



<b>SUBJECT</b>	<b>TUITION 2018-2019</b>
<b>MEETING DATE</b>	<b>DECEMBER 5, 2017</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 the UBC Board of Governors approve:</b></p> <p><i>i. A 2% increase in tuition for new and continuing domestic undergraduate and graduate students, for programs as specified in Schedule A.</i></p> <p><i>ii. An increase in tuition for international students:</i></p> <p><i>(a) Continuing international undergraduate students</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><i>• 3% increase for students who entered their degree programs as set out in Schedule A, on or after May 1, 2015 and prior to May 1, 2018;</i></li><li><i>• 2% increase for students who entered their degree programs as set out in Schedule A, prior to May 1, 2015;</i></li></ul> <p><i>(b) A 2% increase in tuition for all new and continuing international students in certificate programs;</i></p> <p><i>(c) A 2% increase in tuition for all new and continuing international graduate students in programs with standard rates;</i></p> <p><i>(d) Continuing international graduate students in programs with specialized rates:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><i>• 3% increase in tuition for students who entered their degree programs as specified in Schedule A, on or after May 1, 2016 and prior to May 1, 2018;</i></li><li><i>• 2% increase in tuition for students who entered their degree programs as specified in Schedule A, prior to May 1, 2016.</i></li></ul> <p><i>iii. A 2% increase in tuition for new international graduate students entering the following programs in the Okanagan effective May 1, 2018:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><i>• Master of Arts in Faculty of Education (Full Time)</i></li><li><i>• Master of Arts in Faculty of Education (Part Time)</i></li><li><i>• Master of Education (Part Time)</i></li><li><i>• Master of Management</i></li></ul>
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*iv. A 3% increase in tuition for new international graduate students entering the following programs effective May 1, 2018:*

- *Professional Master of Business Administration*
- *Master of Business Analytics*
- *Master of Data Science*
- *Master of Engineering Leadership*
- *Master of Geomatics for Environmental Management*
- *Master of Global Surgical Care*
- *Master of Health Leadership and Policy*
- *Master of High Performance Coaching and Technical Leadership*

*v. A 9.2% increase in international per credit tuition for unclassified, qualifying, visiting, access studies, and auditing students.*

*vi. A 5% increase for international per credit tuition for unclassified students taking graduate-level Master of Laws in Common Laws courses.*

***All of the above proposed increases apply to both campuses in Vancouver and Okanagan, and are effective May 1, 2018.***

**Report Date** October 5, 2017

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## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

A 2% increase in domestic tuition is proposed for all domestic students for 2018-2019 for programs listed in Schedule A. 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 must be absorbed or covered by other sources of revenue.

A 2% increase is proposed for new and continuing international students in certificate programs and in programs with standard rates. A range of 2-3% increase in international tuition is proposed for continuing international undergraduate and graduate students in programs with specialized rates, as set out in Schedule A. A 2% increase in tuition is also proposed for new incoming international graduate students in the Okanagan for the Master of Arts in Faculty of Education (Full Time), Master of Arts in Faculty of Education (Part Time), Master of Education (Part Time), and Master of Management.

These moderate increases in tuition will allow the University to continue to invest in teaching and research excellence.

A 3% increase in tuition is proposed for new incoming international graduate students in the Professional Master of Business Administration, Master of Business Analytics, Master of Data Science, Master of Geomatics for Environmental Management, Master of Global Surgical Care, and Master of High Performance Coaching and Technical Leadership. These programs were approved after December 2015, and therefore were not included with the program tuition rates previously approved by the Board.

A 9.2% 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, 2018. This increase was determined by calculating the average per-credit international tuition rate for each undergraduate degree program weighted by the number of courses taken by non-degree studies students in 2016W.

A 5% increase is proposed for international unclassified students taking graduate-level Master of Laws in Common Laws courses. This aligns with the approved rate of increase for new incoming international students in the Master of Laws in Common Laws program effective May 1, 2018.

The revenue from tuition increases is used to maintain and enhance the calibre of the university’s teaching, learning, and student services and experiences. 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 and supports.

All increases apply to both campuses and apply to programs and courses commencing on or after May 1, 2018.

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 2018-2019 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 domestic tuition is proposed for all domestic students for 2018-2019 for programs listed in Schedule A. This increase applies to both campuses.

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

The university continues to operate in a constrained funding environment. Even though the Government of BC is likely to sustain the current operating grants of

the University, and will provide assistance for some staff and faculty salary increases, any inflationary costs (including cost pressures arising from non-supported salary increases and the increasing cost of library acquisitions) must be absorbed or covered by other sources of revenue. Higher expenses with no corresponding revenue increase can lead to a deficit, and the university is not allowed to run operating budget deficits. A modest increase in tuition is part of the solution. This helps the university to continue investing in teaching and learning excellence, supporting students, and enhancing the student experience.

