting your time in this comment LOL), I would like to let you know that I believe that Knowledge is perhaps the most powerful tool that someone has to become a better individual, but the way that the college-university system works are provoking that many people search knowledge on their own. After all, as Suli Breaks says: Education is the key, but School is the lock.

Sincerely,

[...]

International tuition are expensive and place a burden to student already.

With the extreme costs of tuitions as it is and counting the prices of living in Vancouver in general. And not to forget you're unfair prices of textbooks in the library , I believe an increase in tuition will be more problematic for the livelihood of us students. Prices increase no matter , but it doesn't mean life is better.

If the tuition fees are increased every year then all the departmental scholarships and Four Year Fellowships should also see a similar annual increase.

I strongly disagree.

I do not think you should raise everyone's tuition. You have raised the tuition last year, which no one was happy about, and I don't think raising it again will be any better. You always get students applying for and studying at UBC anyway; hence you will always have a solid income in terms of tuition fees. You do not need to raise our tuitions

anymore than they are right now, for your residence fees are already ridiculous. Please relax for a bit on tuition raises and focus on cutting spending if you're feeling tight on money. Thank you.

If the only financial pressure UBC is facing is inflation, which has hovered around just under 2% nationally for the past few years, then this fee increase of 2% implies that UBC is cutting 0 costs and other revenues are also barely increasing (

After the implementation to increase international fees from last year, it is not necessary to increase tuition by another 2%. Furthermore, no more money needs to go to additional, unnecessary construction around the campus.

Thank you for your transparency in these financial matters, and for your solicitation of student feedback. The following include my comments and questions based on reading the proposed increase in fees: Based on my calculations this increase would raise increase UBC's operating revenue by approximately \$12M (\$505 from Domestic and International Tuition \* 2.5%)

How much has UBC saved from their 'efficiency initiatives' in the past year?

Will the \$12M be distributed evenly across all faculties/central/student aid? Or will a process be used to strategically invest those additional resources in particular areas? One would assume that investments in particular areas could generate greater benefit for students...

Has UBC considered disinvesting from any of its current offerings rather than increasing tuition fees (e.g. A decrease of 1% in the current faculty budget would cover the proposed \$12M increase) or maximizing revenue from other areas (e.g. an increase of 3% of revenue from the Central units would also cover this \$12M increase)

Finally, has UBC considered increasing international student fees by an even larger amount to offset domestic student fees increases?

Thank you again for the opportunity,

[...]

Why are you even asking for feedback? You clearly don't give a fuck about the students. Like why even pretend to? Do you really think we think the feedback has any effect?

I disagree to increase yhe tuition by any percent. I was barely be able to pay for my tuition last term. Each course is now very expensive and if you increase the tuition by any percentage that will effect my well being and studies. I would appreciate your understanding

I believe that makes sense to increase the tuition because of the inflation. However, as a PhD student who is funded by the university I think it should be noticed that the inflation affect my life. Anyway I don't think that professors take into account. So prices go up but I will have the same income. I hope that at least TAs salaries are increased.

Dont do this. It you need more money just charge the international students more.

Didn't the fees just get raised once? Why is necessary to raise it again this time?

still too high. A lot of the infrastructure is going to be finished building when we graduate but we are still paying for it, which makes no sense

Please don't raise tuition. Of all the sources of revenue for UBC, students are the least able to provide any disposable income. Personally, I was denied Student Aid, and my appeal was also denied, so I have to rely on bank loans to fund my tuition. I cannot afford to pay any more for tuition!

<p>I believe that a tuition increase for students would be an extreme burden. As a student living in Vancouver, we have many expenses. Paying rent in Vancouver has reached an all time high. Students aren't guaranteed residence at UBC and are exploited by owners to pay extreme prices for small apartments. The university should be attempting to help their students, not adding additional stress. An increase in tuition, is going to push students away from wanting to get an education. Education should be affordable, not only for the rich. Please help students decrease their stress, debt and help us gain an education.</p>
<p>I do not agree with raising tuition costs. We are already being taken advantage of as far as our tuition goes and the 2% may not seem like a lot, however it makes a lot of people struggle.</p>
<p>International students are paying enough. If you want to apply this to incoming freshman go for it, but we have already have a budget planned for our 4 years and its going to be met with yearly increases its gonna mess it up.</p>
<p>No increase please .... the tuition has been increasing every single year since I started studying at UBC.</p>
<p>Hello,  I am a graduate international student and I always have trouble with paying tuition. Because I receive funding [...] which is not enough at all to pay the tuition and living costs. So I tolerate huge stress whenever it comes to the tuition at the end of semester.  Charging International students more than domestic ones is not fair at all, let alone increasing it every year. And the funny part is that even the increment rate is more for international students.  Regards</p>
<p>This is not a good idea because for some of the programs, the tuition is already extremely expensive. Adding another 2 percent will be stressful on everyone since they will not be able to pay their tuition and we are unsure whether or not student loans will increase their maximum amount of money that they loan out. Please DO NOT do this. Thank you.</p>
<p>I think you should spend less tuition money on frivolous endeavours promoting student community and spend more on academic services. I'm not here to feel included and go to camp. I'm here for an education. I would love to only have my tuition go towards my academics.</p>
<p>I am already paying a significant amount for an [...] as a domestic student. The cost of domestic tuition is getting to be extreme. The pressure of cost on the university due to inflation should be burdened by international students.</p>
<p>Do you increase our salaries also because of the same "inflationary pressures" ?!!</p>
<p>It would be great to not have tuition increased, as students already pay so much to attend UBC. Can there be more government funding? Or lowering some of the wages of the faculty, who are making half a million dollars a year? University already costs way too much. It is such an Ivory Tower that is not accessible to many people because of its price. There also needs to be greater access to scholarships and bursaries to support people who cannot afford 4 years at UBC. Thank you.</p>
<p>Why are you doing this to us :(</p>
<p>I oppose to the increase in tuition mainly because of my family's financial situation ([...]). Also, I disapprove of UBC's way of giving out scholarships (i.e Major Entrance Award). [...] Instead of "piling up" these scholarships to only a few</p>

<p>new students, I think that UBC should instead spread these scholarship out. I have received scholarship from all other universities I applied to but UBC, which was really disappointing.</p>
<p>Please do not approve of this tuition increase. My financial situation is already very stressful.</p>
<p>As a [...] international student, I feel extremely angry about the proposal. I can not understand why my school have to increase the tuition every year. And it's unfair that students studying in UBC have higher level of tuition increases than new coming student. Since the tuition for international students is already 5 times as domestic students', increaseing in tuition can not be a convention, for everyone.</p>
<p>I do not accept the 2% increase in tuition fees for all programs and the 2% increase in non-instructional fees.</p>
<p>I am in favor of increasing tuition prices, but not non institutional prices.</p>
<p>Stop building over the top ritzy buildings and raising tuition.</p>
<p>Why there is always increasing the tuition fees from international student????!</p>
<p>Please don't raise the tuition, find the money from spending on the construction jobs that most students that pay for them don't end up using.</p>
<p>I oppose levying an increase on domestic tuition. Even with an [...] it is a struggle to pay tuition as it is already high, along with every service that UBC provides. If UBC is truly strapped for money, trim the fat and increase efficiency in the way it is run and its organization. Even right now, the facilities UBC provides does not justify the current tuition paid, and to further increase it aggravates the discontent myself and many of my peers have. Especially with regards to domestic students - the taxes in BC are already very high not to mention the cost of living and rent in Vancouver. Also disappointed with how UBC chooses to spend its money sometimes; as a research university top priority should go towards research to boost rankings and reputation and to attract top faculty. U of T and McGill have taken this approach because they understand it works, and UBC should follow suit to prevent sliding further from their ranks.</p>
<p>I don't see a reason to charge me more money for the exact same product, my education. Unless I will be experiencing a direct benefit from this increase, I would be highly against it. It is not my, or my classmates', fault that this inflation occurs and we should not be (literally) paying for that. I understand that times are hard but I live in this country, too. I also experience the drawbacks of inflation in my daily life so I do not find it reasonable to claim that I should pay more for something that I'm already affected by on a personal level. I could make the same claims and say that I need more tuition money because the cost of food, rent and education are going up but the government simply would not act on that request. I would be left to "deal with it", which is what I would advise UBC do as well.</p>
<p>I do not support raising the tuition for 2017/18 year. As much as I understand rising costs, we already experienced a tuition hike this past year. As an undergraduate student with quite a few years to go, I (and my peers) would find it very difficult to shoulder the financial burden this tuition hike would incur. Thank-you for considering our feedback.</p>
<p>Tuition costs for domestic students are already unreasonably high. Most UBC students do not receive any university scholarships, and student financial aid represents a very small fraction of UBC spending. A hike in tuition makes university education less accessible and equitable. I do not support a tuition hike due to inflation, in a time where tuition costs is hitting record highs (when inflation is taken into consideration). Nope nope nope nope nope</p>

<p>I am very concerned with an effort to raise tuition for graduate students, and feel that it is particularly unfair to target international students for a higher percentage increase. If UBC wishes to be a world-class university, it should make every effort to remain accessible to those outside Canada, including myself. Additionally, since little financial support is available for international graduate students, a tuition increase would disadvantage this population even further, constituting a more significant financial burden. Please do not raise tuition costs.</p>
<p>I feel that increasing the international makes sense but increasing the domestic tuition will only make students feel pressured to go to cheaper universities.</p>
<p>I believe that a 2% increase in tuition is unwelcomed by many students as the tuition fees itself as of now is very high for some students to afford.</p>
<p>Hi, I feel like the increase should affect all tuition (domestic and international) the same way. since it's percent, it will already be more for international.</p>
<p>I strongly disagree on rising our tuition again. For international students, the high-price tuition already gave me and my family too many pressures. Please caring more about the students in UBC rather than the tuitions we pay.</p>
<p>I believe that raising the costs in tuition, and especially the costs of non-instructional fees is ridiculous. Students already pay an immense amount of money for tuition, and most of us do not benefit from the non-instructional fees. This will increase limitations on students already struggling to pay for school, like myself, and will force prospective new students to seek alternative schooling. Instead, the university should be cutting back on unnecessary costs like the constant construction that happens on campus without consulting students.</p>
<p>I really don't think UBC needs to increase tuition. I'm not sure if there ever has been a time where the campus wasn't under construction.</p>
<p>I am a international student, I am satisfied to the tuition, I hope to make a little contribution to UBC.</p>
<p>the tuition of international students is really high already. An increase in tuition will truly press extra pressure on international students.</p>
<p>Competitive pricing is how I believe this university succeeds over university's such as UVIC and SFU that have their own values. Increasing tuition fees may result in more students going abroad or to competing schools to either pay less or have a degree with a better reputation. Right now people choose UBC O over SFU to be closer to home, unless they wish to have a lower cost of living during school time. Increasing tuition will drive people towards SFU for closer to home schooling (of student from the lower mainland) and towards UVIC for cheaper schooling. I disagree with this proposal.</p>
<p>To whom it may concern, I do not think it is fair to increase international student's fees anymore, especially since the 20% increase for the applicants of winter 2016-2017. I know that compared to USA universities tuition is lower, however each year tuition seems to rise and it is going to turn out unaffordable for some of us who planned ahead their resources to support their studies based on the prices until now</p>

I am completely against the fee increase. You've heightened our fees every year since I started here. I wouldn't have gone here if it wasn't a cheaper alternative, and you're ruining that for unnecessary construction. For example, I had to pay a substantial fee for the SUB reconstruction this term, right after the new SUB was completed. Obviously, nobody desperately needs this. I could have used that money on food, rent, or outrageously priced textbooks. These are real and tangible problems that many students face right this second, but that much of the faculty hasn't considered in years. Two percent increases like this grow and accumulate, and become obstacles that hinder student's achievement by creating massive student debts and forcing us to drop out because we literally can't pay. You're on a slippery slope, UBC. Give us a break, or become an institution for the rich over the bright.

My family pays around \$37,000 for tuition per year, and this does not include housing. A 2% increase of these fees is about an \$800 per year. [...], and have a large portion of their salaries on my education as well as my other siblings' schooling. \$800 is not light pocket change for my family. [...]. There are 60,000 students paying \$10,000-\$40,000 per year, so do we really need a 2% increase?

2% of tuition may not seem like a lot to you, but it's a month's worth of groceries to a student. The extremely high cost of living in Vancouver already makes attending UBC cost-prohibitive to a student who is relying on student loans (especially in the case of transfer or second-degree students who do not qualify for entrance scholarships). Student loans max out at 16k per year (including grants). UBC Fees are already over 6k per year, leaving 10k for 12 months of housing, food and any other expenses. The average rent in the city cannot be made on that amount of money. Some programs strongly advise against working a part time job while attending courses. Increasing tuition and non-instructional fees will only serve to make UBC even less accessible for students who are low to middle socioeconomic class.

I am totally against any increase in the tuition for the domestic students. One of the reasons you stated is the inflationary pressures, those pressures are also on the students. Needless to say, we have no increase in our income aligned with the mentioned inflation, so it is illogical to think about any increase of the tuition from the part of the University. I personally think that this increase should be vastly incurred by the international students. The International students are usually more willing to incur such increase of tuition. Additionally, I think that domestic students should be the priority, so, they should not incur the increase equally with the wealthy international students. Thank you  
[...]

No raising rates- if you do- you have to do it for a few years in advance so that people have time to learn about this when they are coming to school. It's all very new to 1st years, how are they going to understand the context. Besides, school is already very expensive- no raising rates! There should be a freeze for a couple of years at least

Instead of charging students, who are ALREADY POOR and trying to make ends meet with student loan money, why not offer your high-ranking "Board members" and other 6-7 figure salary employees less PERKS such as free/cheap parking, free/cheap HOUSING and actually charge them a fair rate to increase your income, instead of increasing tuition for students who are already struggling to pay. It will be of negligible impact to your employees anyways since they can ACTUALLY AFFORD to pay for whatever you charge them.

I would rather not have my tuition increased for any reason whatsoever.

<p>As a full-time student [...], having a net 2% increase in tuition means having that much more stress added to my life. Although 2% does not seem like a lot, [...], which would amount to a large student debt increase from a simple 2% extra in tuition fees.</p> <p>As such, I vehemently oppose this fee increase. UBC has extra funds that could be translocated to the needs described, such as the addition of trivial light fixtures when some buildings are in need of repairs.</p> <p>Sincerely, Broke Domestic UBC Student.</p>
<p>Lord. I'm already broke. Why. Why are your doing this. Stop. Do not increase. Please. Please do not.</p>
<p>I don't like how you are raising the tuition by 2% again due to "inflation".</p> <p>For every time I hear that, I should get \$1 (I'd be pretty rich by now because you do this dirty trick every year).</p> <p>Please stop scamming students at UBC about this "2% inflation". It's nothing but a cheap trick and just a greedy way to grab money.</p> <p>Like what my parent's once told me: you earn money by yourself. You don't take it from others.</p>
<p>Thats a horrible idea. A 2% increase is a much higher net increase for international students than domestic students. We are not all made of gold.</p>
<p>My comment about tuition consultation 2017/18 is please do not increase the tuition fees. As an international student, it is a very hard decision to think. Now, I think the tuition fees is expensive. If it increase, I think I may not afford. I know and I can understand why UBC do this, but please think all students. Thanks !</p>
<p>I am absolutely opposed to these tuition increases. Tuition had already quadrupled over the past 30 years while inflation has only doubled. You are placing undue burdens of debt on a younger generation. You should be seeking other solutions to meet your funding requirements.</p>
<p>It is reasonable</p>
<p>I'm opposed to any increases in tuitions and think that student fees are too expensive as it is. The specifics of where the extra %2 increase is to be applied is much too broad and does not have any approval. Schools should seek other ways to fund their institution outside of the student body.</p> <p>Thank you for taking the time to read my comment.</p> <p>[...]</p>
<p>A 2% increase in tuition for new incoming international students in thesis-based graduate programs.</p>
<p>NO. Don't do this</p>
<p>Hi, I am strongly opposed to this proposed tuition fee. As an international student, my tuition-fee has been raised multiple times since I started university with a very significant impact on the student loan I am going to be left with after finishing my studies.</p>
<p>Please do NOT increase the fees!</p>
<p>2 percent =1000CAD = too much</p>

I am living on a \$25 bi-weekly budget to be able to afford food because UBC is so expensive already. UBC should be looking at ways to decrease there budget so that prospective students are able to balance the cost of basic necessities and education without a \$30,000 loan weighing them down. I believe if the tuition was to be increased, that majority of it should go to needs-based awards. Granted I am not exactly sure what that entails, presumably It's for students need for financial aid outside of loans.

However, it is understandable that UBC is under pressure. If this is to continue on an annual bases, education will be unaffordable for following generations. If this is what the university strives for so they can see a deflation, then by all means, raise the tuition.

Tuition fees should increase while I'm at school. Say no to increased tuition fees!

I understand the operating costs of running such a large institution are always on the rise, but asking students to dig deeper is not fair. Tuition is already extremely high. Where does UBC think students are going to get this money from? An increase in tuition is an increase in student loans. The last thing a student needs is more debt. This adds unnecessary stress to an already stressful experience. UBC needs to find alternatives to raise capital. Find new investments, solicit the government for more funding, seek new donors. Placing the burden on students is a cop out. Maybe spending \$100,000,000 on a fancy wood building for international students wasn't the best idea if the money is apparently needed for other more dire projects. Consider spending the money UBC does have more efficiently and this wouldn't be a discussion in the first place.

I directly oppose the fee increase for students.

I am a student that struggles financially and is relying on student loans to pursue and continue post-secondary education. I have looked at the awards, scholarships and subsidies and I see that a set amount of money is put aside for student aid funding. Looking at the Board of Governors report, it appears that only 57.6% of students get funding, what happens to the rest that apply for funding?

For these reasons, I do not see the merit in having students from low or middle class families pay even more fees and thus have higher student loan amounts at the end of their study.

Just like UBC is facing financial difficulties, my parents are, too. Tuition fee for international students is getting more and more difficult for them to afford each year, on top of the rapidly rising living expenses in Vancouver. I've always enjoyed acquiring new knowledge, but it seems like knowledge these days are equated with monetary resources. If you have money, then you are able to finish your degree. I worry everyday that my parents will not be able to support me financially in the near future. This amount already exceeds our estimate by far too much, and I still have to graduate. I hope that UBC would cut down some construction and maintenance expenses, so that students who are keen to study would still be able to stay in college. Thank you.

The same percentage increased on local and international students will result in a significant charging disparity given that fact that the current tuition fee for international students are several times higher than that for the domestic students. Also, compared to the USD-CAD last year, there is an appreciation (rather than depreciation) in CAD (from 1.32 in Sep.4 2015 to 1.29 in Sep. 2 2016 -- which is the closest date to term 1 tuition due date), so the international students are already paying for the "inflationary" problems. It's not reasonable to double charge.

The international tuition is already higher than regular tuition by a lot. It is not going to make the biggest difference to increase the tuition as the international student body is not all that big. Increasing the international tuition even more will discourage international students to come to UBC. I for example will have to think about coming back twice as the increased international tuition does not increase my budget.



<p>I have been living in Vancouver as an adult for 15 years and will have to leave soon because of affordability issues. The last place I need another increase of cost is tuition. This will simply increase the amount of students needing financial aid and make education less accessible and achievable for Vancouver residents.</p>
<p>Should not be approved since UBC have already increased tuition in the short term.</p>
<p>It is rational to increase any fee for new students. It is not reasonable to increase the tuition fees of continuing students.</p>
<p>Tuition is increasing every year for domestic students, and students like myself are finding it hard to pay for a school which is in our area/city. I think that a tuition increase for domestic students is not necessary.</p>
<p>I think international students should not be charged more than others. They have already substantial hardship (financial and non financial) to deal with. Also, please take into account that even though the cost of providing university education increase due to inflationary pressures, this is not the case for salaries or scholarships that many students rely on. For example, I receive the same amount of money from my sponsor than [...] and I am paid the same amount of money than [...] in some part time jobs I do for UBC. Nonetheless, the university fees, the rent, the food and transportation are more expensive each year. University education will become more and more exclusive if we can't develop alternatives strategies to deal with inflation.</p>
<p>tuition is too high in this country, should be free. Any increase is totally unacceptable and not supported by me in any way, shape, or form.</p>
<p>Do not raise tuition for domestic students: they pay too much already compared to the national average- please cut down on the administration budget (UBC is a public research university, not a for-profit company). The admin budget is grossly out of line in relation to the spending for student life, grants, research, ect.</p>
<p>I am an international student who came this University in [...]. The high cost of residence and food have already put so much pressure on the student, and in addition to the increase of tuition of last year, as a average non-domestic student, I , feel unbearable economic pressure just from the university.</p>
<p>The allocation plan is ridiculous, the student financial aid goes to help other students, this doesn't benefit everyone if they're not eligible to apply for the scholarships or bursaries. &amp; why is there a \$200 athletic fee in the tuition? It's absurd to pay for this and not be able to opt out.</p>
<p>Please take the time to read this just as I did to write this:  I understand that inflationary pressures require tuition prices to be increased but please consider the non-economic benefits to higher education for this country. I have seen students selling pizza on the road and making less than 10 cents profit per slice to pay off their tuition fees and student debt. That's how desperate the situation is for some people. Such that instead of spending time to study, students will have to spend time trying to make more cash. This will certainly lower the output of quite a few students, which equals wasted talent (as people in this university need to have to get into it in the first place). Surely, as a state institution, UBC will find wisdom in considering the optimal social benefit for the people of the country rather than relying solely on Market forces such as inflation. Long term social benefit outweigh the short term economic loss. I understand that this 2% is not too drastic a change, but I fear this will become part of a trend that could hurt this university and ultimately this country in the long run, possibly far after I have graduated.</p>

If the fees are subject to increase for the 2017/2018 there needs to be additional changes along with this proposal. A lot of money is paid by students to attend; therefore lecture halls, dining tables, study rooms, and classrooms need to be thoroughly cleaned everyday. As of right now they are not. I go to class and the table is sticky there is garbage on the floor and it is not just from that day. The university should be held up to higher standards of cleanliness. As well to this matter all parking pass holders need a designated and marked area to park where people who pay vicariously/vistors cannot park. I should not have to park in overflow parking or at the end of the lot and have my car in jeopardy of being hit when I have spent \$300+ for a parking pass. Please take these recommendations into account.

Surely there are other places you can pull money from to allow for increases in tuition rate that are more in line with rates of inflation.

The cost for tuition is beyond ridiculous. As an international student I pay over 20k per semester. Additionally you guys cancelled the payment via credit card. I hope you know that money does not fall from trees. Many people are struggling with student loans. Why don't you cut the salary of the faculty instead? Where they are already living so comfortably with the amount of money UBC is giving to them already.

I think the 2% domestic tuition increase is actually higher than the actual inflation rate of the country? If the justification is to keep pace with inflation, then the increase should match the inflation rate of the country? From a rough Google search, this looks to be less than 2%?  
I support a 3% increase in international students' tuition per year. I also support increasing future/incoming international students' tuition as much as will still keep UBC in a balanced position, still having plenty of demand for seats at UBC, but making as much revenue as possible from the seats being filled. So long as UBC is maximizing its possible revenue from new international students, I don't care how high international student tuition goes. International student tuition should be used to help improve the campus and provide for the needs of domestic students as well.

Off campus students pay far too many fees for services they cannot access.

Please don't raise tuition fees again.

Stop increasing tuition until you can demonstrate changes that students feel connected too. We see endless construction of projects that are mainly aesthetic and aren't related to our daily lives and education. WE DO NOT NEED FOUNTAINS we need better, bigger classrooms, more study places with USEFUL seating. Stop using our money to help fund aspects of the university that do not add educational value.

I am already finding it difficult to pay for courses because UBC won't give me a dime because my parents' income is just over the limit. Now it will be 2-3% harder...

As a student who has worked [...] is very aware of budgetary needs I still strongly urge the Board of Governors to reconsider this tuition increase. Many student including myself already face severe financial stresses in order to attend UBC.  
This kind of continued tuition increase is not only unneeded but unnecessary. UBC should seek to reduce costs far before imposing more financial burdens upon the student body. In addition, UBC simply lacks the number of bursary funds and especially scholarships to sustain and account for continued tuition increases.

The annual inflation rate for consumer prices in Canada was 1.5% in 2012, 0.97% in 2013, 1.9% in 2014, and 1.2% in 2015. This corresponds to an average annual inflation of 1.39% over the previous four years. Because of a government cap, UBC cannot raise domestic tuition above 2% which is supposed to reflect inflation.

Why does UBC always raise domestic tuition rates by the maximum possible amount? Raising domestic tuition by 2% annually is outpacing the current inflation rate.

Tuition should not be increased. It's already too hard to be able to afford an education, don't make it worse.

[...] tuition is already higher than Canadian average. Despite new graduates trying to practice at a very high standard and practice ethically, high tuition has led to [...] who have a lot of student debt from student loan and line of credit. This not only impacts the UBC community but also is a disservice to [...] patients. Because of the above reasons, I strongly oppose the proposed tuition increase.

Increased tuition with no increased services. Not welcome.

If it is unavoidable issue, increase in tuition wouldn't be that bad idea. Of course, it's obvious that increase might be burden to some students. Therefore the school has to increase its expense on scholarship.

The fact that each year tuition is being raised is absolutely ridiculous. Of course inflation is a factor to consider, but it can be managed in other ways, such as not choosing to build/renovate buildings so frequently and close together. Furthermore, more of the services that are funded by student tuition should be opt-outable. For example, the building of the new aquatic centre should not be paid for at all by student funds, since a) a very small percentage of students use the aquatic centre to begin with, b) there was no ongoing open floor discussion about using student fees to build a new one, and c) if it is being marketed as to help the varsity swim team, the majority of the funds should come from UBC varsity athletics and those specific students. It is also quite demeaning to receive e-mails each year about a so-called "vote" that is going to occur regarding raising tuition, when every single person receiving the e-mail, as well as their uncle, already knows the outcome. The fact that this opportunity to voice an opinion was offered is insulting and meaningless and nothing more than a show, but as a paying student, I still feel the need to utilize every avenue available to try and have my voice heard; the truth is, my voice on this opinion is echoed by tens of thousands of other students. Even though I will not be attending post-secondary in the 2017/18 year as I am graduating, I empathize with the thousands of students who will (continue to) be affected by this outrageous "ritual". What really hits a nerve is the fact that our government is trying to make post-secondary slightly more affordable for students, with the proposal to increase the amount of Canada student grants available and meanwhile, UBC (and other post-secondary institutions) renders this effort moot by increasing its fees so that, God forbid, not a dime of any student's grant money is left for expenses that are not related to school. The world is already in such a dark state, what with global climate change, terrorism, poverty and prejudice. While tuition increases may seem like a small drop compared to an ocean, to many, many students, UBC, post-secondary, and debt do make up an ocean and what is happening here is nothing more than a seasonal tsunami.

Tuition is already super high, and the [...] program only helps if a student has an unmet need, but doesn't account for variables such as high rent etc. Langara's bursary program was better. If UBC's tuition keeps increasing, the bursary program should improve to help students like myself

I just wondering why Ubc still increase tuition for continuing students? it is not fair for us. The policy for increasing tuition should told us before we came to ubc.

hire more teachers and fire more administrators

<p>I understand that costs continue to increase but increasing tuition on students seems unfair especially for international students who are already paying more than others and who do not have as many financial aid opportunities as domestic students. I think UBC should reach out more to donors and alumni for more donations rather than placing it on the students who are already struggling with tuition and Vancouver living costs.</p>
<p>What's the point for all this "feedback" if it is never actually considered. If tuition increases, there should be something to subsidize it for students, such as more scholarships or bursaries. Seriously. Every year. It doesn't matter what we say. What is the point.</p>
<p>Stop increasing tuition and gouging the future of this country. As long as the minimum wage and all other associated student wages are kept stagnant year after year, tuition increases cannot be argued or accepted or even understood. Students are stripped of any savings and disposable incomes in order to pay an already overly funded organization by the government and private donors.</p>
<p>Do not increase tuition fees for domestic students. Do not increase non-instructional fees for domestic students.</p>
<p>Access to higher education for those who are willing to pursue it should not be hindered by financial hurdles. It is in the interest of society to treat universities as open and accessible centres of learning, rather than as purveyors of commoditized degrees selling their wares to paying clients, as is the trend currently. As such, any increase in tuition is a move in the wrong direction, since at least maintaining them frozen effectively reduces the barrier to entry year after year.</p>
<p>I do not agree with an increase in tuition for domestic students. It is already unaffordable and inaccessible for many individuals in our society to access post secondary education, especially when this education does not provide translatable skills for the work place.</p>
<p>I don't agree with the increase of the tuition.  <b>WE NEED TO STOP THIS INCREASING RIGHT NOW FOR EVERYONE'S SAKE.</b>  Thank you.</p>
<p>a 2% to 3% increase for all continuing international students across all programs for the 2017/18 academic year.</p>
<p>Public education is a right of the population at large, not a privilege for a wealthy elite. By raising tuition further, you are condemning those unlucky enough to be born into a family without enough money for a good education. I came to study at UBC because I could not afford the price-tags on fancy American private schools. To see UBC turning into the very thing I had to avoid disgusts me.  While I acknowledge that there is a rising cost to education, this cost must be borne by our society as a whole, not our vulnerable student population. Students should be able to spend their time studying and bettering themselves, not struggling to make ends meet.</p>
<p>Increase tuition for international students</p>

To Whom It May Concern:

Why not increase the rates on international students, and give the local kids a break?

I'm graduating from my [...] program this year, so these comments are in no way meant to benefit myself.

Vancouver is becoming an increasingly difficult city for young adults, largely due to the influx of foreign capital. (I know two couples who recently left due to affordability issues. [...].)

If professionals like them are being forced out, how will UBC attract talented professors, not to mention Canadian undergraduate students?

Since foreign capital is a big part of the problem, make it a big part of the solution. Increase tuition for international students by 50-100%, cut rates for BC residents in half, and attract talented professors with quality subsidized housing.

Just a thought. [...]

I completely disagree. There are way too many increases that are happening.

I believe the tuition increase for international students is not necessary as it will prevent many students from going to UBC due to the high costs of enrollment. As an international student myself, I chose to study at UBC for the quality of its programs, professors and involvement opportunities on campus as well as in their work-learn programs but also for its location in Vancouver and a wonderful campus! However the tuition level for international students when I enrolled were already significantly higher than for Canadian citizens and it probably was the highest I could afford. Therefore, it would be a shame to increase the tuition for international students who are only seeking a new global experience in Canada and who will be excluded from that opportunity if the fees are too high. They might as well go to the universities in the USA. Thank you for your consideration.

I think that this increase isn't acceptable. Students already struggle to pay for tuition enough as is.

Please do not raise tuition costs. Student Aid barely helps as in (not accounting for costs of living in Vancouver), so increasing tuition more will just decrease the amount of money for living expenses. Maybe try spending less money on fountains, statues and gardens and spending it on student related needs.

Please do not increase tuition.

As I say every year, I object to tuition increases, and even though you say our voice matters it obviously doesn't because tuition rates have increased every year I have been at UBC. It is hard for students to pay for university as it is. It is expensive, students don't have money, and we are trying to do all of this in one of the most expensive cities to live in in the world.

The proposal states that the increase is to allow UBC to "maintain... excellent teaching", when in reality I don't see it as excellent. Above average is the honest way to put it. I have had some really poor instructors.

I really wish UBC would stop increasing tuition. If there wasn't so much unnecessary construction going on on campus you could save you money that way. The way I see it, the new SUB was a waste. We didn't really need a new one, and the new one is a massive waste of space anyways. Half the building is just open space... no where to work, no where to sit or do anything because it is always full of people. It serves no additional purpose to the original sub. And all of the construction going on to make the campus look pretty instead of functional is annoying. Example: On University Boulevard west in between main mall and east mall used to be an area for parking... quite practical. Now we just have what looks like overgrown weeds with a lame waterfall and a totem pole. Good use of tuition money there.

None of this matters anyways. No one will read this. No one will read any of these. No sane student at this university would provide feedback here and actually say that they would prefer to pay more in tuition, so if these were actually

taken into consideration I wouldn't be paying more in tuition every year. Instead UBC just continues being a massive cash cow.

I think you should increase the international tuition not the domestic

Any increase should be linear across the board, that means 2 percent increase for international students as well. Have you heard about compounding please make the same increase across all students.

Fine with using tuition for facilities, student support, etc., but I ABSOLUTELY resent the \$100 I'm asked to pay for the construction of the new student building. I'm a graduate student, so I spend all of my time in my department, in my office and the facilities surrounding that building. I never use the student Nest, and I think you'd find that not many graduate students do. As a graduate student my salary is very low, and I don't feel like I should have to hand over a large part of it for a building I never use.

I think that increasing tuition fees each year by 2% is too much. Students will rather consider other universities if UBC keeps raising interest rates this way.

Please don't raise the tuition, it's hard enough as it is to be able to pay for the ever rising room rent, food, books, and other expenses for domestic students, not to mention employment opportunities are getting scarce and the research assistant positions are mostly no pay volunteer work.

Annual tuition increases are making it impossible for people from lower socioeconomic social classes to attend university. I don't believe it is in the best interests of the student body or B.C. residents.

No

Should not take from students to support more construction and upgrades if able to already get money from donors. Push more fundraising to UBC from donors, instead of increasing tuition every year.

I am against the increase of the tuition fees. The tuition fees have been increasing yearly since entering school in 2013. Continuation of the tuition increases have and will take a great toll on the students as they will have to take more loans out to pay for their education. Although UBC claims to have multiple ways to aid students financially, UBC has failed to address the main problems which are the textbook costs as well as food costs. UBC has raised their textbook prices at the bookstore compared to other stores and secondly, the food on campus costs too much for quality they give back to the students.

no increase for tuition. Its already big money for international student

Fuck that shit, y'all have so much money. You seem to not understand how these "minor" increases are going to affect the student body in the long run. This is getting out of control. Cut down your budget. If you're not planning on spending the money on purely educationally related purposes that will BENEFIT students, then forget it. Food prices are going up, book prices are going up, class sizes are getting larger... university education at this institution is becoming more and more exclusive and unattainable, or in the least coming with serious repercussions (if one's not rich). Deal with more important things like assaults/sexual assaults on campus first.. that's your real problem.

Please do not raise the tuition.

I think it's really unfair to all students, especially international students. I know it is inevitable but if UBC were to sort of balance out tuition increases with more financial rewards and subsidies, or employment opportunities for students tuition increases would be better received.

percentage increased for International students should be the same as domestic students if you want to increase tuition.

The education is already expensive.

Please don't increase intuition for international students. It's very expensive! Thank you

I feel as an international student one already has so many costs occurring, undeniably so does the university. However as an institution one must realize an overwhelming number of students feel as though you are being unfair when it comes to the increment in student fees. But the truth is, if UBCO is going to take our campus further this is the best way to go! But the truth is as a stakeholder in this institution, one needs to see where exactly you will be using the money and how it would benefit the community as a whole.

As a member of a department whose budget has been slashed \*yet again\*, I find these constant fee-hikes to be unjust. If the funding raised were \*all\* being reinvested into research, into bettering the pay and general working conditions of adjuncts, and more student support, then I would be in full support and would gladly pay. But instead, all we see is new, big construction projects for apparently private interests (such as new halls of residence providing accommodation that will be rented at exorbitant prices to students) popping up all over campus. What we see, as a student body, is a greedy and self-interested governing board at UBC, a board who think education is a business, is something with which to line their own pockets. It's disgusting.

How about we don't increase the tuition and use the fees we pay on building things that will never be used by most students? Please and thanks.

Me and pretty much all my friends at UBC are struggling to pay tuition because it is already expensive, not to mention that all of us already have outstanding amount of loan. I have seen many who graduated then suffer a lot paying off the loans instead of saving money for their own future plans. Maybe slow down the pace of increasing if possible for students please.

a 2% to 3% increase for all continuing international students across all programs for the 2017/18 academic year.

<p>I get it, inflation makes it harder to run a university. 2% I COULD deal with, in tuition fees and non-tuition fees. But the one thing I can't do that for is the Athletics &amp; Rec fee. The only thing more expensive on each September bill is the (actually necessary and important) AMS dental and health plan, and it's not pricier by much. What do I pay 200-something dollars for? And if the 2% increase applies to that annually, that's going to be a very bitter pill to swallow. It's not like the mental health and counselling fees, which look sadly and outrageously small in comparison for such an important issue affecting so many students and staff, so for people who aren't athletes or don't use rec facilities, it seems pretty useless to have every student pay for that AND face an increase as well. From what I CAN gather from research and talking to others, I really hope I'm delusional and absolutely wrong about what this fee is for (and if the increase applies), otherwise I will be crying all the way to my next classes.</p>
<p>Fee increases are unjustified. The university already makes a lot of money through students, and for no good reason. The advising department is unhelpful and did not address my concerns in a personable matter. Perhaps the university needs to find better employees at the same rate of pay.</p>
<p>As it is, UBC fees are already among the highest in Canada, and yet UBC provides the least scholarships. It seems as though UBC has become less of a Academic institution and more of a money making business. I'm sure that not a single student will be happy about the increases, and yet they will still be imposed.</p>
<p>I disagree with the tuition fee increase because I feel like there is an increase in the tuition every year. It's just quite unfair.</p>
<p>It is the horriblemest thing I have heard! Stop building useless construction and save our LIFE please</p>
<p>NO STOP RAISING OUR TUITION. The [...] program sees almost nothing of the increase in fees so why should my tuition continue to go to stupid construction projects and funding of grad study program. STOP RAISING IT EVERY YEAR THIS IS RIDICULOUS.</p>
<p>I think tuition rates should stay the same for domestic students and increase more for international students. At a minimum domestic students should have a lower increase rate. UBC is the major university for our province and should prioritize local students first. Housing costs around UBC are already at a premium so UBC should try to negate this by not increasing the already rising costs of attending this university.</p>
<p>Why does tuition increase every single year? We need a cap for this!!</p>
<p>Absolutely not. The tuition fees for my program of study are already outrageous.</p>
<p>Ridiculous that ubc continues to raise tuition. Education is a right.</p>
<p>Please do NOT raise tuition fees by 2%. I am strongly against this action, as I believe the average student cannot afford to support the universities endeavors with a 2% increase every term, especially given the cost of living in Vancouver and surrounding areas. Given articles such as are common, I believe UBC would be irresponsible to force more financial stress onto their students.</p>
<p>Stop raising tuition. UBC is making it increasingly less affordable for students, especially ones from low income families, to attend this university. Try cutting some of your bloated administration before you increase tuition.</p>
<p>The tuition is already pretty high. I don't agree to increase any.</p>



This is absurd. As a [...], I am already carrying astronomical, terrifying debt. These tuition increases continue to make post secondary education even more inaccessible to students who are not wealthy and/or do not have wealthy parents. It is shameful and egregious. I can only hope students can curb their apathy long enough to mount considerable protest against these increases.

A 2% increase in tuition for all domestic students, and a 2% increase in non-instructional fees in the 2017/18 academic year may be too much.

I am shocked to find that yet again, UBC has decided to increase tuition fees and non-instructional fees by 2%. Wasn't it just yesterday that we were providing feedback on this same issue? Every year, UBC "wants to hear my feedback" regarding this issue, when it seems student opinion is largely ignored and the fees will inevitably increase. Yet again. To quote your own FAQ: "Like many groups, [graduate students] face inflationary pressures." For example, we must face skyrocketing housing prices in this city. In contrast, graduate stipend rates have remained unchanged for years. Where is the increase in stipend pay to account for inflation? Should we not also receive yearly increases in to our pay to offset the increasing costs of living in this city in order to attend UBC?  
I DO NOT support an increase in tuition fees for domestic students, international students, or an increase in non-instructional fees for all students.

Lower fees  
Higher grades  
Do it for Harambe

Sure :-)

I think the continuous action of increasing tuition should stop. UBC had increased the tuition several times since I came to this university [...]. There are much more things UBC should do other than always increasing the tuition. The girl in Totem got stabbed, this is shocking to all of the students. Maybe first ensure students' security first and then we can talk about more money

Despite the one-liner "your voice counts", I do not believe that my voice counts in this respect. I believe tuition hikes will continue regardless of what I or other students say. If there were alternate proposals, it might be different. I would recommend delineating precisely how student feedback will influence what decision is made.  
I do not approve of this proposed plan to increase tuition for the 2017/2018 academic year.  
Pie charts (e.g. for total operating revenues and total operating expenses) should not use the same colours unless you are trying to indicate an association between money coming from a given source goes specifically to a certain segment.  
Why did you not use the pie chart for where students' tuition is allocated? The graphic in that section suggests tuition is divided equally among faculty, central, and financial aid. Since this is a section that students might care a bit more about, use the pie chart here; use the real numbers here.  
Graphs should have a y-axis defined (e.g. increases in university expenses graph)

I do not believe any increase in cost is necessary whatsoever. I have heard and witnessed too many times that "university is a business." I have felt exploited ever since I applied for post secondary education. As a student who is depending on working three jobs every day each summer to cover the costs of living and tuition and still not quite being able to pay for all my expenses, I would be very disappointed to see the costs of anything rise any higher than it already is.

No... It is already expensive enough.
I do not agree with the tuition increase
<p>If my tuition money is going towards teaching and learning, why am I forced to take courses with instructors that have no teaching skills? Why are some of the instructors who are trying to pass their knowledge onto new young minds have no passion for instruction?</p> <p>My money is going towards new research facilities, why not let it go towards MORE STUDY SPACES! More spaces for student organizations such as [...] to meet consistently instead we are kicked out of our office space for faculty office space.</p> <p>This university says its investing in its students, however I feel like its here to take our money and put it towards such trivial things like teaching and office spaces.</p> <p>Don't raise the tuition another two percent as some of us are paying almost \$4000 per semester in tuition for some minimally qualified teachers and no space to properly learn!</p>
I think the tuition is already very expensive, I don't know how I am able to pay the tuition for the next year.
Pls save life and do not increase tuition day by day
On both rational and emotional aspects I hope this increasing is NOT going to happen please!
no
I don't understand why you bother asking for feedback when you will implement these increases anyway.
Please don't raise the fees
I think it is very unfair. The percentage increase is too high.
I have no problem paying tuition increases as long as there something to do with smaller class sizes and or programs designed for people who don't learn by getting lectured at.
It's already very expensive, especially for international students and it just keeps getting worse and worse. There must be an end point, a stop for this. I don't support and I'm not happy with this increase of fees in any means.
reject. its too expensive for international students
A tuition raise is simply not affordable and not just to any students - especially the domestic students. No.

- 1) Tuition increases should not exceed the rate of inflation.
- 2) A new strategy needs to be developed for the allocation of scholarships, current tuition increases (past) have escalated faster than the economic earning power of students. It has resulted in economic hardships for some students burdening them with large debts at graduation.
- 3) The economic impact of facilities need to be examined. The arts which has been underfunded compared to other faculties is burdened by an outdated economic allocation model. The financial spin offs of the arts is much higher than most of the other faculties. However this isn't considered in the allocation of FTEs and funding due to class sizes.
- 4) For more routine courses like intro psychology on line delivery should be offered both to reduce the cost of delivery but to free up space for programs that required more interactive teaching. UBC needs to evaluate which courses really need the interaction of profs with students and the use of facilities. Course delivery costs could be dropped, while reducing tuition costs to students and with increased margins.
- 5) Cross allocation of funds from faculties needs a more rigorous model. So for a student say in psychology who takes two fine art courses there should be a transfer of funds to the facility that reflects the true internal cost of delivery of the fine art courses.
- 6) There needs to be more flexibility allowing students to take courses out side of their faculty to allow for the development of better rounded citizens.

As much as I dislike the increase in student fees every year, the utilization of that money does seem to go towards benefiting the student body

I think nickel and diming students to death with fees because you can't hike tuition more than the 2% cap is shameful. We already pay a fortune in fees and for students completing their programs early in the fall semester, these fees should be prorated like tuition is. I am furious that I am paying 1000 in fees when I will not be on campus to use the facilities the fund.

It's difficult enough as a student to live in Vancouver due to expensive rent and other living expenses but you want to increase our tuition even more?? Are you trying to dissuade students from coming to UBC? The only evidence and benefit we see from our tuition is all the inconvenient building constructions all over campus: unnecessary aesthetics. Our expensive tuition gives students no additional benefits. If anything, this will make prospective students more hesitant to consider UBC.

I do not agree with the tuition increase. The tuition increase does not reflect the much lower annual inflation rate. Please find other methods to manage the UBC budget. Students not only suffer from higher tuition rates, but also from increases in prices in units from "Central units". While this is an easy solution to implement compared to fundraising for example, it penalizes students who are already the least affluent members of the UBC community. I do not approve of the proposed increases.

Hi. I'm using this forum to address two problems with finances. I've tried to find another way, but have been unsuccessful. I do not live in the Lower Mainland, so I cannot visit campus in order to pursue these problems. First, why are our finances presented so poorly? If I get reimbursed for not using the bus or the student medical services, they are never stated as credits or mentioned in any way. The numbers for the credit and debit never add up like they do on a bank statement. This is not financial transparency when you cannot see what you have paid, what has been refunded, what you owe, and how everything is calculated. Should not the #1 university in the nation with respect to education also have a top-notch financial reporting system? Why aren't the figures for our accounts absolutely transparent?

Second, why do I have to pay for all sorts of stuff I will never be able to access due to not going to school on campus? The bike kitchen, the radio, intramurals, the newspaper, the list is seemingly endless. We've asked this of the administrative person for our cohort and we've been told that they aren't very much. Individually, perhaps not, but all together it adds up and becomes very expensive. Now fees must go up again (they went up last year also). This would be a lot easier to swallow if I wasn't already paying for items I will never have the opportunity to use. Thanks for reading my concerns. I would be most appreciative of a response. Thank you.

I would like to opt against the tuition increase for the coming school year.

I understand the pressure UBC has to increase the tuition. For international students also locals, it's a huge pressure as well to pay the huge amount of fee. Without parent's support, it's hard to have such a high paid education. Since most of us are adults during the college, we want to decrease the pressure on our parents as well. Is there anyway to balance between your hardwork, involvement and proof of bank to lower the student's tuition and higher payment for those who are not? Thanks and I love my study in UBC.

No comments.

I provided extensive feedback last year. Why are you asking again? This is tokenism in the worst extreme. You know full well no matter what students say those fees will go up as they have year after year after year.

While I understand that running a university is expensive, I find it ridiculous that students are being expected to pay more when we are already spend a huge amount of money on classes, housing etc. Offering bursaries and scholarships and encouraging student loans does a little, but not everyone can use those means, and shouldn't have to. Education should not continue becoming more and more expensive, because not only does this limit who can go where, but also discourages students from pursuing an education. I'm lucky because I've received scholarships and family financial support, but not everyone is. Please come up with alternative measure that does not result in another tuition hike.

Yeah, I totally support the idea of paying more money on top of the tens of thousands of dollars I already pay.