The principles used to guide developing the 2018-19 domestic tuition include:

1. Tuition fees will be the same for UBC Vancouver and UBC Okanagan for comparable programs.
2. Annual planning will 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 2018-2019, for domestic students, 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 students for three academic years: 2016-2017, 2017-2018, and 2018-2019. 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 2016-2017, 2017-2018, or 2018-2019. The actual percentage increase proposed is to be reviewed at the end of each academic year.

On December 6, 2016, a 3% increase in tuition in 2017-2018 for continuing international undergraduate students who entered their degree programs in 2016-2017 (on or after May 1, 2016 and prior to May 1, 2017) was proposed and approved by the Board.

Upon review, a 3% increase in tuition for continuing international undergraduate students who entered their degree programs in 2017-2018 (on or after May 1, 2017 and prior to May 1, 2018) is proposed.

It is proposed that continuing international undergraduate students who entered UBC on or after May 1, 2015 and prior to May 1, 2017 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 "grandparented" 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 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 programs with standard rates, including full-time and part-time programs;
- All international graduate students in programs with specialized rates.

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

A 2% increase in tuition is proposed to new, incoming international graduate students entering the following programs in the Okanagan on or after May 1, 2018:

- Master of Arts in Faculty of Education (Full Time),
- Master of Arts in Faculty of Education (Part Time),
- Master of Education (Part Time), and
- Master of Management.

In December 2015, these programs were excluded from three years of benchmarking to ensure that enrolment targets were achieved.

A 3% increase in tuition is proposed to new, incoming international graduate students entering the following programs on or after May 1, 2018:

- Professional Master of Business Administration,
- Master of Business Analytics,
- Master of Data Science,
- Master of Engineering Leadership,
- Master of Geomatics for Environmental Management,
- Master of Global Surgical Care,
- Master of Health Leadership and Policy, and
- Master of High Performance Coaching and Technical Leadership.

These programs were approved after December 2015, and therefore were not included with the programs approved by the Board, at that time.

### **Tuition for Continuing Students in Specified Graduate Programs with Specialized Rates**

It is proposed that continuing students in the following graduate programs with specialized rates who started in their current degree programs prior to May 1, 2018 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 9.2% 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, 2018. This increase was determined by calculating the average per-credit international tuition rate for each undergraduate degree program weighted by the number of courses taken by non-degree studies students in 2016W.

A 5% increase is proposed for international unclassified students taking graduate-level Master of Laws in Common Laws courses. This aligns with the approved rate of increase for new incoming international students in the Master of Laws in Common Laws program, effective May 1, 2018. The Master of Laws in Common Laws program was included in the aforementioned Board approval, for three academic years, granted on December 3, 2015.

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#### **SCHEDULE** Implementation Timeline

The proposed increases, if approved, will apply to all domestic and international students in specified programs as set out in Schedule A for the academic year of 2018-19, effective May 1, 2018

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#### **CONSULTATION** Relevant Units, Internal & External Constituencies

Under the Guidelines of Policy 71, the Vancouver and Okanagan Provosts, VP Students and Deputy Vice-Chancellor jointly conducted a consultation process to communicate the rationale and principles underlying the 2018-2019 tuition proposal.

The consultation was conducted over the period of October 10 and November 7.

The student consultation process included the following components:

- Meetings with the leadership of the Alma Mater Society (AMS) and Graduate Student Society (GSS) on UBC's Vancouver campus, and the Students' Union on UBC's Okanagan campus.

- Tuition consultation website featuring:
  - Basics of the University's budget, tuition allocation plan, and commitment to financial support
  - Confidential feedback form, open between October 10 and November 7.
- A communication plan encouraging students to review and share their feedback on the tuition proposal
  - Broadcast email to students
  - UBCfyi newsletter & social promotion
  - UBC Digital Signage
  - Ubyyssey Print & Digital advertisements
  - Social Media Toolkit shared with campus partners

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.

**Previous Report Date**

December 3, 2015 (Undergraduate and Non-Thesis-Based Graduate Program Tuition Increases for International Students for 2016-17, 2017-18 & 2018-19)

**Decision**

The Board of Governors approved:

- i. An increase in tuition for new incoming international students effective May 1, 2016 and for the two succeeding academic years:
  - 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.