Any increase in tuition for domestic students is unacceptable. The university has done a terrible job of controlling tuition, building student housing, and providing us with value for the money we pay. More needs to be done in terms of cost control to ensure that we are getting better education in exchange for the high costs of tuition. It is mentioned that the university pursues cost saving measures but costs keep going up due to inflation; however, this is not transparent. What specifically is costing more and what specifically is the university actually doing to control these costs? I would be more in favour of increasing tuition for international students to cover increased costs the university claims to be facing.

<p>The proposed changes to tuition are unacceptable to me. They serve to disenfranchise lower-income individuals. Instead tuition should be decreased for all students. University is an educational institution, not a business.</p>
<p>High tuition prices put students attempting to kickstart their career in huge debt before they have a chance to make money. Tuition prices have skyrocketed in the last couple decades, in 2002, the tuition sat as an average of \$2,181 for UBC. In 2016 that rate has -approximately- tripled (300%), while inflation has gone up 27.55% in the same time period. This shows that although this current tuition hike is a small percentage, the rates are already much too high and have not been simply due to inflation costs. Inflation has changed 1.1% in the last year, while the tuition consultation is proposing a 2% increase.</p>
<p>I do not agree with the 2% tuition increase. The ultimate purpose of a publicly funded university institution is to educate, not profit. If money is such an issue, UBC should invest in its development and alumni engagement and not extort money from current students.</p>
<p>Vote: No. Stop increasing fees.</p>
<p>Your comments regarding how you are keeping tuition low are unsatisfactory. You cannot be so broad and general and consider it a response to a question; we deserve specifics. How are you increasing operational efficiencies and diversifying revenues? Tuition leaves many students (me included) with large debt loads, especially given the increasingly unliveable nature of Vancouver. Increasing tuition should not be a given year after year. If academic institutions are going to act like businesses, they ought to be able to curb predictable tuition costs.</p>
<p>Ever since I've been at this school, there have been annual increases of 2-3% in tuition. If there are still students at UBC in 100 years they will be paying at minimum 7x my tuition since this is a very predictable increase (it happens every year). I commend you all for this future increase of profit and hope students are willing to pay \$70k/year for basic undergrad education they could get online!</p>
<p>I am not happy that tuition fees are going to be increased.</p>
<p>Being an international student I do not think that the fees need to be increased as the fees for international students are already too high. They are much higher than the tuition fees of other universities in Canada such as York university whose fees are 33% less than UBC's. And although 2-3% sounds small 3% of the \$38,000 that we are currently paying in [...] is \$1140 which is a lot. a lot of international students like myself are currently struggling to pay tuition and this increase will only make our lives harder.</p>
<p>At this point no ones comments are going to stop UBC from increasing the tuition. It happens every year and you make the feedback available just so people don't get too upset. [...]. Stop the construction. We don't need that much new stuff. Make on campus food more affordable. Hopefully you get some revenue from parking (it is a complete joke). With the raise in tuition its harder and harder for students to pay without getting massive student loans (I am around \$50,000 deep) and you won't help me with that after I graduate. You'll even probably call me asking me to donate back to the school 4 months after graduation. Be better.</p>
<p>I agree that tuition should be increased as a result of inflationary pressures. However, I feel that tuition should not be as high to begin with. I think that by decreasing the facilities expenses by a small amount would be enough to lower the cost of tuition. This may potentially decrease the physical beauty of the campus marginally, but I believe the decrease in tuition would be more of an appeal to students.</p>

I am against a 2-3% increase in tuition for [...] students [...]. In fact, tuition fee should be waived for the PhD students so that they can contribute more towards their research without bothering too much about their finances. Most students, especially the international students with spouse/family have no choice but to live far from the UBC campus to cut down the accommodation cost. Commuting on a daily basis wastes their useful 3-4 hours/day. I have personally seen that students who are living on-campus are able to spend more hours in their lab thereby increasing productivity (and more research output) which helps everyone (student/supervisor/department/university). Infact, PhD students in various other departments do have their tuition fee waived in UBC. In case you cannot implement a tuition waiver for PhD students in [...], kindly don't increase the tuition fee. Thank you.

It is unfair that continuing international students have the major percentage increase in tuition even when they already pay way more and their tuition has been significantly increasing the past few years. This may have a significant financial impact on them as it keeps increasing 3% each year than when they started their degree. A 2%increase in domestic fees is not quite as significant as a 2% on international fees.

Looked at what additional tuition "needs" to be used for. It's not "needed". As is the case with a budgetary increase in any other realm of business or government, UBC should be creating a direct link between the increase in funds (in this case, tuition), and their usage. Currently they only lay out the overall split of tuition. As a stakeholder in this process, that tells me little to nothing.

Looks good to me :)

Hello:

I am of the opinion that domestic and international students should be treated differently when it comes to tuition and subsequent increases. Families of domestic students' and in some case students themselves, contribute to Canadian economy by paying taxes. It is important to remember that UBC gets a portion of this contribution as a government and provincial funding. However, this is not the case with international students, be it graduate or international.

Furthermore, I failed to understand why should the rate of tuition increase be same for domestic and international students, when the actual tuitions are different. What was the logic for charging a higher tuition to the international students in first place?

In my opinion, domestic students should see a increase much lower than their international counterparts.

Perhaps Brexit tried to teach an important lesson to our politicians and administrators--don't try to internationalize for the sake of gaining popularity at the expense of its own citizens. It won't last! Rather, rationalize it to be acceptable.

I am strongly against this proposal.

I'm a grad student and I accept that part of being a grad student is barely having enough money. But I work as a TA for the university and depend on awards to offset tuition costs. Tuition fees have been raised more than one while I've been a student here but I have seen no corresponding raise in award amounts or TA salary. When you do this you are effectively lowering my salary and award amounts, which is pretty frustrating.

(also if you want to give people more faith in their feedback being anonymous you may want to consider a system that doesn't make you first log in via cwl and then submit your full name and email address!)

To me it's unclear why all continuing international students should face a fee increase of 2-3 %. Is that because they are the only ones where fees can be increased that steeply without harming enrollment numbers or going against provincial policy? This is especially worrying since inflation is projected to remain below 2 % all through 2017.

<p>Also, the tuition proposal fails to address what the increases will be for incoming international students in all other programs except thesis-based graduate programs.</p>
<p>No tuition increase please</p>
<p>Don't raise the tuition at all!</p>
<p>I do not agree with the proposed tuition increase. [...] students like me already pay exorbitant fees. Why can't we vote too, why take feedback into account before a board votes? What about my interest over the people who profit off a tuition increase or aren't as heavily impacted? 2% increase on about 17,000 a year is a lot more than a 2% increase on the average student's 5000 a year.</p>
<p>The increasing of tuition feed is unnecessary.</p>
<p>Please stop raising tuition. We already get charged for dental plan we don't use.</p>
<p>I don't think anything should be increased. On the contrary, I think tuition should be reduced. Increasing the prices, while the students income is decreasing, means eventually UBC will be a university for rich students only. Furthermore, I think housing prices on campus should be revisited and reduced. The student income (RA + TA) should be considered. So I suggest all departments within UBC (those who are responsible for pricing of housing, tuition, ..) work with academic departments to get an idea how much a graduate student makes and in light of that price things rather than having everything price increasing while student income does not.</p>
<p>While I understand that tuition needs to go up due to "inflationary pressures", that is only one side of the story. The other side, the darker side, is the student who has to pay the tuition, often times on a loan. For international graduate students, who don't even get a loan from Canadian banks, and who rely on graduate funding, the funding does not go up yearly. The funding does not keep up to "inflationary pressures". It is only one side of the equation that keeps up with "inflationary pressures". If my opinion matters at all, I urge the board of governors to consider the plight of poor, near-broke, food-bank-reliant international grad students, and not increase the tuition. Thank you.</p>
<p>Based on the year-to-year expense figures presented in the tuition consultation material, an increase in student fees of 2% would seem reasonable given that that is approximately the overall increase in university expenses. However, it would be useful for UBC to provide some sort of evidence or assurance that they are generating growth in other sources of revenue. The concern that I think many students share is that raising tuition is one of the easiest ways for UBC to boost revenue -- inflating the cost of tuition will increase revenue, and will likely not decrease enrolment, as UBC is a school of some national and international prestige. We are, in a way, a captive audience. However, it is the duty of the board of governors and UBC administration to think about what the purpose of education. While excellence in teaching is something to be desired, turning education into a business warps the moral compass that we must hold on to as professionals and human beings. By all means, costs need to be covered, but not in a way that turns UBC from an institute of higher learning and thought into a playground for the children of the rich.</p>

I am comfortable with the theory of inflation increasing tuition prices. Being from [...], I have had my fair share of tuition disputes and do not believe it to be worthy of the students' time. However, in this case, it appears as though there is over \$120 Million generated from the bookstore, cafeteria and "student" services, yet limited accessibility for students with financial needs. This tuition increase also does not account for the distribution toward what actually matters: student services and higher education. Should my 2% increase of tuition be allocated in student services such as financial aid, research possibilities, increasing library space, lecturers, etc. Yet it appears as though, like many institutions, this increase in tuition will simply be to "balance the budget". Why is there no expense report? Clearly this is a thriving institution, I cannot imagine a reputable school such as UBC is currently in a deficit. So, while the arguments claiming the same level of learning in the USA is substantially higher and the argument is made that professor's have a salary ceiling, why don't you take salaries away from the student run positions such as the VP Internal, Board of Directors, SUO President etc? It does not seem they are doing enough for the students' needs (Frosh and Recess have both seen decline in attendance if I am not mistaken), and ancillary events seem to provide no real value, yet they make substantial salaries for what they do. Perhaps instead of simply raising the tuition, take a look at the accounting statements that you so politely teach us how to read and apply some of the methods of cash constricting and allocate your financial resources to the places in need?

I am really not interested in the tuition increase for domestic students, you should increase the price for international students, to encourage excellence in your own community instead making it harder for students to achieve

What is the point of asking for my feedback every year? I am a low-income student putting myself through school, working full time as well as taking an 80% course load. Obviously I do not want my tuition fees to go up. Every year you ask me for my feedback, and yet every year you raise my fees anyway. Stop pretending that I have any say in the matter whatsoever.

You guys want increase every year. why dont the institute work harder on the ranking. Its being falling since we joined the school in 2012. Only tuition increase with more international students, and the ranking fell from top 20 to who knows where. Please, increase the tuition by 300%, this way you dont need to increase 2-5 percent every year anymore. UBC is no longer a respected, honoured school in [...]. The nick name is school with international students. Meaninging it only wants more tuition money from international students, doesnt care about the ranking. Look atmy class mates, they cant even speak English properly. Think the people around them think this school is good when they cant speak Wnglish better than students in [...]? Be responsible.

UBC use to stand out because besides being an excellent academic university, it was also an affordable school and easily accessed by domestic students. But the past many years have seen a gradual shift that is now too blatant to ignore: UBC is no longer financially-friendly to many students, as along with their "inflation" adjustments also come random severe jumps in prices of other services in what seems like a desperate attempt tp make the school seem more exclusive. And it's working to a fault. Canadian students living on Canadian standard incomes are no longer able to comfortably provide for themselves while also attending UBC, and instead are finding themselves displaced by those students who can afford the luxury of the new brand UBC is trying to give itself, and these are namely overseas students. While it is important to maintain cultural diversity on campus, it is ludicrous that even local British Columbian's are finding UBC harder and harder to pay for, all while watching their tuition money for "other services" go towards expanding programs such as Vantage College, which are designed to admit non-domestic students who didn't even meet the basic language requirement. What I would like to see is a detailed and transparent 5 or 10 year plan detailing how every aspect of this tuition goes towards helping the students paying for this campus, not administrators pockets and egos, and how the campus plans to address the reality that every year sees fewer and fewer domestic students.



<p>This is just a bad idea. No two ways about it. The only reason you need more tuition is you keep pissing away everyone's money on petri dish art and those moronic glowing poles near the bus loop. Smarten up.</p>
<p>While I understand the concept of matching inflation, I feel that the tuition fees are already too high. Therefore, I disagree with the proposed changes.</p>
<p>I really don't appreciate you doing this. I think that students should pay the same rate they paid the their first year. Increasing tuition EVERY year is rude.</p>
<p>Rather than hiking up tuition prices for Canadian students, maybe do us all a favour and distribute that 2% among the International continuing and new students tuition fees.</p>
<p>I object to the proposal of tuition increase. Within [...], this is the second time of a potential tuition increase. The frequency of tuition raise has been causing quite a lot of stress financial burdens on students and I don't think education should be made unaffordable to the unwealthy.</p>
<p>I don't think the increase is a very good idea because students aren't even made well aware about where their tuition is going. There's not enough information about what we can do to further our studies. I don't see why there would be an increase. Where is it going ?</p>
<p>Please don't raise tuition prices for domestic students</p>
<p>I think domestic tuition should remain the same and international tuition should be raised by 4%.</p>
<p>While I understand that the costs of education are rising, and that the costs of sustaining and maintaining UBC are rising too, it is important to remember that life in Vancouver isn't cheap. I think that for those who are local, this is a reality we need to face and cannot easily escape as we have families and roots in Vancouver. However, for international students coming from abroad (indicated, often, more disposable income), I think that there may be more resources to spend on tuition. As such, I think that there should be a higher rate increase for international students, relative to domestic students.</p>
<p>ESPs are not very efficient. At least for the services they provide to students, I don't think it is worth it to have these positions Also, opting out of fees that we are supposed to be able to opt out of is not an easy process, and it even has to be done yearly.</p>
<p>I am surprised at the current potential increases (again) as we had just approved a tuition increase not too long ago (this past summer). Students are barely able to keep up with one annual increase to tuition fees, how will they financially manage two? Just as you argue that the university needs to keep up with inflation, wages and graduate student stipends are NOT.</p>
<p>I see little to no effort from the university to pressure the government into increasing funding, and instead are choosing to raise tuition for students. Continuing education should not put young adults into debt.</p>

<p>As a Canadian student who relies on BC student loans and a globally aware citizen, I believe that access to higher education is an irrefutable right. Higher tuition every year means that the pool of people who are able to come to UBC is becoming narrower and narrower. With more financial barriers, UBC is limiting the opportunities afforded to potential students of lower socioeconomic backgrounds and the diversity of opinions that flow in classrooms and on campus. To me, this goes against the goal of 'excellence' that the tuition increase is supposedly trying to achieve. Education should not be a commodity to be bought and students should not have to graduate to face tens of thousands of dollars of debt. The goal of UBC is to educate, not to profit. A university is a place of learning, not a company, and the tuition and fee hikes at every opportunity increasingly make me question whether the Board of Governors shares this value.</p>
<p>No increase please. Bank broke</p>
<p>Totally do not agree with the proposal.          UBC has already raised tuition fees and residence fees this year and it is really expensive for students to afford.          Why do UBC still want to increase tuition and student fees?          Please considered more for students.</p>
<p>You just raised tuition across the board just this year. International students already pay substantially more than Canadian students, which I guess is fair. Why is another increase needed just a year later? If I have to vote, I'd say increasing fees by 2% for new incoming international students in thesis-based graduate programs would affect the least number of people.</p>
<p>PLEASE UBC, for once, show respect and care about students' opinions. I have considered transferring to other universities many times, I also know a lot of my friends who are considering that. Nobody can afford the tuition increase especially when students are not benefitting from teaching resources at all. Many course in [...] faculty have instructors that are winging the teaching and many that do not care how students interpret materials.</p>
<p>I oppose any tuition increases.</p>
<p>Please keep the tuition as is. It isn't easy for students to pay so much</p>
<p>I understand UBC's request to increase tuition fees due to inflation and believe this to be a reasonable request. However I do not believe the proposed 2-3% increase in fees is justifiable, considering inflation within Canada has been below 2% per year since 2012. In fact the average rate has been 1.295% for the past for years. As such I believe a smaller increase in fees is more appropriate.          Thank you</p>
<p>I would not support further increases to tuition or any other expenses incurred directly by students. Over the years I have been at UBC it has become more expensive to be a student, while at the same time living expenses in Vancouver have gone up dramatically. Where once tuition was a minor challenge, it has become, in combination with other factors, onerous. At the same time I have seen large amounts of money put into the "beautification" of UBC, the physical structure. Great if this doesn't happen on the backs of the students, but I believe it has. Finally, for reasons I won't go into here, your pie charts regarding revenues and expenditures are unclear and a little misleading.</p>
<p>Do not raise the tuition for domestic students.</p>
<p>I would prefer if tuition isn't increased again.</p>

My international fees are already a major burnen. Scholarships amount to a minimal change in my overall costs, especially when they are so hard to achieve and mostly non-renewable. To increase even further what internationals all over need to pay under a pretext of inflationary pressures, even though we pay over 4 times what nationals pay (keeping in mind that a whopping quantity of "nationals" have lived all their lives abroad, never contributed to tax in Canada, and get to pay a super reduced amount) is quite upsetting.

Absolutely no tuition increases for Canadian students are acceptable - now, or ever. Canadian students should not have to pay ANYTHING to attend UBC unless they are entered in professional degree programs. International students should be charged as the administration feels can be sustained.

No

No, do not raise tuition. Tuition (especially for international students) has risen by leaps and bounds. The university has already effectively out-priced lower income students, and is now beginning to out price the middle class. If we can build an alumni center (which has limited use current students), and spend money on landscaping with needless decorative lamps on the sidewalks, we can find the money needed to continue the operation of this university without pushing it all onto the students.

Please no more increase.

UBC can only host one fifth of the student population on campus, meaning that roughly 40 000 students have to commute. Everybody who commutes has to deal with higher housing prices outside of campus. Furthermore, the first year students living on campus are forced to purchase a meal plan, which can only be used for UBC dining options. As a result of this monopoly, prices are absolutely exorbitant in dining halls, yet students have no choice but to continue to use this ridiculous meal plan. Indeed, the cost of living in residence as a first year approaches if not exceeds the cost of tuition, by no fault of the students. We as students contribute roughly a quarter of the total revenue of UBC, yet UBC itself sets aside what cannot be more than a 30th of this money on student services and the housing and food sector. Are we as students now expected to contribute even more to a budget that is contributing so little to us? If UBC truly wished to increase its pool of assets it could perhaps make some cuts out of the salaries of the plethora of faculty professors (who hold no position higher than just 'tenured professor') who earn more than \$150 000 a year (which in itself is a ridiculously high amount to pay professors if compared with other universities in Canada).

I do not approve of the proposed tuition increases. They do not accurately reflect the needs of students, for which the university is designed for.

I don't think it's even a question. Of course I don't agree with a tuition increase when we dont even have microwaves to warm up our food in, or a water fountain. There is only one microwave in the macmillan building which doesnt even work properly. All the ones in the nest are taken away. No water fountain in many of UBC buildings. All of my fellow classmates, including myself, are always unhappy about the amount of money we pay and the services we get in return. We go through so much already, and we don't even get the most basic things we need. Microwaves, water fountains and other basic tools should be available in high numbers in every single building. We need to eat our meals and drink our water. We pay all this money already! You claim to be a sustainable university. How is this sustainable? Practice what you preach. I know after most people disagreeing with this increase in money, you are still going to do it anyways. I just don't see how UBC is considered one of Canada's best with the education system and non academic stuff. The obvious downscaling of many courses and the unhelpfulness of the TAs. I regret going to UBC for sure. Certainly not worth the money.

As an International student, I am always feeling that I am so lucky that I can study in UBC. But we build walls, we build fences by raising the tuition fees.

Why is there always a need to increase tuition fees? I understand the concept of inflation but yearly increases are getting absolutely ridiculous. UBC should focus on spending the money they already have on supporting there students - not unnecessary construction! As a student there is already enough pressure to succeed and this 2% increase will have such a negative impact on my education as I will have to focus on making more money instead of studying and gaining valuable volunteer experience. Very disappointed that this is even up for feedback as I feel like you will raise the tuition anyways even though it is obvious students paying for their education will suffer greatly.

Why not just increase the tuition 100% and then still provide 0 on-campus study spaces. This seems to be the way UBC is going anyways.

I don't haven have knowledge on the proposed tuition increase, but I'm for not increasing tuition.

Tuition increases are ridiculous. The university should be figuring out ways to lower tuition so education is more accessible. It's especially unfair to raise tuition costs of students who are already enrolled in their program.

Too much increase in fees per year

UBC needs to stand up for the students it portends to support and demand more support from government. Tuition has risen to levels far beyond what our parents generation paid despite there being fewer jobs and a higher cost of living, especially in Vancouver.  
While I understand your administration is doing the best they can with what they have, students have taken TOO MUCH of the burden already.  
We are left with a system that requires we be educated in order to earn a livable wage, yet penalizes us with tens of thousands of dollars of debt and interest before we can even get a job.  
Because of this, a university education has become a luxury only the privileged can afford , further contributing to the economic and racial stratification of our society.  
I am sincerely disgusted that a society with so much wealth is neglecting its future leaders. Considering the world problems we are left to solve, this is remorseful.  
As a student, I encourage you to take a stand - for us as the inheritors of the society you helped create.

Don't do it, it's already expensive enough

I am strongly opposed to a tuition increase. The issue is not the increasing cost, but the lack of access to increased funds. The amount that a student can take out in student loans has not increased since at least 2010, whereas costs have. While the school have inflationary pressures, students (who are maximizing student loans every year) do not access to match these. Quite frankly, I do not have the sufficient funds to cover all of my expenses for the rest of the year. A 2% increase in future years without a comparable increase from the Federal government in student loans is more than I can handle.

Don't increase it please

No, the tuition is high enough already. Increase other sources of revenue.

**NO TUITION RAISES!!**

Boy that all seems like poor reasons for increasing tuition. Please do not increase tuition.

Its a pretty dumb idea to keep raising the tuition every year. It is also a dumb idea to raise it because of 'inflation', that's such a BS excuse. You guys have been raising it 2-3 % every year, while people getting paid for work don't even get a 2-3% raise per year due to 'inflation'.

We are already paying so much money as it is as international students and we already agreed to a 2% increase in school fees last time. In fact, even though we had no choice but to accept the increase last time, the [...] faculty has yet to provide enough teachers to supply the demand for [...] course availability. Proposing to increase again for current students is nonsense outright.

I'm a part-time graduate student in the [...]. Each course in my program, including fees, currently costs [...], which from my context is an astoundingly high cost for a domestic student studying education. Even though a 2% increase doesn't sound like a lot, it truly is for average working students. Please consider students like myself, when you are looking at raising tuition; tuition costs already are a luxury expense for me and if they go much higher, I will have a difficult time rationalizing the expense compared to the benefit.

Go for it.

I don't think it is appropriate to have an increase of 2% of tuition every single year.  
I understand you are envious of other universities across canada without governmental restrictions as to how much they can increase tuition costs. However, please consider that the student debt crisis effects much more students than the faculty who have a little less spending money.

I don't approve of this tuition increase. I would like to see what these funds are going towards, and more consultation with the students over these issues.

I think tuition should be increased for international students, but kept the same for domestic students. This would help encourage and keep domestic students

Honestly I cannot afford yet ANOTHER tuition increase. If it is raised any more my loan, full time job, and scholarships will no longer cover my fees and I will probably drop out. Would you rather make what you are already making off of me, or nothing? Your choice.

I think it is unfair that the international student tuition increase is much higher than the domestic student tuition. I think both should either not increase or be increased the same amount (2%).