	<p>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.</p> <p>iv. An increase in tuition for continuing international students effective May 1, 2016:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• International undergraduate students:             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ 3% increase for students who entered their degree program on or after May 1, 2015; and,</li> <li>○ 2% increase for students who entered their degree program prior to May 1, 2015.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• International non-thesis-based graduate students:             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ 2% increase for students who entered their degree program prior to May 1, 2016.</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p>AND FURTHER, the Board of Governors directs the Administration to provide for review and approval at the February 15, 2016 Board of Governors meeting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Terms of Reference for the use of funds directed towards financial aid /diversity support for international students.</li> </ul> <p>Terms of Reference for the proposed Strategic Investment Fund.</p>
<p><b>Action / Follow Up</b></p>	<p>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.</p>
<p><b>Previous Report Date</b></p>	<p>February 15, 2016 (Non-Thesis-Based Graduate Program Tuition Increases for International Students for 2016-17, 2017-18, and 2018-19)</p>
<p><b>Decision</b></p>	<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>Action / Follow Up</b>	N/A
<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>Action / Follow Up</b>	N/A
<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>	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.
<b>Previous Report Date</b>	December 6, 2016 (Tuition Fees 2017-18)
<b>Decision</b>	<p>The Board of Governors approved:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 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);</li> <li>• An increase in tuition for international students: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Continuing International undergraduate students: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ 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;</li> <li>▪ 2% increase for students who entered their degree or certificate programs as set out in Schedule A, prior to May 1, 2015;</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> <li>• New and continuing International graduate students in thesis-based programs: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ 2% increase in tuition (except on-leave fees, which will have 0% increase) for all new and continuing international graduate students;</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Continuing International graduate students in non-thesis-based programs:</li> </ul>

<p><b>Action / Follow Up</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ 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;</li> <li>○ 2% increase in tuition for students who entered their degree programs as specified in Schedule A, prior to May 1, 2016;</li> <li>● 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;</li> <li>● A 15% increase in international per credit tuition for unclassified, qualifying, visiting, access studies, and auditing students;</li> </ul>
	<p>N/A</p>