It seems unconscionable to cite "inflationary pressures" for raising tuition for international graduate students when stipends for graduate students do not change based on these same pressures. In my dept., [...], who have the highest tuition burdens, did not receive any pay rise this year. Incidentally, I am a PhD student and, ironically, we did see a small pay rise despite the fact that most of us have our tuition covered by the dept. It is already a struggle to live in Vancouver, probably with roommates in dingy basement suites, barely scraping by on your rent just to have UBC tell you that "inflationary pressures" require an increase in fees and tuition. No shit! We are all painfully aware of these inflationary pressures and graduate student stipends (especially [...] stipends) are wholly inadequate for life above the poverty line in the city of Vancouver. Additionally, international grad students, despite usually having taxable incomes of \$0 are not eligible for discounted MSP rates and instead pay for their health insurance at the rate of the highest-earners bracket, this is despite being considered by the province as "low income" for other purposes, such as the sales tax credit. Please consider putting some of your tuition increase windfall (which I'm sure you will easily approve) towards helping international students pay these ridiculous and unfairly applied MSP premiums...and perhaps, think about giving a pay rise to [...] students, who really need it to keep up with "inflationary pressures".

I am a student in the [...] program. As our tuition for our program is drastically increased from the previous [...] program, I do not think a tuition increase is justified. Over the four years of our program, the 2% increase adds up and further adds to the amount we are repaying from student loans.

Please reconsider the tuition increases.

I do not agree with increasing the international fees for the continuing students. I myself am an international student and the tuition has been increasing year after year since I have been here. When I decided to come to Canada my family did not think that the fees would change so dramatically, and therefore we have had to change certain point of our family lifestyle in order for me to continue at UBC. This is why I do not agree with the increase in tuition fees for international continuing students.

With all due respect, and appreciation for what you guys are proposing and trying to do, after having thoroughly read and considered the new proposed changes, I for one have to say that I am absolutely against it. Fees are as it is high for me and many students whom I have spoken to. Although comparatively UBC might not particularly stand out, yet its fees are still high for an average Canadian, which I am not. This is not being taken into consideration. I cannot speak on behalf International students, but I am sure that the university can come up with new ways to balance the budget, without reaching into our pockets for more.

Overall, I would rather have fewer services and facilities given to me than pay any more than I already am struggling to. I'd like to still at least have a chance to pay back my student loans.

Hope my voice does get heard and taken into consideration.

Thank you.

Myself along with every other student at UBC does not want to pay more money for school.

Students are struggling to study and pay for their school tuition and other supplies. An increase in their tuition will surely make their lives harder. The most people who are struggling in the community are the university students and increasing tuition is not going to aid their financial status, rather it might force some to quit university or fail courses due to working to support themselves. Please try to understand our situation and help us in every way possible.

Thanks.

2-3% increase in tuition fee is okay.

I just felt that the annual increase of tuition fee is not reflected in an incremental improvement of the overall experience in UBC. I would like to know where is the 2% increase of my tuition is put to use. The exact 2%.

Are you hiring more faculty members (I think that is a good idea)? Are you giving out more award every year to more diverse group of people (which I think is a good idea)?

What do you do with the 2% increase, except for the so-called "inflationary pressure"?

I don't think there should be an increase in tuition at all. The university has been audited and there has been cases of missing money, so that should be explained by the university before they start asking for even more from students. University should be a place of learning and teaching, not more ways of making profit.

The combination of tuition, extra student fees and the Vancouver housing crisis is putting a huge strain on finances at the moment. At my previous university I could support my university learning with my summer job. Now, even though I've got a raise, UBC and Vancouver housing is too expensive to graduate without several loans.

After reviewing the tuition increases as well as seeing what they are intended to be spent on, I do not wish to pay even more. The tuition costs as well as other fees such as student fees are already at, what seems like, an all time high. The mass amounts of money are difficult for many students to pay for, especially international students, those taking on loans or those who do not come from affluent families. Speaking from experience, it is already stressful to pay the already high fees.

I understand that a 2% increase in tuition is not dramatically large, and may help off-set inflationary pressure. However, as an international graduate student living in one of the most expensive cities in the world the increase in tuition will put a further strain on my already limited budget. Being an international student has prevented me from applying to a number of scholarships, thus my supervisor has been providing me almost all of my financial support. As such, I doubt my supervisor will continue to inflate my salary based on the proposed tuition fee increase (one which I'm sure UBC will increase again the next year). Graduate students are already under immense financial pressure, and can ill afford to deal with these increases in tuition. Given my strong reservations, I hope UBC will reconsider the proposed tuition increase on international students.

The increase should only apply to international students. Instead of 2%, their tuition should increase by 6%. Domestic student's tuition should not increase at all. You need to encourage more people from BC and Canada to go to UBC, you do not do this by increasing their tuition. Most international students come from rich families and can afford the increase, whereas most domestic students can not afford it and already in debt.

Going to UBC is about to surpass the cost of living entirely in Vancouver. You've increased tuition every year after year and the cost of living here is becoming absurd. I work 2 jobs, am single, AND have taken out the max government loan amounts and it still barely covers basic, no frill expenses in addition to tuition and student fees. I know the increase will happen regardless of such comments, but I'd suggest you adjust the cost calculations to reflect the realities of living in Vancouver.

please dont increase tuitions for international students! this is so expensive for my family already

I do not approve of the increase in the tuition fees for both domestic and international students. The tuition fees for international students have already risen in the past few years.

a 2% to 3% increase for all continuing international students across all programs for the 2017/18 academic year.

For domestic students, tuition should not be raised as we are studying in our home country.

Shouldn't increase tuition any more!!! The living expense of Vancouver is increasing year by year, but our scholarship or fellowship didn't increase for several years.

Strongly against International Students tuition increase.

The increase in fees can get quite unaffordable for international students.m as well as continuing international students. The fee is quite high already, an increase in the fee will cause our parents to face problems too.

I am against the idea of increasing tuition and student fees. The tuition and student fees have been increasing continuously for the past years, even though inflationary pressures are put onto the university, the university should consider more for the students, especially those who need to work part-time to support their education and living. In addition, UBC is a public university, which means that the government should take actions to help the university in situation of high inflation, not always the students, year after year.

Oppose to: "a 2% increase in non-instructional fees for all students".
<p>Although I understand that student tuition is partially responsible and necessary for financing some aspects of UBC life (student financial aid, salaries, etc), I feel that increasing the tuition every year by a few percent is similar to the Boiling Frog analogy. The administration will always feel that it needs more funding for unnecessary projects, such as the always present construction underway for example, and will continuously raise the price of education, while during times of stability feel it unnecessary to cut tuition costs. This will inevitably lead to a vicious cycle whereby UBC needs to increase costs to help pay for areas such as 'student financial aid', however through this action they are forcing some students to need financial aid in the first place. While most students can probably handle the price increase from one year to the next, struggling to complete a bachelors degree in four years (at least) puts some in an awkward position of not being able to afford completing their entire program at UBC.</p> <p>In order to find a balance between student tuition as the needs of the University, it's important that UBC administration carefully consider what costs are necessary. We have made it this far with the aquatic centre we have, the student union building we had, and we do not need a new building of residence every year. The UBC bookstore and the food stalls in The Nest, and parking passes are laughable in terms of affordable pricing, and hardly need my tuition's help, in addition to my contributions through buying textbooks, school supplies, and the occasional lunch to help keep their services afloat.</p> <p>Don't make education a commodity only available to the wealthy.</p>
Tuition fees for international students are already quite expensive. It was a tough decision for my parents to send me out of the country regarding the cost, and increasing it for the next year will make them even more apprehensive than they already are. I believe that fees should not increase for international students that are already attending UBC.
We do what we must to balance the budget. I support this measure in principle. I also support cutting costs, such as voluntary contributions or deductions from tenured professors and other wealthy University partners.
Please do not increase student's fees anymore. The tuition fee is increasing every year, which makes us feel uncomfortable.
<p>I am strongly opposed to the increase in tuition for the following reasons:</p> <p>students are already financially strapped (due to increasing textbook costs, housing costs, transportation costs (public, gas, parking)</p> <p>if administration staff and faculty were willing to take a pay cut to match the tuition increase, I would perhaps be more tolerant of it</p>
No increase in fees.
I cant return to UBCO after my fifth year.. I don't think its necessary to be increasing our student fees at all
<p>How are we bleeding 220m in USER PAY services? I'm not absolutely clear if we're renting the land but if we aren't the efficiency of those operations are unacceptably low.</p> <p>Parking? We're losing money on AUTOMATED PAID parking? Not the cheapest parking either.</p>
Although causes are necessary and beneficial. Domestic tuition is already insanely unaffordable. Consider increasing domestic tuition to the level with American universities because they aren't paying into our tax system.
I would like to see bursary/award values and minimum graduate stipend increase by an equivalent (2%) amount to account for inflationary pressures.



<p>Absolutely NOT. Tuition's have been raised every year since I have been in this University and quite frankly I am completely annoyed that this could be considered again.</p>
<p>I understand the need to increase tuition in order to make sure that our Professors are adequately compensated. I just hope that my tuition money is not going to the ongoing contraction that is happening all over the campus. I have been at this school for [...] and while I understand the need for keep our campus current, I would hope that the funding for these projects are from donors and not the hardworking students.</p>
<p>i hate y'all</p>
<p>Put effort into actually improving student education and resources versus starting to value international students over residential. Also fix existing structures instead of constructing new buildings. UBC is becoming far too extravagant in costs and the constant increases need to stop. Utilize the budget more effectively rather than increasing every time there's a mistake.</p>
<p>I don't think we should raise tuition prices as UBC is already more expensive than competing local universities such as SFU. More students would want to switch universities</p>
<p>I'm strongly against the tuition fee increase. If there is not enough fund to spend, just spend it wisely.</p>
<p>I am strongly against the university education increase. Here are some points to consider nationally and globally: inflationary pressures for expenses such as university education is not balanced with inflationary pressures for wages. How will students who are already on multiple lines of credit, and student loans pay for university education? Every semester, UBC suggests and follows through with a 2% increase or more in domestic tuition (not to mention the increases for international tuition). This has been ongoing for at least 4-5 years. Additionally, UBC has not increased their scholarships to reflect the need for financial aid (both in terms of the amount awarded and the number of awards available). Unacceptable. A financial burden such as this is crippling for the young generation and will push students away from UBC, BC, and Canada. Personally, I will struggle with paying back the loans I've taken out to pay for university. One highlight I'll mention: In addition to increasing their tuition every year consecutively, UBC's choice to remove automatic entrance scholarships (probably to pay for ESPs) in 2012 was one of the worse decisions I've ever seen a University in Canada make. Providing inadequate financial support for students and having inflated tuition compared to the rest of western Canada is the largest pitfalls of UBC and will be seen as inhumane from a national standpoint. Once again, I an strongly against this university education increase.</p>
<p>I think that the increment in taxes will be a good form to improve some aspects of the university. But I think that the measurement shouldn't increase more.</p>
<p>Show me a large public university - including and especially UBC - that is a true non-profit and I'll show you a university who needs an increase in tuition. While certain people are highly paid and money is required for an array of important things, tuition costs and at a price and rates increase at a level that is too high for a student population within whom there are many struggling students: struggling to obtain student loans, struggling to maintain and then pay them off post-graduation. With tuition increases, the students' pocket is the one that suffers. And, the benefits do not outweigh the costs.</p>

I find the cutbacks in the [...], and the [...] in particular, to be very upsetting. I have [...].[...] I think UBC instructors are doing the best they can, but it speaks volumes about the importance our university and society is placing on education when [...] with this inadequate preparation. In light of this, I'm very surprised at the audacity of the university to demand more money when students like these are already receiving poor value for their money.

I believe the proposed increase in tuition makes UBC even more inaccessible.  
As a first year student, I have already had to take on a part-time job in order to try to survive and pay not only for tuition, books and housing but for plane tickets just to come to UBC, which has put incredible stresses on me. This tuition increase along with sky-rocketing prices for housing may make it simply impossible for me to attend UBC. Please take this into consideration as you consider this tuition increase.

Funding remains same while tuition increases 2% every year. It would be appreciated if UBC authorities think separately for graduate students. The number of graduate students is very low compared to the undergrads--income from graduate students' tuition is negligible.

Plz do not increase tuition fees

I understand that the Canadian dollar is not doing well and I can see how UBC might need to increase fees. However, UBC should find ways to reduce spending rather than increase our fees, it may not be easy but it is the responsible thing to do. Most of us are already paying too much for things we do not even use, yet are required for us to pay for. Example: People who never do any physical activity must pay recreation fees. Or those that do not bus, are required to pay for a pass.  
It do not agree with this increase in fees and believe the university should be working to reduce fees.

I agree with an increase in tuition for all new incoming international and continuing international students but it should be considerably more than 2%. Domestic tuition fee and non-instructional fees increase should be only 1% at most, ...BUT a full and comprehensive and rigorous review should be done of all tenured faculty to ensure they are actually meeting the high standards UBC likes to lay claim to. I know of tenured faculty who do NOT publish at all e.g.. [...]. The money these people and others like them drain could be better used. Research in e.g.. medicine and pharmaceuticals would be more productive. If students are paying higher tuition they should get a better product.

I honestly think that the tuition increase for this academic year could be enough for next year too. Also please let me us know where this money is going and the reasons for the increase. As an international it is quite frustrating to be paying so much more for a class than a domestic student when we are all literally learning and being providing the exact same thing. Personally I think that if there was another increase for the 17/18 academic year it should be the same for all student and not be higher for international students.

Please don't raise the tuition :(

I vote against raising the tuition.  
We pay way to much and get almost nothing in return. UBC profits are sky rocketing and none of it gets passed to students. NO TO TUITION RAISES!!!

While I do recognize the necessity of increasing tuition due to inflation, I oppose these increases, and recommended that they be reduced. The University should focus more on reducing costs. I believe that the many new developments and renovations, while visually pleasing, are not necessary. The same is true of some of the landscaping activities in the university. Reducing these activities would not only reduce university costs, but also its carbon footprint. What other revenue generation activities could the University engage in? Would the installation of renewable energy

generators (wind generators, solar panels, geothermal energy plants) be viable? This would not only reduce costs but would also reduce carbon footprint.

This is completely absurd. Universities are big businesses, and gouging students because of 'inflationary pressures' is only justified to keep your bottom line and profits at an acceptable margin. Please examine the models for post-secondary education in Nordic and Scandinavian countries. They are able to provide modern post-secondary education at minimal costs to the students, and this enables them to have a thriving, literate, and debt-free workforce.

The tuition fee is already too high compared to other universities. Also the funds or scholarships provided are too low compared to the expensive housing and other costly living expenses in Vancouver. If you want to increase tuition fee, please increase funds and scholarships too. The hourly TA payment or the RA funds must be increased. I DO NOT support the increase in the fees.

I do not agree with the tuition increase. Our fees are already extremely expensive and it is difficult to afford tuition as is.

Are you actually kidding me raising tuition again? Are you being serious UBC? Where do you get off year over year taking advantage of students and putting us more severely in dept. You make me sick. You rip off international students and now that money is not good enough you need us to pay more money? Is this a joke? I am disgusted with your tuition increases year over year and less and less bursaries and financial aid. Are you fucking kidding me?

Opposed to tuition increase!!!

DO NOT raise tuition fees. We can barely afford tuition as it is. Raising the tuition will only put us into more debt, and deter students from going to UBC. The one saving grace of living in Vancouver is that UBC had okay tuition prices. Now, trying to afford BOTH the crazy high costs of Vancouver real estate AND an increasing tuition will break us. This is getting ridiculous. Professors do not need more money.

"Each year, the costs of providing a university education increase due to inflationary pressures". This is the worst opening statement I've ever seen. The costs of living is also increasing (rent, food...) however, the income of international students are kept constant (TA and RA). I'm totally against increasing tuition and fee increase.

A tuition freeze should be put into effect to give students a break from increasing costs of university to lower the amount if debt students are compiling. If there is a tuition increase, additional services should be provided. For example, more variety of food choices on campus.

UBC tuition costs are already higher than the Canada-wide average. It is untrue to say that these tuition increases are due to inflation. While it is important for UBC to continue its innovation and research, it can be done with the current budget. It is far more important to reevaluate how the school uses its current funding and redistribute the money accordingly than to simply add more money to the budget. The privilege of an education at UBC should be decided based on merit and no one should be robbed of an education here because they cannot afford it. These repetitive tuition increases, though small, add up and exclude students from low income households. While UBC often argues

these students could turn to financial aid for assistance the school only provides a small percentage of its budget to financial aid, not nearly enough to help everyone in need. I am opposed to the tuition increase.

I don't believe that UBC needs to increase the tuition by 2%. I am a domestic [...] student, a [...] and I am paying for my university tuition, alone. Because I am paying for my own tuition I needed to work 2 jobs all summer long and on top of that I am still working almost full time during the school year, and I am barely able to pay for my tuition. The fact that I am working during the school year takes up a lot of time which, in turn, affects my ability to get adequate study time in and to collaborate with groups for group projects. The combination of these two things obviously affects my grades and I personally don't think they are as high as they could be if I wasn't working or worrying about making my tuition payments. And if I wasn't in school full time then it would take me a much longer time to complete my degree and this is something my family and I simply can't financially afford. This all makes school life an immense challenge and sometimes a struggle. Now I am not complaining about my life, I chose to go to UBC and get a quality education and to do all these things and I stick by my choices and I'm okay with where my life is at right now. A 2% increase isn't much but it is still an increase and it will make my life more difficult and it will make the lives of other students like me more difficult. I don't think looking for this extra money from the students is very fair when a lot of us already work so hard to earn the money we currently need to go to school here. I think UBC should look for that extra money somewhere else, not the students.

I am an international student at UBC, and I am in [...] program. This means that[...]. This has not changed since I started two years ago, the tuition fees, however, have been increased twice if I remember correctly. It is not acceptable to raise tuition fees without raising the stipend accordingly, otherwise you are just de facto paying the students less money. For Graduate students in particular, every dollar of their income is important, as they live off of ~1100 dollar a month in a city with very high cost of living. I do not mean to argue against a raise in tuition fees, but I think it is required to also raise the Master's stipend by an appropriate amount.

I understand that the university is under a lot of pressure to maintain current standards, but students are experiencing even more pressure to pay for an education and living costs. I have friends who are working 2 jobs while in school full time and still had to take out a student loan to attend UBC. 2% may be a small increase, but it adds up for a student. \$100 is ten more hours of work at minimum wage, where we could have been studying. I would suggest reallocating money from construction upgrades that are not necessary. (i.e. the donor light posts by the bus loop aren't necessary)

UBC needs to introduce fee increases less frequently. It shows poor long-term planning on the board's end to constantly roll out tuition increases in order to fund new upcoming projects. I have seen the fee breakdowns - if UBC can propose new building projects schematics up until Fall 2019, we can also allot finances accordingly, well ahead of time. Stick to existing budgets, accommodate for extra expenses ahead of time, and do what is preached incessantly onto our students - plan.

The information provided to students about the tuition increase was vague at best. There was little to no information on the actual operating costs of the university, there was no information on the allocation of the entirety of the tuition, nor was there any information about how much revenue is actually made. I do not currently agree with this tuition increase as the only information given to students about it looks like propaganda to be honest. The facts stated in this information page had no proof of their trueness. Please give the students actual information or a choice whether to increase their tuition, as 'inflationary pressures' sounds like 'we want more money'.

This is my [...] attending UBCO, and each year there has been a 2% increase in tuition. There is no good reason for this much of an increase fee each year for students (many of which are low-income and/or unable to work during the active school period). This is especially considering the fact that annual inflation rates for BC are consistently below 2% and average wages aren't going up anywhere close to that. More and more students have to turn to loans (meaning paying interest later), bursaries, scholarships, and whatever other means they can just to get an education. In a world where a growing number of jobs require post-secondary education, it is backwards to me that there are ever-growing barriers being put up for people trying to attain it. The school should budget in another way to meet its needs, and should not be taking more money out of its poorest counterparts' pockets while offering nothing more in return.

The university does not need to raise students' tuition. It is already overpriced and is gouging our students in an already difficult time in their lives. Audits have shown that universities gain enough income to fully run all of their programs, with all that they entail, upkeep and run all the building and pay the salaries of all the faculties and professors, all of this, on donations alone. So to continue to raise students' tuition is both unethical and refusing many students' right to a healthy lifestyle.

Increase international student fees by 2%

I have been an international student at UBC for [...]. I have a [...]. I chose UBC because it was in a city I always wanted to live in, and the cost of tuition, even as an international student, was cheaper than attending equally respected schools in my country. I always admired UBC for its affordability because higher education, for so many international students, is not possible or affordable in their home country. This is a large reason why UBC has students from over 155 countries.

But every year since my first year at UBC cost of tuition has gone up. One year it affects international students, the next domestic students. Every year there is a forum, either in person or online, for students to voice their opinion. Do those voices do anything? Is there a chance that they could do anything? If the reason for the annual increases are because of inflation and the continuing cost of maintaining a campus that might as well be its own city, then what does our opinion matter in the face of doing business? In a year I'm going to be gone, and in a few years the majority of international students taking the time to respond to this proposal will be gone. Replaced by new faces who've already agreed to pay the tuition you want to raise.

So my feedback about this proposal is an unequivocal no. If you take away the one thing I like about this school, its affordability compared to other top fifty universities in the world, then what do I have left? The weirdly symmetrical trees in front of IKB? Buchanan E? Did you even know there's a Buchanan E, and did you know that last year its elevator caught on fire? I wouldn't actually have a problem with these tuition increases if the money benefited departments like arts, fine arts, or social sciences like Anthropology and sociology. Or, god forbid, made students safer from rapists. Instead it seems that building a shopping mall is more important, but that's business, right? Fashion education like McDonald's fashions their seats: shitty to sit in so people don't stick around long enough to notice what they're eating.

I honestly don't understand why services can't be optimized, i.e. shift funds around, to make ends meet. Considering UBC has a lot of staff, some of those funds could be used to hire more faculty, like what the University of Toronto does.
Absurd!
Please stop raising tuition! With the cost of living in Vancouver I already have a hard enough time making ends meet. I know 2% doesn't seem like a lot but UBC has lots of other options for getting more money. There is already so much development occurring. I'm hard pressed to believe that a tuition increase is really needed. Don't take this out on me!
I am opposed to the raising of tuition. Student debt combined with the current Vancouver job and housing markets is crippling to the young person's dream of independence.
2-3% increase to continuing international students. Stop making education unaffordable for Canadians. If they can afford to come here as a choice then they can pay for it.
I understand that tuition prices have to be raised due to inflation. It is just something that needs to happen in order to run the school. Cheaper tuition would be nice I admit but that will only happen after a successful appeal to Trudeau. One day university will be free in Canada but in the meantime I guess I'll have to pay 2% more in tuition fees.
How to do part time jobs in campus? I think I need to find jobs to support my tuition.
I believe that this increase in fees is not helpful for continuing students and incoming international students because the last rise in fees has already severely damaged finances for most students and another increase might discourage them and may cause a decrease in the rate of students entering the university. And if tuition fees do increase, scholarship and award requirements must be more lenient to compensate and the amount provided by the awards and scholarships must be increased as well.
I think it's fairer to raise fees the first year of any degree, but not the second of a degree. Students have usually planned their finances very carefully. What if they have nothing to fall back on beyond what they've budgeted for?
The tuition fee is too high for the international students. Hope not increasing the cost anymore.
Again? I don't think UBC realizes that not every student has parents that fund them.
I do not agree with the increase in tuition. A lot of constructions going around campus seriously obstructing my daily activities in school (I have to go circles to my class rooms, old sub's not available) and a lot of money are not used to provide us better education. (very dazzling lamp build up then tear off, etc) Especially, rise for international students is a big amount of money.
Don't do that please!! It's unfair to increase the tuition fees of international students more than other students, since we already have to pay much more than them. Can't afford it anymore.
If it's absolutely necessary to raise tuition, I'd prefer if you didn't also cut the amount of scholarship money given out like you have been. ([...]) Doing both is harsh. My education isn't getting any better it's just getting more expensive every year.
Strongly against this

<p>It's reasonable that UBC needs to increase tuition each year because of the inflation and some many buildings are going to be reconstructed. But, it seems like the actual percentage exceeds the ones UBC provides.</p>
<p>I honestly think for what I get out of a lecture in class (which isn't much) that I am already paying way too much money for tuition. If course teaching was better I would understand and accept the tuition increase but as of right now, no. I also believe UBC already charges too much. Now a days you can't even do anything with just an undergrad and need to pay for school after as well so please don't keep upping the prices, it's not necessary; there are other ways UBC can get money.</p>
<p>Inflationary purpose? C'mon, now, 1US is just 1.32CAD (it was 1.26), but in my country [...].</p>
<p>What is the purpose of this proposal when there will be an increase anyway? It has been like this for the past couple of years. Do our voices even concern those proposing the idea? Nowadays, university shapes our future, not in a way that we can find work but in a way where those who aren't in the higher class would have to spend years and years paying the government back for the student loans.</p>
<p>Although I know that my little request might not become real, I really don't want the tuition to continue increase. The difference between domestic and international was already a lot; if continue to rise the fee, our international student might live in a bigger financial burden. It's not about whether we can afford it or not. It's about why the fee was kept increasing in the past few years.</p>
<p>I am incredibly concerned about the decision to increase tuition for international students. As a first year international student, I know first hand the hidden costs to choosing to attend UBC - both financial and emotional. In choosing this university, I had to forgo receiving financial aid from my home country (which does not provide aid to attend universities abroad) and could not receive aid from the Canadian government. In addition, I no longer qualified for many private grants which may have provided aid in my home country. This situation is not unique to me, but is one I hear repeated by my other international peers. In addition to having fewer sources of outside funding, other factors such as the exchange rate for different currencies, difficulty in finding off-campus employment, language barriers and emotional stress of moving to a different country all take a huge toll on international students. If the university truly values the diversity these students bring, it should resist increasing aid at the same level as domestic students who do not face these same challenges. It is especially troubling to notice the proposed plan increases tuition to international students already enrolled. These students have already moved and invested huge amounts of energy to attend UBC, and may not be able to financially remove themselves from the university should the tuition increase be greater than they can afford. It is shocking to see the proposed increase taking advantage of such a vulnerable population, and I sincerely hope the university will reconsider the increases to tuition in this area.</p>
<p>STOP RAISING THE TUITION. YOU ARE PUSHING PEOPLE OUT OF ACADEMIA. EVERY YEAR SINCE I HAVE BEEN ATTENDING UBC YOU HAVE RAISED THE TUITION SOMETIMES TWICE, ONCE IN THE SUMMER AND ONCE IN THE WINTER. EDUCATION IS A RIGHT CONFIRMED BY THE UNITED NATIONS. THIS NICKLE AND DIMING CAMPAIGN THAT YOU ARE ENACTING IS A TRAVESTY FOR THOSE WHO WANT TO BUT CANNOT AFFORD TO ATTEND. STOP MAKING THIS WORLD A TWO CLASS SYSTEM. UBC IS NOT A BUSINESS IT IS A PLACE OF PROMISE. I ASK YOU, A PROMISE FOR WHOM?</p>
<p>It is too high, I may be an international student but I do not come from a rich family contrary to what you all think. The current tuition is already a big stress on my family finances. This puts a lot of pressure on me. I can not emphasize how much I am against this tuition increase.</p>

We should be looking at ways to make certain university costs go down instead of constantly increasing tuition. For example we should invest in renewable energy sources so that we may cut our "operating cost". Now you may be thinking "so we should we put up a wind turbine". Well, yes and no. While it wouldn't be a bad idea to set up a wind turbine or two considering the amount of wind we get as a result of our proximity to the water my suggestion is a little simpler. An example would be using bikes to generate power. Currently we have bikes in the various gyms on campus and each one could be producing power for UBC. We can even collaborate with students in the faculty of engineering to make this a reality.

I understand the need to increase tuition. What I don't understand is the fact that we only look to increase tuition and rarely entertain any ideas for potentially reducing it.

I am okay with the proposal as long it is not enforced on continuing students. In fact, for students who are already pushed to the wire, the proposal will only destabilize them. On the other hand, prospective students who still have choices; and will eventually be informed of this proposal can decide whether they want to apply for the school or not based on the tuition fees.

It should not be increasing every year as it is unfair to current and incoming students to have the hardship. Especially first year students who have no input on the decisions UBC makes to expand and develop buildings. The projects that are occurring at UBC do not affect my personal education and therefore I do not believe I should be the one who pays for it.

I think that if tuition increases by 2% to deal with inflation, then all graduate students should get a 2% pay increase to deal with inflation. After all our costs have increased just like the university's have.

I do not think raising tuition fee is beneficial and fair for international students.

For an international student, the tuition fee is too expensive for me.

We pay enough already. We need to make tuition cost effective and not have "hidden" added fees that are not relevant to us (ie "Bike Kitchen"). Raises of 2% correspond to inflation but we are not getting pay increases in the public sector to cover these increases. All these increases and fees are pulling BC and Canadian citizens out of post secondary or relying on "junior colleges/universities" for education. As a grad student, I feel that \$16000 for a two year program is fair....but then with the added fees and potential 2% raise it now becomes closer to \$17000.

Completely unacceptable. UBC's fees are already among the highest in the country and already present an almost insurmountable barrier to my education. UBC needs to review their priorities, put students first, and LOWER the student fees.

I dislike the fact that tuition is yet again increasing. It's already hard enough paying for university tuition and living spaces for a domestic student when you don't have a whole lot of financial resources whether or not you get scholarships, bursaries and grants. There should be a flat rate for tuition, not an increase every school year. It's unfair for students who need this education to get into their career but can't afford it so instead of increasing it keep it a flat rate across the board for each program/ student.

I appreciate the tuition fee increase only being 2%, and I agree that is up to par with inflation. What is bothersome, however, is that as a graduate research assistant the RAship does not increase proportionally. Worse, the cost of living is increasing more than 2% per year. The fast increase in the cost of living without RAship matching will mean that the program will diminish in quality as only the wealthy can choose to accept positions here.



Further tuition hikes are simply unacceptable. Tuition is at this time (and has been for some time) an unconscionable amount - especially relative to the research and funding support provided across the board for students in every discipline. Dismal would be a friendly term for the current situation compared to the quality of education and support of the 1980s and 90s. Having returned [...], I am appalled at the difference. UBC is a public institution; it is not a corporation. I and my family have paid a range of taxes [...] - taxes designed to support public education, among other social goods. We are happy to pay these, and more, provided they are returned to us, and our children, in the form of education, among other public services. In short, we have paid for tuition through taxation for decades. One of my research contracts[...]. Best governance for universities is minimal administration costs at all levels, with both public and arms-length (disinterested) private sector funds directed primarily to student and related facilities support. Regardless of institutional budget (I say this having worked in both academic and private sectors), the focus must be on a return to privileging student support. It happens that students support includes being mentored by good academic researchers. UBC is a wealthy institution. Let's put that wealth back where it belongs, in support of the people of this province, and country. It is long past time to draw the line and take a stand for the return of exceptional and readily affordable, public universities that serve the people of this province and country first and foremost.

I against the proposal. The tuition fee is increasing every year and it's already expensive.

I'm strongly against the proposal! The tuition is already really high for international students and has been raised last year already. It will be such a burden for the students...If the school wants to get more money, it should also give students more scholarships, otherwise it's not fair. If the increase of the tuition is used for the student service and stuff, why not at the same time decrease the price the residence fee and canceling the forced meal plans?

Noooooooooo!!!!

It has become apparent that there are no limits to tuition increases. No matter what students say you will always vote to increase tuition. the Inflation rate in Canada for 2016 is forecasted to end at 1.8% which is 0.2% lower than your proposed raise. In 2017 it is forecasted to close at 2.1% which still nets in UBC's favor over a two year period. Class sizes have not gone down, Education quality has not increased and services offered from the university have flat lined. If UBC became more efficient then maybe there would not be this need to cope with "inflationary pressures." It also might help if UBC could outline what "inflationary pressures" are. The breakdown does very little to shed light onto this subject.

The fees shouldn't be increased for international students. It's already so expensive and even increasing 2-3% . It'll make a lot more expensive

Don't increase tuition

I hate this I pay \$20,000 in fees to UBC already as a domestic student. Please do not raise the tuition it is already enough. If we need to be economic we should stop doing construction in every building.

Honestly, rising the cost of tuition once again is a huge burden on students. As a current student, I have to work 40 hours a week every week of the summer as well as part time during the school year in order to pay only SOME of my fees. Fortunately, my parents can afford to make up the difference. However, most students have to take out loans that are heavy burdens. Higher education is becoming accesible to only those who have a high socioeconomic standing, and this in turn limits the future.

Please don't increase the tuition fees.

<p>I think increasing tuition costs for domestic students will only further make University education more unaccessible to BC residents in an already heavily inflated economy. If you are going to increase tuition, it should be on the international student body, not the local one. We need education to be more acceptable to those of us in our own neighbourhoods. As [...], it is already very difficult to access post-secondary education with [...]. I hope you consider my views on this topic.</p>
<p>Please remove student fees for full time UBC employees wishing to attend UBC academic courses part time while they are working full time. We already [...] and contribute much to UBC as employees, and wish to enhance our job performance through higher education.</p> <p>thank you [...]</p>
<p>Unnecessary spendings. Stop building buildings and allocate more funds to academic services please.</p>
<p>I do not agree with increase</p>
<p>As an international student I think it is very expensive to afford if the tuition increases every year. I take [...].</p>
<p>UBC should not increase the tuition fees for continuing students by 2-3%</p>
<p>The increase seems reasonable however the information doesn't explain why current international students may face a larger increase than other categories?</p>
<p>The fee is too expensive. Dont add fee.</p>
<p>Our tuition has increased every year. Obviously nobody is pleased about that.</p>
<p>too much for international students, as we have already paid about 5 times more tuition than domestic students!!!!!!</p>
<p>As it is international student, the fees are already very exensive. Cost of living in Vancouver is also bery high. There are also very few scholarships available for international students, especially [...]</p>
<p>Considering we are paying for schooling of a "higher education" you would think we would have professors of the same caliber. The quality of teaching at this school is very poor. You can't understand a word that the engineering professors say and don't do examples in class. I was at [...] before coming here and I would do anything to go back. Where the professors could actually speak English. I don't see any positives to my schooling when I pay a higher tuition. You should be employing Canadian professors to support our local community instead of spending your money over seas. Also, ubco's whole "engineers have to teach engineering classes" is ridiculous. A mechanical engineer should not be teaching calculus. A person with a PHD IN MATH should teach math, as what is what they have studied they're whole career. A mechanical engineer uses it once in a while. [...] had people in their profession teaching their classes, PHD in Chem taught Chem etc. The teaching at this school is deeply disappointing.</p>
<p>Tution fee for international students ks already a lot, increasing it further would only put more burden on their families. It would further result in the student being more stressed and unstable. The University should realise that it is not easy for everyone to pay such huge sum of money, especially when the university does not even provide loans or bursaries to International student. Providing student loans to International students should really be considered.</p>
<p>Maintaining the previously set standards requires the university to tackle the issue of increasing costs. Thereby, I back the proposal to increase the fee by 2%. My suggestion, would be a differential percentage increase based on the</p>

present overall cost. For an international student, increase in 2% would not seem lot in courses like [...], however in courses like [...] which might be a burden to them.

The cited reason for tuition increases is "due to inflationary pressures". I reviewed the Bank of Canada's inflation statistics calculator over the last fiscal year, and have determined that the increases asked for in the budget are nearly double those required to compensate for nominal inflation. Further, you have stated that you are attempting to pursue other sources of revenue and are attempting to reduce costs. Depending upon how successful you are in these endeavors, this should at least partially compensate for inflation over the fiscal year.

Either way, your methods (a 2% increase in tuition, etc) are not justified by your objective (compensating for nominal inflation). I recommend reducing the increases to 1.1%, which is in line with the Bank of Canada's calculation of inflation over the last fiscal year, cited here:

<http://www.bankofcanada.ca/rates/related/inflation-calculator/>

The only way I see that my analysis would be flawed is if the inflationary pressures are harder on UBC than the national average. If the University wants to take more of our money, it had better well provide some evidence for this.

As a [...] international student, UBC's tuition costs are already far far below what I would have to pay in my home country, for which I am grateful. That said, Vancouver is by far the most unaffordable place I have ever lived. I have to commute nearly an hour to campus to find accommodation that even approaches a price that I can manage, and even the place I ended up renting stretches my budget to the max. I had to take out student loans and TA multiple courses at once to stay afloat, and am now buried underneath insane interest rates and debt. So the point of this diatribe is to communicate to UBC that I believe the single biggest financial issue to face students has nothing to do with tuition costs, and everything to do with the cost of living in Vancouver. Particularly for grad students (I am a [...]), many of whom have families to support and/or receive no assistance from their parents, affording to attend UBC is a humongous financial struggle. I firmly believe the single best thing the university could do for it's students is to create more affordable on- or near-campus housing for students, and/or provide more financial assistance for students to subsidize their housing costs. Something like a cost of living stipend for which students with demonstrated financial need could apply? Some kind of regulation that requires new developments on UBC-endowed lands to offer at least a certain percentage of price-controlled units available for rental to students? I'm sure an economics or business student could come up with much more salient proposals than these, but I'm just trying to throw out some ideas. So in sum, a 2% increase in my tuition is orders of magnitude less of a financial concern to me than the prospect of trying to live as a grad student in a city completely hijacked by millionaires and billionaires. Please help your students afford this insane city, so they may continue to attend and thrive at what is otherwise an excellent university.

International students now have much more pressure on tuition fee and the tuition increases a lot in recent years. Students have to pay more attention on school life and study but not money.

This is bullshit. Stop raising the price of education. UBC is supposed to be place of mind, not a greedy business.

Please dont increase fees. Its tough to pay the fees especially in this expensive city.

The high tuition fee for international students has put me and my family into high volume of financial pressure. I really think that there should be other sources of finance to cover the potential costs for UBC and such costs should not be added onto 2017-18 tuition fee or further tuition. I would like to urge the board and governors to decline the proposal of increasing tuition fee. A rise in tuition is really stressful to students.

Best regards,

No. Students are experiencing more financial hardships than anyone else at ubc and we already had a tuition increase this current year. Do you expect students to take out more loans so they can afford to go to school? Perhaps you should lobby the government and your private sponsors some more or better yet, have those on the board of governors take a pay cut. You want cash strapped students to pay more, you better show your commitment to the school.

This also shows poor ethics on the university since this consultation is supposed to be confidential yet I'm required to login and provide my name and email? I don't see any statements on this page assuring that ubc won't be using my consultation for other means besides this tuition business.

Tuition prices for graduate students are far too high. I can appreciate that the University must make money, but with the ever increasing cost of living in Vancouver and the lack of financial resources for graduate students it is impossible to stay out of dept. If tuition prices increase, then there needs to be increases in financial resources for graduate students. Funding from the Tri-agencies only approve approximately 10% of the funding applications. Additionally, UBC has reserved scholarships for only students who have hold a Tri-Agency scholarship. Also, individuals who received Tri-Agency funding usually get their tuition covered. So if you are in the 10% of the funded applicants then you have an abundance of support. However, for the majority of graduate students who do not receive Tri-agency funding, it is very difficult to pursue graduate studies from a financial perspective. The limited financial resources for incoming graduate students discourage students from pursuing research goals for purely financial reasons. The only way to cure diseases that plague many Canadians is through research. UBC should be encouraging students to pursue graduate studies by offering financial support and tuition breaks.

The tuition for this university is already way too high for the value it gives. It's ridiculous that you expect 18+ year olds to be in thousands of dollars of debt just so we can give back to society in a positive way, when there already are NO study spaces, not enough reserveable textbooks or not enough secondary support through TA's! Stop throwing away money on useless parties for drug addicted first years and make this university about learning like it should be. I would much rather have a lower tuition then fund the pathetic students union or the little effect they have on this campus. Or maybe if we didn't change food carriers every year? Stop making the students pay for your awful mistakes!

While UBC is undoubtedly a fantastic institution, I have a difficult time supporting further increases in tuition in the coming academic years. The tuition rates are very high as is, and raising them more makes it increasingly hard for me to return year after year to finish my degree. Add onto that the fact that some of the MANDATORY courses for my program have only one section with limited seating available and fill up within 5 minutes of registration opening, and I have to wonder if my tuition is being well allocated as is. Furthermore, the construction of the new housing units points to an expected increase in the number of students at UBC; why increase tuition while the volume of students is increasing? Shouldn't the higher number of students paying tuition lower the cost of tuition per student, since there are more of us paying the fees?

I am very happy with the education I am receiving here, but I am firmly against your proposal to increase tuition; there seem to be no reasons thus far that the administration has offered that convinces me that it is necessary.

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<p>We just raised tuition last year- unless the university is willing to disclose a detailed budget for all tuition money spending, this seems unnecessary and unfair to the student body.</p>
<p>Tuition should not be increased at the proposed rate as inflation for 2015 was only 1.61%. With the downturn in the economy and current lack of employment, tuition should be being reduced in order to encourage higher education for the Canadian work force. We are already being greatly over charged for the quality of education we are getting. I would only consider an increase in tuition reasonable when it matches the current rate of inflation and once the quality of education we are receiving is equally to the price we are already paying. University is about higher education and learning. Not padding people's pockets and useless spending on inefficient systems. If you are in need of funds, please refine and lean out your current spending rather than continuing your highway robbery of your students. If university is indeed a business rather than a place of higher learning then we should at least be getting a quality product for the price we are paying.</p>
<p>I would agree with most of the tuition increases that are being proposed for 2017/2018. However, there are several things that I would recommend.</p> <p>UBC gets a lot of money from government grants (the biggest single donor). These government grants actually come from the taxpayers, they just go through the government to UBC. Since the domestic students pay taxes, they are funding the university in two different ways, through tuition and taxes. Hopefully when these students graduate, they will become good hard workers that pay their taxes, and therefore also fund UBC through government grants. International students, on the other hand, generally don't stay in Canada to become hard workers after they graduate, and don't pay taxes when they are here either. So they contribute way less to UBC in some ways. Therefore, it would make more sense to raise the domestic students tuition by around 1-1.5%, and raise the international students tuition by 4-5%. Most of them will still come to UBC no matter how much it costs, so it won't impact the number of international students. I believe this would be a much better plan of how to raise the tuition in a fair, smart way.</p>
<p>No way!!!! It's too expensive already and had been raised last year!!!! UBC got more and more students, why increase fee? Already so much money give to school!!!! I against the proposal!!!!</p>
<p>I think it's a terrible idea. I would like to be able to afford an education and a degree. Tuition increases will NOT contribute to it. I would rather pay less and still get an education than have to pay more and not able to get one.</p>
<p>NO!!!!!!</p>
<p>Another increase in tuition is absolutely absurd, we are putting this generation's Canadian professionals at a severe disadvantage having such high student debt by the end of a 4 year degree. Increasing student fees are going to put Canada behind developing nations in every aspect. Tuition should be decreasing.</p>
<p>I find it ridiculous that costs of tuition are being increased instead of decreased. I hope this is not the route for future studies, as post-secondary education is already financially unattainable for high school students. I find that the costs of university is the biggest barrier in hopes of developing a strong education. This is extremely sad and should not be reflected on future generations. Education is the most important factor in developing our country, and inflating costs is not a step in the right direction.</p>
<p>I am okay with most of the adjustments, except to continuing students of any kind (domestic, international, undergraduate, graduate, etc). These students entered the university with given expectations of costs from the university, and it is unfair to place more of a burden on continuing students as they're carrying out their degrees as if</p>

places more of an unexpected financial strain and burden onto thousands and thousands of students and their families.
The tuition increase for the students does not seem necessary as it happened last year as well. Being a domestic student, I would hope this wouldn't affect me too much but for international students, it's seems like a large increase.
I absolutely do not approve of the proposed tuition increases. Students are already financially straining themselves to the limit for their education. I already make decisions to work more than I would like at the expense of my academic experience in order to feed myself.
I oppose all types of tuition hike. UBC has no problem spending billions of dollars on expensive infrastructure projects such as the Nest, the alumni centre and the new light pole decorations in front of it. This money could be better directed towards controlling tuition hikes and ensuring an affordable student experience. Furthermore, in light of the recent economic slowing in Canada, it is not fair to ask of students to pay more, especially since inflation rates have remained low. Some people can barely afford to attend UBC, and many others are struggling everyday to pay back their loans or work to save money, so please do not increase the tuition.
Don't increase it, we're already paying too much as it is.
I've almost been denied student aid for being too poor. If tuition keeps going up, I won't be able to study anymore. No matter how many awards you provide, they never seem to find their way to me. Please don't hike the tuition up that much.
Inflation is hitting students as well as universities. Should we bear the brunt of these costs? I cannot think of a year in which we weren't asked to pay more. Before we pay more again, I'd like to know whether the UBC execs have cut back on their take-home profits. I want to know HOW the University is participating in this inflation problem. Your students are not so thrilled to be here that they are okay with yet another tuition hike. Where will that money come from? We're already dependant upon loans and most are unable to work. It'll come from our budgets for healthy food, housing, medical expenses, necessary clothing, and transportation. I'd like to know if the executives and shareholders will have to move to inadequate housing to take on this burden, the way myself and my peers might. 2% isn't much, but when it happens every year, and when it's cumulative, it's one heck of a lot.
While I am aware of the pressures that cause a university to increase their financial stipends, it is still difficult to accommodate. As a [...] domestic student, it was a struggle for me to attend the University of British Columbia. Tuition prices have already been raised once since I completed an undergraduate application in the [...], and I recognized I would experience financial difficulties. Even a proposed increase of something as little as 2% worries me. If I am experiencing two tuition increases in less than a year, how many more will I experience while at UBC? It is very important to me to have a fulfilling UBC experience, but if the financial cost becomes too high, I will not have an experience at all. I took[...]; I am still not close to paying for my undergraduate education. The unfortunate reality of having student loans is a staggering burden. I would feel more comfortable with proposed tuition increases if I had an in depth breakdown of where exactly me fees are headed. Furthermore, I would like to know what specific pressures have caused a gradual tuition increase over time. If there is a way to assess the source of the problem, more affordable tuition might be a possibility for both domestic and international students. I hope to maintain a balance between an excellent education, and a reasonable financial input, and I sincerely wish that a comfortable compromise will be reached in regards to the needs of the university, and the needs of the student.