SCHEDULE A  
 UBC VANCOUVER, Effective May 1, 2018  
 PROPOSED TUITION FEES FOR 2018-19

UNDERGRADUATE AND POST-BACCALAUREATE	Normal Load Credits	Base Per Credit 2017-18	Typical Fee For Normal Load 2017-18	Proposed Per Credit 2018-19	Typical Fee For Normal Load 2018-19	\$ Increase Per Credit 2018-19	\$ Increase For Normal Load 2018-19	Percent Increase 2018-19
<b>DOMESTIC</b>								
<b>Undergraduate (except as below)</b>	30	\$172.99	\$5,189.70	\$176.45	\$5,293.50	\$3.46	\$103.80	2.0%
Commerce (years 2-4)	30	\$256.32	\$7,689.60	\$261.45	\$7,843.50	\$5.13	\$153.90	2.0%
Design in Architecture, Landscape Architecture and Urbanism*	30	N/A	N/A	\$290.00	\$8,700.00	N/A	N/A	N/A
Engineering (years 2-5)	37	\$184.66	\$6,832.42	\$188.35	\$6,968.95	\$3.69	\$136.53	2.0%
International Economics	30	\$276.75	\$8,302.50	\$282.29	\$8,468.70	\$5.54	\$166.20	2.0%
Media Studies	30	\$230.21	\$6,906.30	\$234.81	\$7,044.30	\$4.60	\$138.00	2.0%
Pharmaceutical Sciences	37	\$255.04	\$9,436.48	\$260.14	\$9,625.18	\$5.10	\$188.70	2.0%
Pharmaceutical Sciences Resident			\$88.79		\$90.57		\$1.78	2.0%
Entry-to-Practice PharmD	42	\$413.13	\$17,351.46	\$421.39	\$17,698.38	\$8.26	\$346.92	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			\$17,755.38		\$18,110.49		\$355.11	2.0%
Dentistry International Dental Degree Completion			\$38,656.01		\$39,429.13		\$773.12	2.0%
Dentistry Resident			\$421.07		\$429.49		\$8.42	2.0%
<b>EDUCATION</b>								
Education Elementary	60	\$192.64	\$11,558.40	\$196.49	\$11,789.40	\$3.85	\$231.00	2.0%
Education Secondary	60	\$192.64	\$11,558.40	\$196.49	\$11,789.40	\$3.85	\$231.00	2.0%
Education NITEP (years 1-3)	30	\$172.99	\$5,189.70	\$176.45	\$5,293.50	\$3.46	\$103.80	2.0%
Education NITEP (years 4-5)	30	\$192.64	\$5,779.20	\$196.49	\$5,894.70	\$3.85	\$115.50	2.0%
Education Diploma	30	\$192.64	\$5,779.20	\$196.49	\$5,894.70	\$3.85	\$115.50	2.0%
<b>LAW (Juris Doctor)</b>								
Law	32	\$379.65	\$12,148.80	\$387.24	\$12,391.68	\$7.59	\$242.88	2.0%
<b>MEDICINE</b>								
Medicine			\$17,755.38		\$18,110.49		\$355.11	2.0%
Medicine Resident			\$421.07		\$429.49		\$8.42	2.0%
<b>Other</b>								
Unclassified, Qualifying, Visiting, Access Studies, Auditors (per credit)		\$172.99		\$176.45		\$3.46		2.0%
Unclassified, Qualifying, Visiting, Access Studies, Auditors (per credit for Law courses)		\$388.07		\$395.83		\$7.76		2.0%
<b>Certificate Programs</b>								
Certificate of Advanced Study			\$4,801.81		\$4,897.85		\$96.04	2.0%
Graduate Certificate in Adult Learning and Education (per 3 credit course)		\$1,335.00		\$1,361.70		\$26.70		2.0%
Graduate Certificate in Global Surgical Care (per 3 credit course)		\$1,300.50		\$1,326.51		\$26.01		2.0%
Graduate Certificate in High Performance Coaching and Technical Leadership (per 3 credit course)		\$1,602.22		\$1,634.26		\$32.04		2.0%
Graduate Certificate in Rehabilitation Sciences (per 3 credit course)		\$1,230.17		\$1,254.77		\$24.60		2.0%
Graduate Certificate in Orientation and Mobility (per 6 credit Undergraduate course)		\$1,246.49		\$1,271.42		\$24.93		2.0%
Graduate Certificate in Orientation and Mobility (per 3 credit Graduate course)		\$1,335.00		\$1,361.70		\$26.70		2.0%
Graduate Certificate in Orthopaedic and Manipulative Physical Therapy (per credit on PHTH courses)		\$591.08		\$602.90		\$11.82		2.0%
Graduate Certificate in Orthopaedic and Manipulative Physical Therapy (per 1.5 credits on RHSC courses)		\$615.07		\$627.37		\$12.30		2.0%
* A separate docket was submitted on April 13, 2017. This is listed here for reference only. Ministry approval is pending.								
** A separate docket was submitted on February 2, 2015. This is listed here for reference only. First cohort to start September 2018.								
*** International Undergraduate rate excludes Education programs which do not have grandparented rates.								