<p>Thank you for your time and consideration, [...]</p>
<p>It seems good and very clear. Go UBC..!!</p>
<p>This is absolutely unreasonable. Tuition fees cannot continue to increase.</p>
<p>a 2% to 3% increase for all continuing international students across all programs for the 2017/18 academic year.</p>
<p>I don't consider the existing dollar value generating adequate ROI. So, therefore I cannot in good conscience support any increase - particularly in the program I am enrolled. I would vote no. I overpaid for my masters, am not impressed and cannot support this.</p>
<p>I don't think there should be an increase in tuition as it is very expensive for students already, and not all of us have parents to pay for it.</p>
<p>I do not think that domestic students should be subjected to a 2% tuition increase because as a financially needy student, it will make my future of student loan repayment difficult. A 2% increase means an extra \$600 in a normal \$3,000 semester. I still have a [...] left at UBC. For the sake of students like myself, who wouldn't have been able to go to university without financial aid, I do not think we should pay a 2% increase in tuition for the 2017/18 year.</p>
<p>Increasing tuition by any amount rather than decreasing it will only further exacerbate our societal crisis of prevent lower and middle class people from accessing higher education and having social mobility! Please stop this madness! [...]</p>
<p>I support the university's proposal for the increase of tuition fees. I know this is an unpopular position among students but it is one that was bound to happen given the pull-back in funding the province has engaged in. I am sure the increase in tuition fees will, over time, result in a much better experience for students overall.</p>
<p>I got this email [...] so that means, in my time at ubc tuition had gone up [...] for domestic students!! It's becoming too expensive, I already cannot afford textbooks, choosing to buy secondhand. And I never take a full load simply because that's too much money in one semester Im taking longer to do my degree to save to money, but you keep upping the tuition, so even that's not going to help me out in the long run.</p>

As a student coming from [...], I have seen my parents struggle to even get me to a place where I can say I go to UBC. Coming from a [...], lacking many opportunities for scholarships and striving to still be the best I can, I know my struggle. To have these tuition increases every year is insanely frustrating and concerning. You do not know the things a student carries with them to this campus. You don't know the reasons why someone like myself takes transit for [...] rather than finding a place nearby, even if it means suffering some time in terms of studying or a social life. I go to UBC because it is the best academic university to me in all of B.C. I give as much as I can back to this beautiful campus, the wonderful people. But as a citizen of this school, with ever-increasing prices across the board in the lower mainland and a minimum wage that is just pitying for the prices of things like homes, I can't burden my family more to allow me to have an education I know even they have dreamt of. And this is not something only I would say, the international students that populate our campus and make it even more wonderful, you cannot even imagine the struggle. Imagine a family selling ancestral land because they think that their child deserves the education they somehow cannot provide at home, in a foreign land with astronomical costs. Please, just once, think of the financial burden you are placing. 2% adds up.

No way. This is really insane. Tuition fees are already high enough. Why do you want to increase it? It is really hard for international students such as me to live in Vancouver and paying tuition fees when not supported by the university funding. I am already paying almost 19000 dollars per year only as tuition fees. This is really ridiculous. Consider the difficulty we are going to encounter. How can you do this? :-/

Please do not increase my tuition anymore. Thanks.

The point is that inflationary pressures increase the cost. I guess that inflationary pressures affect also other aspects as rents, food, etc. Then, my idea is simple. If you are going to increase the fees I expect a proportional increase in our scholarships/salaries. Also, I saw that half of the money that UBC spend every year goes to Faculties' salaries. Maybe it's too much and a little reform about it would help to create a more sustainable university, being also more available to students and families but keeping the quality that made me, like many other students, choose this university to continue our studies.

Just my modest opinion. Thanks for give the opportunity to share it with you.

I do not think that raising the tuition fees will benefit the university because university costs are already so high, especially for international students. I do not agree with this.

This is a brilliant idea. Raising tuition every year by 2% helps the students a lot.  
Just kidding. Dumb idea.

My [...] international graduate students. While my tuition fees are not negligible, [...]. We have important debts that have pushed us to reconsider more than once whether we want to continue our studies or abandon. We probably keep studying by repeating the condorde fallacy (aka sunk costs fallacy). The suggested tuition increase is five times higher than the inflation rate in BC (alike previous tuition increase) and this mainly ensure that higher studies remain a privilege of the richest kids. I am against this tuition increase for both personal financial reason and ethical reason. I hope to see some moral in how you will adjust tuition fees in the coming years.

As a [...] a 2% tuition increase is a lot! I would say that it would be better to increase tuition for people whose tuition is below a specific amount per year because someone paying \$5000 a year will have a significantly lower increase compared to someone paying \$60000 a year.



Education should never cost more than 10,000. Why are you only going after international kids when it comes to tuition. Charge the domestic kids more, this is unfair.
Tuition's high enough already along with overpriced textbooks and overpriced housing. There needs to be a stop to these increases.
International students are already paying a lot, domestic fees should be raised.
Increases in expenses appear to be in line with inflation in operating expenses, however the increase in operating expenses is disproportionate to the annual inflation of Canada. (1.1% this year year, 1.4% last year, 2% two years ago). Tuition has been thus growing in expense in constant dollars for students over the last 3 years, and will likely next year as well, considering the current economic climate. Thus, it would be prudent to reduce operating cost growth to 1%, and reflect that change in the student tuition. Potentially more useful would be to cap operating cost growth at the inflation of minimum wage as most students are working at or near minimum wage. Government funding appears to be stagnate against inflation, implying that more governmental lobbying is required in order to increase the revenue from governmental sources.
As an international [...] student, I've had to bear the costs of increasing costs of tuition, and feel like an increase for continuing international students is not fair. Although many are officially international, many intend to stay in the country on a permanent basis, particularly those who are not here on sponsorships from their home country. The discrepancy in the cost of tuition between domestic students and international students for [...] students who have already reached candidacy is quite enormous. Considering the cost of living in Vancouver continues to increase, this increase in tuition will impact negatively against my ability to complete my degree on time without worrying about funding. I hope the committee will reconsider the cost, or perhaps consider increasing the international tuition waiver amount to reflect the increase in tuition, so those students who intend to remain in the country are not impacted. Thank you so much for providing a forum such as this to voice my concerns.
The increase in tuition for domestic and international students should be the same.
This is [...], PhD student [...]. I wish to express my opinion regarding the tuition increase for the 2017-2018 year. I understand that UBC might require more funding; however, increasing tuition in long-term will hold back students from following their education in UBC. Although 2-3% would not seem like a notable increase, in the long-run it will affect UBC's ability to attract talents from around the globe.
I think it is outrageous and SO disrespectful to students to increase the tuition fees again. AGAIN! To be honest, UBC is already a great University as it is. But with tuition and the cost of living in Vancouver, going to UBC is just prohibitive. We really really can't deal with one more raise. Please, I beg you, do not put this raise forward. Find another way. Sponsors, budget cuts, program cuts. The students will still be fine without many of the 'perks' that UBC offers and all the unnecessary student fees included. Plus, many of the students are NOT on campus. Many of us are at [...] and we don't really get any of the benefits we are paying for, since we don't go to campus. Why pay for something that we won't use? Seriously, I would consider lowering the tuition fees and costs for students that are not on the Point Grey campus. Thank you very much.
Comments dont matter, I think. 2% every year really hits students who are paying for their tuition. We work but our wages dont increase but every year ubc increases its tuition. Its upsetting

Thesis-based students only contribute to the university via doing research, research has grants so it can be conducted, they don't spend any thing from the university (don't take courses, don't need teaching support). What's the point hiking fee for them?

Moreover, do you think as a student we like tuition fee hike? I don't get the point of asking for feedbacks, you'll always get a big NO and you'll still gonna hike the fee anyway. What's the point?

Thanks

I would NOT recommend to increase the tuition fees, because the university can raise more fund and bring big projects from outside the country. You need to redesign your strategies toward outside sources like collaborations with big centres and institutes that can be a big credit for the educational base and financial prospective. Other needs to discuss like encourage the UBC students to be more competitive and more skilled to bring 1 billion dollar business.

As a [...] international student who is bearing the brunt of a [...] hike in international fees, I consider it unfair that not only will be be subject to another hike so soon after, but also that our increase is 2-3%, more than the 2% allocated for all other areas. It feels like you are unfairly targeting a portion of the student body that, while vast is also diverse in its financial needs. An extra 2-3% of 30k is substantial and unnecessary.

I would not like to see any tuition increases, unless there is sufficient funding and scholarship programs to support it. Is there anyway for UBC to look at other ways to increase its "revenue" perhaps by rerouting funding from other areas (new building projects, unnecessary and costly posters and advertising, disproportional incomes for administration executives). The higher tuition rises, the less education is available to a wide diversity of students who each bring a unique perspective to contemporary research problems. When you raise tuition, you are essentially saying that only the people with money deserve to have their voices heard, only people who can afford the tuition rates are worthy of an education. Increasingly, potential students who are already in marginalized situations don't even bother to consider an education because of the increasing cost of attending university. Raising the basic cost per class and over all fees will only further distance the university from the general population on which the life of the university depends.

I think international students pay already too much for there to be an even more increase in price. Don't get why we (continuing international students) would have the biggest increase in % in our tuitions, from 2% to 3% for the 2017/18 academic year, when an increase of 1% for us for example is much more than an increase of 1% for domestic students as our tuition is much higher, and besides we are the only ones who are considered should raise the tuition by 3%.

Tuition fee has already increased in last two years, and international students pay much more than native students. It is not fare to increased 2%.

Dear Sir/Madame,

I personally believe that an increase in tuition fees for international students is not the best decision that could be made in the university wanting to raise more funds. Especially courses where international fees are five times the amount of domestic students. I completely understand that international students do need to pay more fees and are often a major support financially to the university, however a constant increase that would go above five times the amount of domestic students would create a lot of dissatisfaction amongst international student.

This is already too expensive.

I can accept the tuition and fee but I wish the tuition and fee of international students can be lower.

No tuition increases!!!!!!!!!! Some of us don't have filthy rich parents that pay for everything...
There is no need for a tuition increase.
I do not believe that international tuition should be increased for continuing international students. It has already increased since 2015/16 and I think it is ridiculous to keep charging your students even more, especially when it's the students that are already paying 3x more than domestic students. I understand that there is pressure to increase fees, but I think it is completely unfair and ridiculous to increase the fees every year. University is already so much more expensive than it should be and considering that international students have to pay residence fees as well as book fees and other fees, raising tuition EVEN more after it has already been raised is not ok.
This tuition increase does not seem to be the result of inflation alone. The Bank of Canada forecasts a 1.1% inflation increase for the year of 2016 (here): <a href="http://www.bankofcanada.ca/rates/related/inflation-calculator/">http://www.bankofcanada.ca/rates/related/inflation-calculator/</a> I think folks would find it useful to know on what grounds you predict inflation will increase during the next fiscal year?
No thank you.
There should be no hike in tuition. It is expensive enough attending university.
Tuition raises every year should not be allowed. If a country or province wants an educated populous education has to be accessible for everyone. I am scraping by to pay already and I believe the university should not do this
The tuition proposal although reasonable should not be brought to use for so many reasons. The inflation doesn't mean international students' parents are earning more. Although some may be financially fine many will find the increase to be a burden. Many brilliant internationals as well as domestic students may have to seek alternative options. For the university, which is greatly represented by its students, and students, the proposal must be rejected.
Don't raise tuition costs please! Students are fine without new buildings! International students, especially, are already paying high tuition rates.
Don't increase tuition! It's expensive enough as it is.
Its ludicrous that Canada makes university students pay at all when its a requirement for every entry level position to start with. How about stop building 150 new buildings a year and let me go to class instead of skipping to make extra money.
As one of the international students, our tuition is already much much much much much much higher than the domestic students. However, it just keeps rising rising and rising. Another good news is we also live in Vancouver where has everything expensive, which means our financial burden just gets heavier. Well, the housing price of Vancouver now is lower than before but why is our international students' tuition cannot stop rising?
I do NOT agree with a 2% increase in tuition for all domestic students across all programs for the 2017/18 academic year. I AGREE with a 2% increase in tuition for new incoming international students in thesis-based graduate programs. I AGREE with a 2% to 3% increase for all continuing international students across all programs for the 2017/18 academic year. I do NOT AGREE with a 2% increase in non-instructional fees for all students.

I strongly oppose the 2% increase on tuition. I will list my reasons as follows; if whoever is recording these comments will decide not to read them, I've provided a short summary at the bottom.

1. Besides being a student, I am a TA. I remember the many years you kept our wages frozen, and the year you delayed negotiating a new deal for us; in the meanwhile, you increased tuition by 2% for domestic students and over 2% for international students. You quote "inflationary pressures" when wanting to take this 2% from us; you even call this increase "moderate". If 2% is so "moderate", why did you keep our salaries frozen for so long, and refused to give us over half of our demands? And, if inflation is affecting your expenses, can you imagine what it does to students on a fixed income, most of which have to pay rent in one of the most overpriced cities in the world?

2. I read your "proposal" page, as well as the student financial report. You provide no details whatsoever explaining where that income increase of over 2% will be allocated, beyond a few vague remarks. It's rather sad, to say the least, that you expect us to hand over an extra 2% to you, when you won't even take the time to elaborate on what you will do with the money. If your personnel is too busy to produce a document like that, there's thousands of struggling students who would love to work for you a few extra hours and produce a detailed financial proposal.

3. You talk about financial support for students in the previously mentioned document, yet you fail to mention the fact that your Ph.D. scholarships only last four years. The average Ph.D. completion time at UBC is over 6 years. That means that over 50% of your Ph.D. students will take longer than those 4 years, yet will only be funded for four years. To this day, I have never heard a word suggesting increasing funding periods for Ph.D. students from 4 to 5 or 6 years. In the meanwhile, you spent millions of dollars searching for a new president, hiring Dr. Gupta, granting him a lavish hiring package, refurbishing a luxurious mansion for him including HD flat screen TVs in every room, to have him quit after one year, and then spent more money on another search process and hiring package. You have failed to give details on what will be done with that 2%, but it sounds more likely go into salaries or extra perks for tenured professors or high-rank university officials, than directly to help students. I'd rather see you freeze the salaries of your top-paid tenured professors and administrative officials, and get your extra 2% from there.

Summary: I oppose the tuition increase proposal. You didn't provide details about what you will do with the money; you have historically refused to properly fund and/or pay your students, yet you've spent way too much money on expenses unrelated to your students' learning, or even the university itself (e.g. HD flat screen TVs in every room of the lavish mansion awarded to a president who stayed in the job for one year).

Even though I get the tuition fees are increasing due to inflationary pressures and everything, Personally, it doesn't feel right about both international and domestic students fees. Domestic students do pay much lower per 3 credits compared to international students. Isn't possible to keep the fees for international students the same as it is already much higher than domestic ones? Otherwise, things sound reasonable to me. Thank you!

This is ridiculous! You cannot keep raising fees every year if you wish for people to keep attending this school. I won't be surprised if you see attendance dropping very soon.

I would rather the international tuition increase a bit more and have the domestic students be spared the increase. Hopefully the university can pressure the provincial government increase funding to higher education.

Inflation rate in Canada is at an all time low. Domestic tuition and fees should match bank of Canada's inflation rate not a 2% year by year. 2015-16 inflation was at 1.1% . Although minor the difference is huge when done on a long term basis. Due to the compounding nature of this policy. UBC should focus on making domestic students education as affordable as possible. It is not fair to impose these changes as UBC has close to a monopoly on high quality post secondary education in BC. As a concerned student I would like to be contacted with how UBC addresses this issue.

<p>We are already struggling a lot to pay the tuition for this years rate. Increasing the tuition costs will affect me and my family terribly. Please dont do that</p>
<p>This proposed tuition consultation is unnecessary. This previous year there was an increase in tuition, and many of the students on campus cannot afford the increases. What may seem like a small increase, can put so much financial strain on families, and students. We are already paying a substantial amount for tuition, and at UBCO we also have to pay for so much more that is not included in our tuition. For example, the school does not provide free parking, or a free gym for students. Many other universities offer those amenities as free, and there are too many additional costs for students already. We do not need or want an increase in tuition.</p>
<p>I do not support any fee increases at all. Tuition is already far too expensive for many students - especially international - and generally speaking, the quality of services does not increase in proportion to increases of fees for those services. Most often there is no discernible change in services at all.</p>
<p>I do not think it is right for fees to increase for those who have already started their degrees. It is also unclear as to whether this will increase the tuition or student fees.</p>
<p>It's already extremely high and it was a really tough decision to come here due to the high costs which are like \$20000+ for winter session for food, housing and tuition so increasing it further will push students away</p>
<p>The fees will be increased regardless of the feedback so not sure why we do this every year. It is very sad that the increment for international students is always higher than domestic students although international students already pay significantly higher fees than domestic students. I am an international student from a [...] and I think it is so unfair that we ([...]) are lumped together with other affluent foreign students and have to pay the same higher tuition. Also domestic PhD students are eligible after their 3rd year to pay continuing fees (less than half of their already lower regular fees) but international PhD students are not eligible for this and are supposed to be paying the same fees. I think this is very unfair.</p>
<p>Every year around this time, this e-mail comes around saying 'tuition needs to increase because of inflation.' This has been happening for as long as I've been at UBC; [...]. Over that same period in Vancouver, the cost of living has skyrocketed. So, I add this 8% in tuition over the last 4 years to my big 'ol pile of debt. Then I graduate into a job market where middle-class wages have stagnated or are in decline, so more of my meager income will need to be directed to service my debt that has been enlarged by a decade of tuition increases.</p> <p>As I finish my PhD, I often wonder why I've spent so much time and money educating myself. I feel like our generation has been sold this fallacy - educating yourself will expand your opportunities! Yet, all I hear from friends who have recently graduated ([...], I might add), is that their highly skilled background doesn't put them any further ahead of their peers who have worked in place of continuing their education</p> <p>I will graduate at [...]. I will likely have to service this debt [...], I will be able to start saving for a home. Maybe when I'm dead I can actually afford one.</p>
<p>If the tuition is going to increase, so should the scholarships and bursaries available to UBC students. The number and amount of the scholarships and bursaries available are insufficient.</p>

<p>UBC is becoming a more and more elitist university. It does not appear that the university has any regard for its students but is rather more concerned with how deep their wallets are. Tuition increases have happened every year for domestic students since I started at UBC [...]. I struggle more and more each year to find enough funding for my schooling and, because of this, my grades have suffered because of having to work and I have missed out on many of the extras that UBC has to offer and often uses to justify it's high tuition costs because I've had to work. Excepting bursaries, which are only available to students who are taking on more debt, UBC provides barely any help to domestic students, and even less if you happen to be from BC. Public post-secondary institutions should be a right, not a privilege for the rich. If I've learned anything in my [...] at UBC, it's that this university does not care at all about its students, just their wallets. These consistent tuition hikes, fee hikes, residence cost hikes prove that.</p>
<p>I do not support the proposal of tuition fee increase. I do not see any reason that we should increase the fee. And the university should keep students notified of its budget every year. And they can know the reason why.</p>
<p>Looks good to me. As a domestic student, 2% seems like a reasonable increase. The reporting in this document helped to contextualize how this fits into the overall budget.</p>
<p>I do not feel that the tuition increase is justified for international students already at UBC. In our initial admissions packets, an average tuition cost was provided so students know what to expect to pay. Raising tuition fees midway through their degree would be unfair and cause economical distress for students.</p>
<p>I think it's important to realize the true purpose of a university. The reason why people come to a university leaving their lives on hold for four years is to gain education. By this constant fee increase UBC is losing its edge over the competition. Students who are more than capable of coming to university will choose not to come based on financial stress. Unless you want selectively to have students whose exchange rate is more favorable the financial burden we are under as international students from a [...] is a lot. I hope you understand that we need the fees not to change as the stress on our parents is just unbelievable and we can't afford to continue adding to this pressure.</p>
<p>Basically the tuition rise is to help cover the salaries and wage agreements that were negotiated this past year for university employees. As an employee who only received a minimal increase while faculty received substantially more, I'm reluctant to help fund their wage increase. I'm also a [...] that calls for an extremely high tuition for which I've received no scholarships or tuition help besides the low staff tuition waiver. I believe that the tuition rate for international students should be much higher and apply to both undergraduate and graduate studies. I am against a tuition increase especially for domestic students.</p>
<p>Stop increasing tuition. I need to save money.</p>
<p>Absolutely not. I can barely afford to be here as is.</p>
<p>Stop raising the tuition we can barely afford to go here as is</p>
<p>Tuition is expensive enough as it is so please don't increase fees, thanks.</p>
<p>I disagree entirely with this proposal because although the money may be used appropriately and contrcutingly, it is becoming increasingly hard for families with and unemployed parent like me to maintain a college education.</p>
<p>no.</p>
<p>No more increase on the tuition fee please!!!!!!!!!!!!</p>

<p>It should be kept in mind the pressure of inflation falls on the students as well. Raising tuition will put even more pressure on students. If fees is not raised the university and students can share the burden together. And 2% raise is almost the total the meal cost for an academic year. Just saying, everyone's on a really tight budget.</p>
<p>An increase in tuition would begin to take a serious hardship on my finances. Having saved enough for tuition as it is now, an increase would cause problems with my finances.</p>
<p>NO, I am not in favor of the increase of tuition fees.</p>
<p>Do not increase tuition. Even with bachelors, its hard enough to find jobs, the cost of education should be equivilant to the prospect of getting a job the degree offers.</p>
<p>Absolutely unnecessary- inflation or no, there is no reason for yet another 2% increase in tuition.</p>
<p>Why the continuing international students fee have a higher increasing rate than any other type of students?</p>
<p>I support the tuition increases for international undergraduate students, but do not think they should be raised for domestic students or for international graduate students. I do not support the increase in non-instructional fees</p>
<p>I understand the need for tutition increases, however as a student it is difficult enough as it is to afford the cost of tuition. The desire to focus on studies, get volunteer experience and be part of the UBC community makes the cost of tuition increasing as a dark cloud hanging over our heads.</p>
<p>Very disappointed in the continuing and substantial increases in fees. The university is positioning itself increasingly as a business venture aiming for profit. It's especially galling to be paying the high fees and experiencing inconsistent standards of teaching across different courses. I have attended and worked at several different universities and the quality of instruction at UBC is not stellar.</p>
<p>This would be perfectly fine if UBC offered to increase our pay. An increase in tuition with stagnant paycheques and no visible increase in benefit to grad students is not acceptable.</p>
<p>Absolutely against any tuition increase. UBC spends alot of money on frivelous things just to fulfill their budget spending requirement.</p>
<p>I do not support further tuition increases. UBC does not need to continue to generate more money from students, but instead needs to look at how to mobilize the funds already in its possession and in consultation with government in order to revive education as public good.</p>
<p>The rate of inflation is well under your proposed tuition increase. You are claiming that the increase (among seeking other sources of revenue) is to account for inflation. How is it that you're asking students to more than pay for the increase in tuition while claiming that student fees are just one of the many ways you're paying for the increase.This is incredibly disingenuous and I would like to know whose pockets this increase is filling. This university proves year after year that they don't care whatsoever for education. If you can show me otherwise, I would very much like to see it.</p> <p>Sincerely, A very disillusioned student</p>
<p>Tution is already to expensive. Surely something can be done to subsidize it for local students. There seems to be endless money to go around for new buildings and new ubc vehicles.</p>

Don't increase tuition. No one can afford university as it is. Stop bleeding us dry for our access to education.
Increase allocation for education specially for universities in National Budget rather than increasing tuition which create pressure on students
I strongly disagree with the proposal. As a PhD student I contentiously encounter higher living expenses in Vancouver while being forced to pay higher tuition fees each year!
University tuition fees are already far too high. The proposed increase in fees will reduce accessibility to higher education for all prospective university students, particularly for those from lower income backgrounds. Additionally, this proposed increase will lead to a further "squeeze" on the budgets of current students at UBC. Instead of increasing fees further, the university should find ways to reduce waste and spend money more effectively.
I don't think they should increase for the students already enrolled because being an international student it's already very expensive for us so may be for the incoming students you should increase the fee not for us
Education should be a right, not a business. The cost of tuition at UBC is already high in comparison to similarly sized universities.
Have you seen the tuition for [...] students? Have you compared this from two years ago comparing the now, [...]. \$40k more in tuition is a lot, when the wage doesn't increase in the workplace due to this new education. No matter the benefit of the 2% increase has on the university, the \$40k in tuition that you have increased for my program should more than make up for that 2% that you want to increase. I pay too much, and I don't get anything back with regards to a greater percentage return in my wages. I suggest finding your money somewhere else in the budget!
I am against it. I already pay enough to attend university, and can barely afford it with a minimum wage job. Also, can paying the student union health and dental insurance plan become optional, because it is cheaper for me to visit the dentist twice a year and pay full price than it is to pay for the insurance, because the iHaveAPlan only cover about 10% of the fees for a routine dental check up. It is the worst insurance plan I have ever been forced into, and it is utterly ridiculous that it is near impossible to opt out of if you are covered by a different insurance plan, and I can only assume it is impossible if you aren't covered by anything. Sorry for ranting, I just really hate how the insurance is mandatory.
UBC has consistently increased fees every year of my program. Working people in Vancouver are already facing a much higher cost of living than other areas of Canada, the additional burden of extortionate living costs as well as further increase in tuition make UBC a much less attractive university and I would consider transferring my program to another province if this is passed.
Outrageous, free prices now!
hhh
It is bad. I was terrified upon receiving this mail. Please do not increase the tuition fees for continuing international students. This will increase the burden on my parents who are currently working very hard back in [...] just to fund my education.



<p>I hope you take this in to serious consideration. Thank you.</p>
<p>Due to the high cost of living in this city, I oppose any further tuition increases at this time. Thanks, [...]</p>
<p>The tuition fee has never stopped rising. I strongly feel that the University is making International students pay more than needed for the school tuition.</p>
<p>The tuition should not be increased, sine it is already quite high.</p>
<p>Please don't increase the tuition! If you do you have to increase the scholarship. It is already too much for us.</p>
<p>Raise the fees for international students as they consider options across the globe. Domestic students are students who actively contribute to the domestic economy prior to attending UBC, while they are attending UBC and most often after they graduate from UBC. I would expect this Canadian university to look for ways to encourage and keep their domestic students at UBC and I even suggest you go further to reduce financial and other barriers to increase your First Nations student population. Increasing fees to the domestic population will only serve to further marginalize First Nations students.</p>
<p>I do not agree with any of the proposed increase in tuition. The University should partner with the provincial and federal government for more investment, as opposed to asking students to make up for inflation by increasing tuition fees.</p>
<p>I disapprove of the tuition increase as international students have been paying six to ten times of tuition. When increased, the new tuition fees may be a difficulty for new AND continuing international students (sure, the higher class can afford it just fine but the same cannot be said for the middle to lower class).</p>
<p>I am strongly against the increase on tuitions. I am currently a [...] student as an international student. I appreciate that UBC gave me [...] to cover my tuitions and fees, and part of my living expenses. However, the average time of graduation from the [...] ! This year is my [...] year, I am covered by fellowship anymore. Besides, because I am an international student and the decrease in research fundings over Canada, it is very difficult for me and many students like me to apply for extra fundings. I have to do many things not directly related with my thesis to make money to pay for the tuitions and fees, and survive. Now the tuitions are keep increasing; I cannot imagine how can we international [...] students make a living in Vancouver. I strongly recommend the fellowship be extended to the end of graduation, and more funding opportunities provided to international PhD students; otherwise it is not good to increase the tuitions.</p>
<p>Given that many international graduate students are not eligible to apply for significant sources of funding to support (e.g. CIHR, NSERC) I feel that a continual increase in fees will create a wealth divide in the graduate student population, with only wealthy international graduate students being able to pay increased tuition fees in the absence of significant governmental funding awards over a 4-5 year PhD program. Moreover, simply increasing fees to accommodate increases in operational expense shows a lack of creativity in terms</p>

<p>of raising funds. More effort should be made in developing industry partnership and investment, as currently less than 3% of the total operational fund is contributed by this sector.</p>
<p>It's absolutely outrageous that fees should increase further. I'm an international student and I went to UBC on the understanding that I'd have my tuition covered for by the university by [...]. I was negatively surprised to discover I was still expected to pay ~900 dollars of student fees, twice every year, which is more than three times what I would have paid [...] if I stayed back home. If UBC wants to attract international grad students to maintain its prestigious status as a research institution, it should aim at *drastically reducing* tuition, not raising it further.</p>
<p>I am extremely frustrated by the continually rising costs of attending school at UBC. As a current [...] student, I am already paying over 17 000 dollars a year for tuition, in addition to expenses involving housing, food, textbooks, and school equipment, to name a few. In light of this, I have been forced to seek financial assistance from the government as well as UBC itself, but I find my intense schedule leaves me little time to research and apply for scholarships. If UBC is planning on raising its tuition AGAIN, I would hope that the institution has some plan as to how they're going to support the students already facing financial burdens.</p>
<p>Tuition need not be raised when students are struggling to make ends meet as it is.</p>
<p>In no way is the tuition hike acceptable. My department, [...], isn't going to see any appreciable funding increase. It's funding will likely decrease. So why should I have to pay higher tuition, which is only going to be spent on non-academic programs like the business school or some new concrete building that my department will never be allowed to use?</p>
<p>I don't agree with the proposed tuition raises.</p>
<p>Your email asks for feedback via a "confidential online form" that then asks me to log in with my CWL and requires my name and email? Makes sense... Well - I don't even care. It's not a surprise. I am surprised however that you even take the time to ask for consultation on tuition increases. Have you ever NOT increased tuition as a result? Ironically, my email program flagged this message as junk mail. How appropriate. So to answer your original question: No. I'm not thrilled to see tuition increased.</p>
<p>I believe there should not be a tuition increase, especially for graduate students.</p>
<p>I would like to see tuition not increase this year, as the rising costs of education force students to make tough decisions between how they can allocate funds.</p>
<p>Until UBC divests from carbon-producing stocks contributing to climate change, I resolutely stand against increasing student tuition and/or student fees. If you are going to charge the student body more money, do them the honour of listening to where they want their money to go to. The fiscally, environmentally and morally responsible choice is clearly divestment and for the university to choose anything else is something I am ashamed of as a current student, alumni, and staff member. When UBC fully divests from carbon-producing stock, I believe tuition increases would be met with far more understanding.</p>
<p>There should be a freeze on tuition increases for international students, because they are already far too high.</p>

I am opposed to this tuition increase because tuition prices increase for students each year to account for, as stated in the email, "inflationary pressures." Our incomes and wages do not have this increase. It is increasingly difficult for students to find summer jobs that pay us a decent living wage, let alone a living wage with room to save for upcoming and ever increasing tuition fees. We are forced to take out loans, which then charge us interest, which are increasingly difficult to pay off because again, our wages do not nearly account for the inflationary pressures the university accounts for. I do not support this tuition increase because the university accounts for increasing expenses at a rate much higher than these expenses actually increase.

fees continue to increase without any improvements to the actual education provided. class sizes are larger than ever, students are unprepared for jobs and careers. the university continuously sends the message to students that we are only as valued as the money we are willing to spend. as a business, the university has not given us our money's worth in terms of preparation for adult living and work. this is a disservice. tuition should not increase, inflation or no, because the quality of services provided is antiquated and poor.

Can students be given more information on the cost savings plan implemented at UBC?  
How much of the budget / operating resources is spent on construction and development?  
The main issue is as a new student entering a program, I wish there was more information available UPFRONT about the projection of tuition fees (and their increase) for the duration of the program. Students mid-program almost have no choice, where as knowing about potential changes up front might help someone's choice when they embark on a degree.

Please do not increase our tuition. Even small increases have a large effect on students. Vancouver is an extremely expensive city to live in, and with the current housing crisis, it is becoming harder and harder to live in safe conditions on a student budget.  
Additionally, I feel that this increase is a big money-grab for a university that already is generating more income from other sources. I am saddened to see university land being 'leased' for market housing. This is the university's ENDOWMENT and it is being misused. Leasing it for non-university housing provides short-term income but then the land cannot be used for actual university purposes.  
UBC is making a killing off the South Campus neighborhood and more money will come in when the market-rental apartment building is completed near the bus loop. Use this money to make up for inflation and other purposes, instead of taking more from those who have so little to spare.

I'm fine with raising tuition, however, the amount of funding should also increase for graduate students at the same rate.

I suppose the university should maintain the same tuition for continuing students and raise the tuition only for the new incoming students. The university should not be an organization like coporation. And I agree on the increasing on non-instructional fee for all students to assist the officials work better.

I believe you need to grandfather this increase in. Raising the tuition every year is absurd. When students agree to come here their tuition should stay the same for the duration of their degree. Raising it on them creates unnecessary financial pressure. So many students work to afford this degree. Unless you can give a NECESSARY reason for this change to occur then do not add the stress to students.

I think this is unnecessary. Most of the students don't have income and if they do, it is only their pocket money. UBC has been increasing the tuition fee in the past few years to the max, which is 2%. Maybe increase the tuition fee for the international students or increase the tuition fee every few years. This is just ridiculous! Everything on UBC campus is so pricy. The food is so terribly expensive, salty or contains excessive amounts of fat. This is not healthy for students who spend a lot of time sitting and studying. The parking is very expensive and the busses are always full since UBC keeps taking in students without considering the word "capacity" and now they want to increase the fee to be able to afford to provide housing, food, etc. to those students. UBC wants us to give feedback every time they increase the tuition and I don't think any student is happy to pay more for their tuition since many of us are on student loans and have to give it back to the BC government. But I doubt that UBC even cares about our feedback. So why bother writing in the comment section every time!

Any increase in tuition will make it more difficult for new students to access higher education, and for continuing students to complete their current programs. All students will likely find it more difficult with a tuition increase, to prioritize academics over working to cover academic and personal costs, especially in the local climate of soaring housing and other necessity costs in Vancouver. Raising tuition will increase this tension between academics and covering costs, and significantly impact the ability of students to be as successful as possible in their chosen programs and beyond.

Why is there a 2% increase in all values, except for continuing international students across all programs for the 2017/18 academic year for which it will be between 2% to 3%. Just seems awkward that that's the only different value.

No, don't increase tuition. It's hard enough for students to afford schooling as-is, and the increase would drive students to have to reduce course load to work more, or burn themselves out working more. It's unfair to the students when the university is already making so much money, and the cost of living is so high.

I am disappointed to see yet another tuition fee increase for University students in BC. I feel that the university should be researching other methods of offsetting costs that is not putting the financial pressure back on students. If the goal of the university is to create a better society and better prepare the students for being positive and contributing members of society, then the method is not to put those students under increased financial hardship. Many students are already struggling to meet ends meet in this province, and this will only set them back further. Many of those choosing to be to post-secondary school are also working to pay for their schooling in addition to the increased cost of living; and ultimately, many of these students are faced with high levels of debt that will continue to set them back in life for many more years to come. The University should be taking more responsibility for the overall well being of its students. Whether that comes from increased pressure on the provincial government to increase funding, or better practices in place for donations from high-earning alumni I am not sure, but there must be a better option than to financially punish the students.

Tuition should not be increased at all. I understand that inflation happens, and there are greater costs incurred for the university each year. As a [...] graduate student, my compensation does not change on a year-to-year basis to offset inflation. I have to make the same level of funding work by cutting expenses. This tuition increase proposed is an expense of mine that will go up, leaving me with less money. This means I will have less money for necessities like food.

I strongly suggest that instead of increasing tuition for all students, the university take a good look at how they are spending money on campus. For example, we absolutely do not need to have live music for the first week of classes every year. If I, as a graduate student, have to make adjustments to deal with rising costs by cutting expenses, there is

no reason to think that a university shouldn't have to do the same. Consider the people that are affected by this tuition increase instead of just thinking of what you can do with the money.

We just received an increase to tuition for the 2016/2017 year so it is ridiculous to think that it should be increased again so soon. I understand that inflation increases costs for the university, but keep in mind students working wages are not matching the inflation; thus leaving students taking out more and more student loans and putting themselves further into debt. Students are also already contributing to a new and improved library that many of us may not experience by the time we graduate.

It is more reasonable to distinguish different graduate programs when proposing the tuition increase, since we are not benefiting to the same extent. Or please show the opposite is true.

While I have not started school yet and cannot make more than generic comments on the culture or financial dealings of the school, I must say I am impressed that the school actually asks for input from the students. I notice that the school is very large, and as such must have a very large budget. It appears to me from the graphs shown that funds are properly allocated. I would like to commend the school for allocating so much funding to teachers. In comparison, [...], where I received my undergrad, only pay their teachers wages equivalent to those of high school teachers. So, keep up the good work.

Agree with the increase in tuition

My comments are mostly directed towards the tuition increase below.

Hello, Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the tuition raises. I have reviewed the proposal and I understand UBC's need to keep up with inflation and other rising costs. However, as a PhD candidate in [...], I would argue that TA and RA pay should also increase, as graduate students must pay either fully or partially, out of their own wages for tuition. We usually cannot fall back on parents or family and often must take out loans. In addition, I would suggest increasing the dollar amount of awards by the same percentage, in order to cover the tuition increases. Please let me know if you need any clarification or elaboration on these comments.

I vote for a 2% increase in non-instructional fees for all students

Okay, I am fine with the tuition increase. But then if everything is increasing every year then why is Research assistantships, Teaching assistantships, and the Markers pay the same? The salary for PhD. students should also increase appropriately each year.

I am against all of these proposed tuition increases.

I guess it's alright. Inflation is a given.

Obviously, as an international student I wouldn't like a tuition increase. But inflation happens and we have to deal with it. If you have to increase tuition for higher quality education, I guess we should do it.

<p>Dear UBC,</p> <p>Every year, you ask our comments for the same issue and we provide our views. It seems like nothing changes. I think increasing tuition fees to existing student IS ONLY FAIR IF student salaries also increase... It is unfair to ask students to pay more, when their income is not changing.</p> <p>Thank you for considering this.</p>
<p>Tuition fees should not be increased. They should be decreased, and additionally, bursaries should be increased to support the ability to live well and reduce debt while attending school. The funds to do this should come from downsizing administrative costs, which have increased exponentially faster than educational costs have over the past decades. Furthermore, the sports fee should not be charged to students who are not in the sports program as it does not even provide students with access to the sporting facilities. Sports students should have to fund their own extracurriculars just like everyone else. Fine arts students aren't provided with cameras and canvases out of the fees of other students, though that would even be arguably appropriate as those students are attending this institution to get an education in fine art. Are athletes receiving degrees in basketball? Why should my student fees subsidize services and facilities from which I do not benefit and which are not open to me? It's frankly unethical.</p>
<p>The university should try to secure additional funding elsewhere. The student body is already stressed by living costs in Vancouver, salaries are not increasing to match the rising cost of living and inflation. An additional 2% increase across the board is extremely difficult for those paying tuition.</p>
<p>I totally disagree with this increase in tuition. I am seeing lots of domestic and international students suffering from extremely low income as a graduate student (which hardly ever changes), while tuition and housing fees are increasing every year! If there is an increase in the tuition fee, there should be an increase in the graduate student funding, as well.</p>
<p>I don't think tuitions should increase for international students because they already pay the most tuitions. In my opinion this rule should be directed to domestic students</p>
<p>no, I do not like the increase. unnecessary</p>
<p>Increasing fees for international students would adversely affect the diversity of UBC. Please avoid doing so.</p>
<p>Yet another increase in tuition without any benefits to students. Stop pandering to rich international students and provide some benefits to students who need affordable housing and better university services.</p>
<p>Reasonable to me.</p>
<p>No tuition hikes please. 2-3% every year adds up.</p>
<p>It would be good to see which campus, if either, is more in need and/or would benefit more from a hike in tuition fees.</p>
<p>2% fee increase fine for domestic students – financially prohibitive aspects of UBC-V are mostly related to housing and general cost of living. Part of this has to do with housing supply and cost on campus, which is also prohibitively expensive.</p>

<p>I disagree with increasing tuition for continuing international students as they are already paying an extreme amount to attend this school. If it is not increasing for all continuing students, it should not increase for just them. Also, as like with Ontario universities, automatic entrance scholarships based on high school grades seems completely reasonable, considering how much money UBC has.</p> <p>With an increase in tuition should come more financial aid and scholarships. UBC lacks that compared to other universities.</p> <p>I do agree that increasing tuition per year is required and helps with improving our school, which is great.</p>
<p>No increase for non instructional fees. I already live too far to enjoy the facilities I pay for! UBC is the worst school I have attended or visited in terms of social culture and livability/affordability. I know you cannot control housing prices, but students shouldn't have to pay for things they cannot use!</p>
<p>Rather than creating an increase in costs across the board, limit the increase to international students and make it larger..</p>
<p>Terrible idea. Tuition increase is not necessary and I believe it will only cause further financial troubles and hardships for UBC students.</p>
<p>PLEASE, DON'T!</p>
<p>I understand why there needs to be a slight increase in tuition year after year to compensate for inflation. However, this usually implies money students are receiving from employment or bursaries/scholarships is also increasing by the same amount. Which it is not. Scholarships are becoming increasingly sparse and more difficult for graduate students to get and I, as a graduate student, am seeing no increase in the income I am receiving. So if you require us to continuously empty our pockets to get an education, it should be balanced by what we are receiving instead of decreasing our quality of life.</p>
<p>As a student who pays for all their expensive by myself, It is already difficult making my rent, food, and tuition payments, and an increase will only add to the stress we, students, already feel.</p>
<p>Wrong decision as UBC attract students due to its reputation along with its relatively cheap fees. Increasing the fees continuously will negatively affect the number of enrolled students every year.</p>
<p>I think the increase of the tuitions is not necessary and that students are paying too much, specially international studies, who need to pay 3 times more than local students and the tuition keeps increasing</p>
<p>Sure, go ahead, seems reasonable</p>
<p>I believe that the tuition costs should not be increasing by the same amount every year because the costs of running the university do not increase by the same amount every year. Students pay enough money as it is and it's becoming less and less affordable, putting them in greater debt.</p>
<p>Dont raise the tutition, its already expensive!</p>
<p>Tuition increase by 1% every year is enough, if you are going to increase tuition by more than 1% every year, many students will expect an increase in both academic and university experience. There are many places that I have identified specifically at UBCO that WASTES hundreds of thousands of tuition dollars on concerts, create days, and the student unions "free" "swag". Before you increase tuition please consider looking at the budget again and</p>

<p>redistributing the funds that are being wasted by the school already instead of looking at taking MORE money from students.</p>
<p>I understand the need for tuition increases however is there anywhere I can inform myself of where the extra tuition money is going?</p>
<p>Agree with the proposal. Frankly I believe the inflation for international students should be further increased.</p>
<p>This is never affordable, I can barely afford it now. But, this question gets asked every year, and our feedback gets ignored every year, so screw it, I *eagerly* await learning my tuition is going up again next year.</p>
<p>Unfortunately, I don't agree. Tuition rises every year and eventually it gets out of hand.</p>
<p>No. every year like clockwork there's an increase.</p>
<p>It's hard to justify a continued tuition increase for any student. Student loans, without the increase, hardly cover the cost of basic living for the year.</p>
<p>Before this proposal goes through, I would like to see a presentation available online covering what this extra 2% will cover, and if this proposal were not to go through, what cuts will be necessary/ the cost of not increasing tuition. What is the impact? What are the effects? Inflation is not the only reason this is going up, and I would like to know what else a tuition increase will cover.</p>
<p>Could you reduce more costs and pursue other avenues of revenue? I'm taking out enough student loans as it is.</p>
<p>I think increasing tuition makes it very hard for students. 2% every year starts to add up and many of us don't work and those who do, don't get a raise large enough to cover the cost</p>
<p>2% increase on domestic students</p>
<p>Don't increase the tuition. I understand why you want to but you've done it every year and it is becoming difficult to keep going to UBCO. Other universities offer the same program for less money. The price of tuition has become beyond unaffordable.</p>
<p>Already expensive. Stop increasing it</p>
<p>Please do not raise the tuition fees for next year. University students already pay ridiculous amounts of money for our education and as a result live in borderline poverty for most of the year. Please consider the fact that the majority of students maintain a parttime or even full time job to afford the current tuition rates and this only increases the crippling pressure mid terms finals and assignments that we experience. If at all possible tuition and fees should be lowered to allow students to take full advantage of the amazing education UBC offers us.</p>
<p>Since I have been a student at UBC, I have seen a 2% increase in tuition every year. The given reason is to keep up with inflationary pressures, yet the CPI has never increased by that much. If the only given reason is inflation then the tuition increase should be reflective of the inflation rate, not a set increase of 2% per year. In a country where student debt is a crippling problem, an unwavering march upwards of tuition is infeasible.</p>



Please don't.
I dont think that there should be an increase.. we pay enough how it is. Its hard for a lot of us to pay for the tuition and i bet lots already have student loans. We are here to learn and make the world a better place but i dont think rasing the tuition is fair
doesn't bother me. 50\$ won't break the bank in any way.
Bullshit
Another year. Another increase to tuition. Justify it all you want, but this institution already makes ungodly amounts of money off forigen students, so another yearly increase is just pathetic at this point.
I say no to the tuition increase.
I do not support the increase in tuition. I am in my fourth year of study and tuition has increased every year since my enrollment. I do not believe this is necessary nor is the tuition going towards important funding.
I believe that tuition should remain the same for continuing students, given the fact that it could strongly affect their studies.
<p>UBC's prices are becoming prohibitive.</p> <p>It is attractive to propose a tuition increase that will ultimately benefit students and faculty, but I'd rather see a marked reduction of tuition and more even distribution of the wealth UBC accrues already. The real question seems not to be about tuition increases, but priorities. It seems there's more than enough money to go around. I won't be surprised if the increases are pushed through anyway.</p>
<p>As an off-campus [...] student, tuition increase do not make any sense to me.</p> <p>As many [...] students on their 2+ year, I do not attend any classes, nor I use any of the UBC facilities, services or get to admire the wonderful, over-expensive campus constantly under expansion.</p> <p>I really cannot foresee any benefit for graduate students out of this tuition increment, most of all for the many of us studying and working off-campus: we really just pay tuition to get a document at the end of our degree that confirms we attended such a wasteful, hypocrite and low quality institution.</p> <p>What are the advantages for[...] students? What benefit do we get from this increment? None! Not even a false and offensive totem to get a pic of.</p> <p>Beside, why are you guys asking our opinion about this? How many students do you expect to say "we'd love to pay more tuition". Most of all, are you even reading our comments or this is just a another way to show you pretend to care about students while all your focus is on making money?</p> <p>I am deeply disgusted by how little UBC is doing for its [...] programs. All its focus seems to be oriented to childish entertainment for undergrads instead of promoting a mature multicultural and interdisciplinary environment accessible to all students of all programs (meaning: enough of seminars and other activities during working time!).</p>

fine

Please don't increase tuition. It's already hard enough to afford to go to school here.

Tuition increase is a great burden a lot of international students cannot afford. Living expenses in Vancouver are large enough to force students into frugal living. Adding more to the tuition fees is a lot for self financed students. I believe that the university can better improve its financing without having the students pay for it.

I would like to mainly pinpoint the fact that student tuition fees should not be directed towards research or only by a small percentage. Research should be scientifically and industrially driven and thus should be supported with grants given from the province or from industries to further improve understanding in certain topics. It is in my opinion a bad practice to use student tuition fees in research as that would make for an undirected lazy research.

Please consider my plea and try not to increase tuition fees.

I am not pleased with the continual increase in tuition fees for any students because students should be not the ones who have to pay for the continual financial pressures UBC faces.

This has been an understanding for several years now that the university is working on ways to keep tuition costs down but that has never been a case. There has been only continual increase in tuition fees and has not solved the core issue on having students pay for financial stability for the university.

There needs to be more consultation for the students to be fully represented in this discussion, and consider alternatives to current practices UBC is operating under and project outcomes, tradeoffs, consequences for alternatives if the objective is to keep tuition cost down.

Overall, I am not in support of this decision-making because the Board and administration have not consulted the UBC students fully.

No more hike in tuition. I am [...] online program at UBC. Everything costs money and my wallet is already spread too thin across the board for everything. Raising tuition will create more stress, more illness and more anxiety to students who simply want to become better educated and to contribute to society in successful ways. If tuition becomes unaffordable for many, this scenario will not happen for most.

I approve of the 2017/2018 tuition fee increases of 2%, given that the core inflation rate is expected to be 2% for 2017 and will likely be similar for Q1 and Q2 of 2018.

no increase in tuition till at least next year. thank you

Hey,

I know that university needs this tuition fee to afford their expenses, but at least it can provide for student cheap houses on campus. Vancouver is a very expensive city.

I think UBC should increase

We pay high tuitions as it is!!! One of the highest in Canada;. the continual increases only makes our student debt and stress higher. Tuition continues to increase, Student Aid does not. As a [...] full time student, I cannot take on a full time job and go to school to complete my degree just to attempt to live a life while getting a secondary education.. We struggle daily to provide cost of living, take care of family, responsibilities and carry a course load, pass all exams. Far too many students including myself cannot afford to eat properly or pay our bills. Adding an extra 2 % on top of what we pay now, only makes a secondary education harder to achieve for far too many.

The tuition system sounds fair to me.

I think there should be no tuition increase for Canadian students. It is challenging enough to pay tuition as it is.

I feel there should be a significant increase - I suggest 15% - for international students. The majority of these students come from wealthy backgrounds. For those international students who do not have means, each case could be addressed on a case-by-case basis.

The tuition fees including the student fees and other charges are already high in UBC compared to the funds that the students receive as either GRA or TA compared to the other universities in Canada. In this situation, increasing the existing tuition fees will create extra burden on the students.

I feel that the tuition increase proposal is reasonable and UBC has explained the budget well. However, I think UBC should find ways to reduce international tuition fees, which are several times higher than domestic fees. To me and many other international students, this significant difference is not justified and well explained.

The tuition needs to be decreasing, not increasing. It is also a complete mockery, shame, and disservice that the university is able to change the tuition for continuing students. There should be a contractual clause that states the tuition you pay from your first year will be the same throughout all four years. I understand this is a difficult task but this is the most important and fair thing to achieve in terms of tuition as some students struggle as it is to pay for their first year and then are surprised to find that the tuition will continue to increase for the next four years. For financially burdened students, tuition increases are an impossibility to overcome because now students can never be certain how much money they are going to need to get them through four years of university. It's almost a scam to be lured in by the initial first year tuition and then have tuitions increase.

To start with, it's a slap in the face as a graduate student to be asked, yet again, to pay more to a university in exchange for a glorified library card, while we are the work horses of the research engine of the university. None of your fancy professors would be able to do what they get credited for without us.

It's even more insulting for you to propose a tuition increase that is higher than the annual inflation rate, especially since our stipends don't even get adjusted for inflation. The whole point of our stipends is that they are supposed to support us in our time here, and allow us to focus on our research without coming under financial hardship or needing to seek secondary employment. Despite this principle, they are already too low, given the high cost of living in Vancouver, and thus there are many graduate students living below the poverty line... and yet you would ask us to pay more out of our stipend to the university as "tuition". I don't even understand where my money is going. Graduate students take very few classes that are relatively resource-light in how they are offered, and we are generally finished with those by the end of our first years... so what, then, am I paying so much each year for? The university doesn't pay for the resources that I need for my research... my supervisor and their operating grants from the federal government do. The tuition fee increases that are imposed on us year after year are absolutely appalling.

The program I am in ([...]) has already had a massive tuition hike (nearly double) because of the switch [...]. Another increase is over the top.

I am opposed to a tuition hike.

tuition consultation

A 2% increase is a lot of people who do not have financial assistance with getting their education.

UBC should add more quota for international students to supplement their budget from international tuition fee. I compared at the pie charts of tuition paid by local & international students compared against their numbers. 20% of the total students are international bearing 43% of the total tuition revenue. Instead of burdening this 20%, please increase the quota for international students. A 2% increase can be as high as 120% increase in fee depending on the country a student comes from! It was \$623 per credit in 2007 and the cost now is \$1012 per credit in 2016! That's a 62% increase over 9 years. The Cost Price Index of education in BC has increased by 74% from 2002-2015. By that indicator, the tuition should be about 50% more than in 2007. UBC is already charging higher than CPI and I don't think either the quality or ranking went up by 62% from 2007!

I know for a fact, in [...]. So, I really can't see what UBC is going to do with that much money given that it couldn't provide the same level of opportunities and qualities across all departments.

Anyway I think it's better to increase quota especially for students from Europe and KSA where students are funded by their governments. Another way would be to make better investments. And last would be to have corporate sponsorships/donations by Department type where each sponsor gives money in exchange of brand recognition and no corporation can sponsor more than 2 years at a time. That will make sure the university doesn't become influenced by the particular sponsor.

The tuition fees are very high already and a further increase might mean that I have to reconsider if I can afford staying at UBC until the end of my degree...

The increase in tuition fees is too much. Overall when non-instructional fees are included, the increase is 5% and that is too much of a hike at once! It is ridiculous!

2-3% fees increase for the continuing international students will be too much, Given the diversity and financial background of students it will be difficult for most of them to pay the fee. The funding that most of the students are getting is not even sufficient to meet their day to day expenses, I think there should be time to time revision of graduate funding as well.

It's too expensive

i fail to understand what changes every year ? the food here on campus keeps on continuing to degrade aramark is not meeting the needs for us. prices of food in stores keep rising, but my pay check in the summer does not. we Canadians simply cant afford this. if this is educational institution as become a business interest for your share holders or what ever it may be make the folks that can afford it pay it. international students that can lease all the Mercedes and BMW's we see around and not the regular citizen that is just trying to make something of themselves. but i am sure that who you aim to please any way.

I do not support the tuition increase. It is irresponsible to ask students to take on more financial burden. They are already the most financially disadvantaged group at UBC. We don't want to end up the USA, where getting a university degree means putting yourself in debt for the formative years of your life, and when you graduate you have no freedom to explore because of the burden of this debt. We don't want to be a place where getting a degree itself becomes a privilege reserved for wealthy families. Tuition increases do not reflect inflation, and are increasing faster than the cost of living. This is the wrong path to take as a university, and does not exemplify creating a better world for our children.

I agree with tuition increases to cover the cost of inflation and to cover the cost of inflation only. This is because, in contrast, people except certain wage increases periodically to battle inflation and so the same should apply to increase in tuition

It's not fair that you keep on raising the international student tuition so much.

Tuition is already very expensive. Please do not increase it for domestic students.

Increases in tuition will be detrimental to students like myself. Already struggling with heavy workloads and juggling full-time education with part-time jobs, club activities and the like, increases in school costs will only add unneeded stress to university life. For those of us who are already struggling to pay our tuition, student loans only help to postpone the weight of financial burdens on our shoulders.

As we consulted the tuition increase in our committees we came up with the questions bellow:

1. Why don't any of the proposed tuition options (tuition for all domestic students, tuition for new incoming international students, tuition for continuing international students, and increase in non-instructional fees) match the BC education CPI?
2. Why isn't there any increase allocated for graduate students' Teacher Assistantship or Research Assistantship salaries and stipends? And how are you going to address the need of those graduate students whose programs do not

even offer TA/RAship ?

3. Why isn't there administrative cost placed into coordinating all departments to match graduate student salaries to CPI?

4. Why isn't there a unified release exam dates a head of the term at UBC? Students who want to fly home during the break, have to wait too long before UBC releases exam dates. Whereas, in comparable universities students' know the dates straight away. Making reasonable travel arrangements for students is really hard because by the time the exam dates are clear, the prices have increased for airfare tickets?

We appreciate addressing these questions in the further process of tuition consultation.

Best

I think the increase in fee's for tuition is justified, I do not however feel a 2% increase in non-instructional fees is worthwhile.

- the biggest issue however is the increasing UBC cost of construction. The complete contraction of a new aquatic centre, and new planned \$22 million dollar bus loop is ridiculous.

the amount of resources being put into these projects is a heavy burden on students, and there is more cost effective and worthwhile alternatives.

Bus loop: With a large central bus loop only 10 minutes away from totem, building a whole new loop for \$22 MILLION is not worth it. With the increased student population through Orchard Commons, especially being wheelchair accessible, it is reasonable to have a more frequent bus system. However it would be much easier to add a larger bus or increase the frequency of the buses already going by totem. The 22 MILLION being spent on this project could easily be re-allocated to more pressing and advantageous projects for students.

Thank you for taking the time to ready my thoughts. I hope you will consider them as I believe while increasing fee's is fine, the allocation of money by UBC is heavily flawed and needs to be re-assed.

As a domestic student I both strongly disagree with raising cost of tuition for ALL students - domestic and international. Student prices keep rising - even if incrementally. Many already have struggles as it is covering these costs. This is a form of financial discrimination.

I think one avenue by which money could be saved is by reducing the amount of construction and new buildings that are being constructed around campus. I am unaware of any problems in the older building's stability, so I am assuming they are structurally sound. A little bit of out-dated architecture is just fine if it means that more students can have access to higher education, which should be free anyway.

Thank you very much for taking the time to read my response. I greatly appreciate the fact that I see many efforts being made in taking student's considerations into account. Thank you all!

The tuition for international students is high enough. It's not fair to raise the tuition fee for continuing international students. Tuition was part of the reason when we consider UBC when selecting our university. Raising tuition by 2%-3% for international students will cause a huge amount of extra expense on us, considering the high tuition we are paying now. Besides, I also noticed that for domestic students, the rise will be 2%. I don't think it's fair to let international students pay majority for the inflation in Canada.

I very much dislike the idea of yet another increase in fees, but I will say I understand for the tuitions increase. I don't like it but 2% for tuition is tolerable. However, I am very much against 2% increase in non-instructional fees, mostly because that money doesn't directly benefit the students. Tuition fees in and of themselves isn't so bad, if all I had to pay was tuition fees to attend university, I'd be here much longer to take more interesting courses and probably even enjoy my time here. But that's not the case, because I'm on student loans right now (and many other students too), and it's stressful thinking about the money aspect of university, about how I'm going to pay this back one day. It's even worse when I think about how as fees increase every year, maybe at one point I won't even be able to pay the mandatory fees and won't be able to finish my degree because of that. I understand that the university believes higher education should only be available for those who can afford it, but I just don't think you should keep raising the bar to make even less people able to attend. Also, "non-instructional fees" is very vague, I'd like to know exactly where the money is going to before I agree to giving you more.

I object to the increase on non-instructional fees. The reason I go to school is for the courses. I would rather that students could choose what aspects of the non-academic life they support. I never use the gym, so why do I need to pay a Rec fee, for instance?

The increase is more than tuition so is illogical- maximum should be 1.3 % if a raise is needed.

It is also illogical to raise international existing students instead of incoming students- those already studying have budgeted and committed to UBC so may have trouble continuing. If you need to raise one then raise those just making a decision to attend starting next year. Housing in Vancouver already makes attending UBC on the verge of impossible for young people to afford so if at all possible please avoid a tuition increase.

I am a mature student returning to UBC after many years and am astounded by all of the landscaping that has and is occurring. Yes we want an attractive campus and a safe one that is maintained, but I have to wonder if you have the priorities right if a tuition increase is necessary. Please focus on education, accessibility and affordability.

The tuition fees for international students is already too high. Furthermore, i do not see the need for the increase in tuition. \$38,000 a year is already hard enough to payand that is tuition alone.

Speaking as an international student, I must say that the tuition at UBC is unreasonably high.

This tuition increase will make it even harder for me to continue my studies in [...] at the university.

Thank you for your time.

As someone who [...] and can barely afford to pay tuition as it is, I don't think it is logical to increase the rate of tuition AGAIN. UBC is such a beautiful, welcoming school but if tuition prices keep increasing on an annual basis it will soon become a school for only the elite. It's not fair to those part of a lower economic bracket who want to use their full potential but are restricted because they can't afford to continue their education. I understand there are loans to help those in need but student loans only add more financial stress on an individual and their family. Instead of graduating with excitement, students are graduating with large amounts of debt that they will spend a good portion of their life trying to pay off. Please, stop raising tuition. Dollar values shouldn't be what determines the type of education I get or the value of my future.

I do not approve of the increase in tuition being proposed by UBC.

UBC should be paying their Building Operations employees (and custodians, and everyone else who MAKES UBC WORK) more. The cost of living has gone up. These people can't get by. It's criminal.

I've been paying more and more tuition here, every year, for the past [...]. It's absurd. So where does all this money go? Certainly not to anything meaningful (like paying the people who make sure the facility runs).

UBC spends far too much money building things that are entirely unnecessary each year in order to justify the need for the money they receive. It is a constant struggle, with detours everywhere, and diminishing greenspace.

I want the following:

-Fairer wages for Build. Ops., Custodians, etc.

-STOP increasing tuition for the students each year, especially if UBC is being largely funded through dirty energy industries.

-Finally, divest from these oil/gas industries entirely.

I could justify my increased tuition each year if I knew UBC was not relying on such unsustainable, environmentally damaging monetary sponsorship.



As an international student who already pays a way higher tuition than domestic, I strongly disagree with this proposal. To me, Canada was an attractive destination because it is somewhat cheaper than most American Universities, but increasing this tuition will decrease the price gap. In my opinion, this change will make top international students rethink about choosing UBC.

I do NOT want any increases in tuition now or in the future. 2% doesn't sound like that much but it is so difficult to pay for school as it is. If the fees for international students were increased that doesn't really affect me but when it comes to domestic students and also the non-instructional fee increases, I just do not want this to happen. I even had to pay for my UPASS even though I commute and drive my car. Please please please do not increase prices. Thank you.

I do not believe the tuition or other fees need to be increased by 2%, this happens every year. We have no clue where those extra funds are going. More transparency needs to be present with cases like these. Tuition is already very expensive at UBC but I do not see the benefits to the students. I also think regardless of the feedback you get, you will still increase the prices. No one I know is supportive of the tuition increases. Wages have not been increased enough for students to be able to afford this. I encourage the committee to really think about the underlying reasons they need this increase, hopefully not just for the sake of increasing it by 2% every year.

I think a 2/3 percent increase in tuition for all continuing international students is a bit too much especially when considering that incoming students have a fee increase of only 2%. I think around 1.5% increase for continuing international students would be fair.

I would prefer no tuition increases; I understand that a 2% increase in rates is sufficient to account for inflation, but most individuals don't get a 2% increase in pay each year, especially students working minimum wage jobs. With the incredibly high cost of living in Vancouver, minimum-wage workers simply cannot afford even the existing tuition. We are forced to postpone school and work to save up for tuition and/or take out student loans which will haunt us as we begin our careers. I understand that we need high quality (read: well-paid) professors at UBC to maintain our high standards. Perhaps the male faculty would be willing to accept the pay of their (lower-paid) female counterparts, and use the extra money found there to halt tuition increases. Or just hire exclusively women to fill positions as they open, since everyone knows you can pay them less ;)

We come to college to gain an education but build up a pile of debt for our parents who only wish for us to succeed. Keeping the tuition at its current rate helps, especially for continuing international students considering that even 2 or 3 percent is still a significant sum with a raise of \$1000 for some. Please do not raise the tuition as students should be focused on their studies not keeping their parents afloat financially. It's a huge burden for mere teenagers.

I strongly oppose the tuition fee increase for continuing international students as well as the increase in non-instructional fees.

Why are we raising tuition for international students when they already pay so much money to come to UBC? And why do students need to pay more money as a solution? I thought this proposal is meant to help students by reducing fees through means such as fundraising and sponsorship by companies for students in UBC. If students need to pay, doesn't that defeat the purpose? Thanks for your consideration.

Do NOT increase tuition.

I am very interested in knowing the reason for the tuition increase and where the increased tuition will be put towards. If emails containing those information can get sent to us, many of us will appreciate it. Because most of the people around me seem to be just as clueless as I am and are aggravated by tuition increases without convincing reasons.

I am an international student and the tuition is already pretty high for me. An increase in the tuition for international students which is 2% to 3% is actually very high and there is another increase for each student, which makes it 4-5%. We leave our countries, families, continents and our comfort zone. We already pay a lot for it and I now UBC is student friendly university, however I believe the percentage is high.

The increase of 2%-3% is high and the tuition fee for international student is already high

Please do not increase school tuition. I am paying for this term out of my own pocket, with my co-op and part-time work and it has been very difficult to balance school with my work. I should not have to worry about not finishing school due to costs that I cannot control.

I think the continual increase in tuition is ridiculous. Why does the tuition have to constantly be increased. Hardly are the students ever asked about what our tuition go towards either. A lot of the buildings being improved should have the input of the students who are paying for it and also being inconvenienced by the construction of it!

I do not support the tuition increase for local or domestic students.

I find it absolutely ridiculous that we are not told where our 'non-academic fees' go and how they benefit students and the university (I see nothing come out of the recreation fee for me, and it sure isn't helping out the smaller recreational teams) while there are fees that we can opt out of that go towards student services that actually benefit students. Instead of raising our fees why not tell us what those fees actually are so we can support it?

I oppose this tuition increase on the basis that the province should be making up some of the shortfall. As it stands, the provincial government's funding to UBC has been effectively frozen for many years and UBC is currently lobbying for the domestic tuition cap to be removed, and increasing domestic tuition by the maximum legally allowed amount every year. That's backwards and regressive - it makes education just a little further out of reach every year; domestic wages in Canada have not increased in step with inflation in a *very* long time.

UBC should instead lobby the province to link its funding to inflation, which would reduce the burden that has to be offloaded directly onto students.

Furthermore, one of the reasons I chose to attend UBC was precisely because the tuition here was among the cheapest in Canada. Last year's move to raise international tuition on the basis that UBC's tuition rates had "fallen behind" those of other top Canadian universities was disgusting, and I wish that UBC could embrace the idea of low tuition fees (or even free tuition à la Germany - one can dream, right?) as a unique advantage to studying here - a point of pride. A university's reputation does not increase in inverse proportion with the indebteding of its students; quite the opposite.

<p>As an international student. tuition increases are always a significant concern. I understand that the university does not have control over inflation but I would like to know the breakdown of the use of the money from the proposed increase so that I can be confident about how the university is using these funds to serve the students.</p>
<p>Another tuition increase is appalling! 2% from thousands of students is a huge amount of money to UBC and another big chunk of earnings or more debt for the students to incur. Look at cutting back costs in other areas instead of stealing from the students because you can. How about, no pay rises for the staff, reduce the amount of new staff you are hiring, turn lights off in buildings to reduce energy costs, reduce the amount of construction on campus.</p> <p>Please think again before you steal out of young adults pockets, we are in enough debt, stress and lowest income bracket as it is.</p>
<p>UBC has been raising it's tuition too often and by too much. It adds extreme financial pressure on students, which further aggravates the current academic stress. Education should be accessible for students of diverse backgrounds and with its tuition hike, UBC is merely becoming a capitalist business venture that only fills its campus with privileged students who can AFFORD the outrageously expensive "education". It's not like there are many scholarships being provided to the large student body, such as the basic entrance scholarships (it is known in the student body that the fountain was built through entrance scholarships that was previously provided in past years). And with all of this, its absolutely APPALLING that UBC would ask for DONATIONS. HELL NO. With the clear lack of transparency in school funding allocations, there would be no way that I would be donating any more money to this business.</p>
<p>UBC needs to stop increasing tuition fees for domestic students. I already pay 7.5 thousand dollars a year in tuition alone, and I already know that I don't have enough money saved up for my full degree. Increasing tuition is NOT going to help me get enough money together. If you want to increase international tuition by all means go ahead. I say this because if students have 20-30 thousand dollar to spend on tuition for one year only, they can definitely afford an increase of a few percent given that it will cost them almost a 100 thousand dollars for a full degree. If anything this could be a deterrent for international students given the amount of them that I see at UBC. Too many local kids are being turned down and it honestly seems as though UBC is more interested in the money that international students have rather than the quality and quantity of students that come from Vancouver, BC, or the rest of the country for that matter.</p>
<p>Please don't. I don't know if I'll make it through as is.</p>
<p>I do not support the raise in tuition and non-instructional fees. Tuition has been rising every year, putting more pressure on students who don't have their tuition paid by family or through scholarship(s). Please do not increase tuition as it will increase the pressures these students have. This increase in tuition will also drive potential students who can't afford increasing rates away to other institutions.</p>
<p>It would make more sense to figure out other more significant sources of expenses and cutting those, or trying to capitalize more from bigger sources of income. It is ridiculous that more then half the expenses are for the faculty. Last year the president was the highest paid university president in the world, and the rest of the professors have a significantly high salary as well.</p>
<p>While I understand that UBC, like all Canadian universities, are struggling in this time of fiscal restraint, I do not think that passing along these fees to students, the majority of whom are already navigating significant student debt, is the proper approach. Given that coming to study at UBC as an international student is a choice, I would consider, for example, increasing international student tuition and fees to offset costs to providing programs to domestic students.</p>

I find this outrageous as a student. I already have housing and tuition fees which are extremely high, I have a hard time believing this extra money will provide me with any benefits at all. The profits at this school are already extremely high, everything is over priced, from food, to books, to UBC gear. I do not believe in this tuition increase, I don't think students will notice any difference by paying more.

I believe that increasing tuition costs for all continuing students (international and domestic) is extremely unfair, when we consider applying to college, cost is a major factor, paying increasing amounts of tuition every year offsets that budget, I strongly urge against increasing tuition.

Just thinking about the 2014/2015 salary list that was released in the Ubyyssey, has UBC ever thought about paying certain professors and/or researchers less? UBC claims to be a leader in sustainability, but who is going to opt to live sustainably when they are earning six figure salaries? People don't need that much money. I think that UBC should consider re-allocating certain salaries to other divisions of the budget that pressinglly need it. Stop increasing tuition, and start decreasing salaries.

I am fine with the increase for the international students but not the domestic students as we pay lots of taxes for education.

A 2% increase in tuition is non-negligible for students who are paying for their own education. Couple this with the current housing costs in Vancouver and many students who are struggling are going to be under even more pressure. Further, students paid \$100 each this year in direct fees for the new SUB alone. UBC food services also make a profit off of students - part of which goes back to the University.

BC has the lowest income advantage for university graduates compared to highschool graduates out of all Canadian provinces. In this climate our degrees don't guarantee stable, well paying jobs. Making education less attainable by gentrifying the university may help the bottom line, but does it help students? Is the pursuit of knowledge the priority? Have the parties involved in this process considered all other options which won't hurt the students with already lack lustre job prospects even with a university degree?

Thank you for consulting us.

I understand the implications of the tuition fee increase. Although an increase in fees is certainly not the most desirable thing for students, I trust the people who have deemed that such an adjustment is necessary. I believe that these individuals have my best interests in mind, and accordingly, I am willing to agree with what they are saying. I appreciate the detailed, yet user-friendly webpage that I could view first before entering feedback. It is interesting to see how funds are allocated, and just how much it really costs to run an institution of this size.

While I do agree that inflation costs are frustrating and everything always seems to continue to be more expensive I am not in support of raising tuition fees. As a student who is putting himself through school it is extremely difficult to afford as it is and an increase could alienate more brilliant minds who are not as privileged as some. It is not easy to achieve post secondary success and I would not want others be too afraid of the financial burden to come to UBCO.

I don't know whether my comments make a difference or not, but I have the opportunity so I will say that the tuition for [...] is already high and the proposed 3% increase to it will only hit the financial budget of [...] students.

I don't want to compare [...] and [...], but the tuition for [...] is already lower and a 2% raise is very less in actual figures as compared to the 3% of already high [...] tuition.