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<b>INTERNATIONAL</b>								
Undergraduate (began between 2017S and 2017W)***	30	\$1,163.76	\$34,912.80	\$1,198.67	\$35,960.10	\$34.91	\$1,047.30	3.0%
Undergraduate (began between 2016S and 2016W)***	30	\$1,042.33	\$31,269.90	\$1,073.60	\$32,208.00	\$31.27	\$938.10	3.0%
Undergraduate (began between 2015S and 2015W)***	30	\$933.56	\$28,006.80	\$961.57	\$28,847.10	\$28.01	\$840.30	3.0%
Undergraduate (began between 2014W and earlier)***	30	\$848.94	\$25,468.20	\$865.92	\$25,977.60	\$16.98	\$509.40	2.0%
<b>ARTS</b>								
Arts, Fine Arts, and Social Work (began between 2017S and 2017W)	30	\$1,161.57	\$34,847.10	\$1,196.42	\$35,892.60	\$34.85	\$1,045.50	3.0%
Arts, Fine Arts, and Social Work (began between 2016S and 2016W)	30	\$1,042.33	\$31,269.90	\$1,073.60	\$32,208.00	\$31.27	\$938.10	3.0%
Arts, Fine Arts, and Social Work (began between 2015S and 2015W)	30	\$933.56	\$28,006.80	\$961.57	\$28,847.10	\$28.01	\$840.30	3.0%
Arts, Fine Arts, and Social Work (began 2014W and earlier)	30	\$848.94	\$25,468.20	\$865.92	\$25,977.60	\$16.98	\$509.40	2.0%
Design in Architecture, Landscape Architecture and Urbanism*	30	N/A	N/A	\$1,290.00	\$38,700.00	N/A	N/A	N/A
International Economics (began between 2017S and 2017W)	30	\$1,392.57	\$41,777.10	\$1,434.35	\$43,030.50	\$41.78	\$1,253.40	3.0%
International Economics (began between 2016S and 2016W)	30	\$1,249.62	\$37,488.60	\$1,287.11	\$38,613.30	\$37.49	\$1,124.70	3.0%
International Economics (began between 2015S and 2015W)	30	\$1,119.22	\$33,576.60	\$1,152.80	\$34,584.00	\$33.58	\$1,007.40	3.0%
International Economics (began between 2014W and earlier)	30	\$1,017.76	\$30,532.80	\$1,038.12	\$31,143.60	\$20.36	\$610.80	2.0%
Media Studies (began between 2017S and 2017W)	30	\$1,161.57	\$34,847.10	\$1,196.42	\$35,892.60	\$34.85	\$1,045.50	3.0%
Media Studies (began between 2016S and 2016W)	30	\$1,042.33	\$31,269.90	\$1,073.60	\$32,208.00	\$31.27	\$938.10	3.0%
Media Studies (began 2015W and earlier)	30	\$1,003.58	\$30,107.40	\$1,033.69	\$31,010.70	\$30.11	\$903.30	3.0%
Music (began between 2017S and 2017W)	30	\$970.17	\$29,105.10	\$999.28	\$29,978.40	\$29.11	\$873.30	3.0%
Music (began between 2016S and 2016W)	30	\$951.69	\$28,550.70	\$980.24	\$29,407.20	\$28.55	\$856.50	3.0%
Music (began between 2015S and 2015W)	30	\$933.56	\$28,006.80	\$961.57	\$28,847.10	\$28.01	\$840.30	3.0%
Music (began 2014W and earlier)	30	\$848.94	\$25,468.20	\$865.92	\$25,977.60	\$16.98	\$509.40	2.0%
<b>COMMERCE</b>								
Commerce (began between 2017S and 2017W)	30	\$1,502.98	\$45,089.40	\$1,548.07	\$46,442.10	\$45.09	\$1,352.70	3.0%
Commerce (began between 2016S and 2016W)	30	\$1,253.85	\$37,615.50	\$1,291.47	\$38,744.10	\$37.62	\$1,128.60	3.0%
Commerce (began between 2015S and 2015W)	30	\$1,046.02	\$31,380.60	\$1,077.40	\$32,322.00	\$31.38	\$941.40	3.0%
Commerce (began 2014W and earlier)	30	\$951.21	\$28,536.30	\$970.23	\$29,106.90	\$19.02	\$570.60	2.0%
<b>LAW</b>								
Juris Doctor (begin in 2017S or later)†	32	\$1,048.04	\$33,537.28	\$1,079.43	\$34,541.76	\$31.39	\$1,004.48	3.0%
Juris Doctor (began between 2016S and 2016W)	32	\$938.68	\$30,037.76	\$966.84	\$30,938.88	\$28.16	\$901.12	3.0%
Juris Doctor (began 2015W and earlier)	32	\$840.73	\$26,903.36	\$865.95	\$27,710.40	\$25.22	\$807.04	3.0%
<b>Certificate Programs</b>								
Graduate Certificate in Adult Learning and Education (per 3 credit course)		\$1,673.52		\$1,706.99		\$33.47		2.0%
Graduate Certificate in Global Surgical Care (per 3 credit course)		\$2,656.93		\$2,710.07		\$53.14		2.0%
Graduate Certificate in High Performance Coaching and Technical Leadership (per 3 credit course)		\$2,531.50		\$2,582.13		\$50.63		2.0%
Graduate Certificate in Orientation and Mobility (per 6 credit Undergraduate course)		\$5,386.98		\$5,494.72		\$107.74		2.0%
Graduate Certificate in Orientation and Mobility (per 3 credit Graduate course)		\$1,673.52		\$1,706.99		\$33.47		2.0%
Graduate Certificate in Orthopaedic and Manipulative Physical Therapy (per credit on PPTH courses)		\$591.08		\$602.90		\$11.82		2.0%
Graduate Certificate in Orthopaedic and Manipulative Physical Therapy (per 1.5 credits on RHSC courses)		\$615.07		\$627.37		\$12.30		2.0%
<b>Other</b>								
Unclassified, Qualifying, Visiting, Access Studies, Auditors (per credit)		\$1,163.76		\$1,270.37		\$106.61		9.2%
* A separate docket was submitted on April 13, 2017. This is listed here for reference only. Ministry approval is pending.								
** A separate docket was submitted on February 2, 2015. This is listed here for reference only. First cohort to start September 2018.								
*** International Undergraduate rate excludes Education programs which do not have grandparented rates.								

SCHEDULE A  
 UBC VANCOUVER, Effective May 1, 2018  
 PROPOSED TUITION FEES FOR 2018-19

GRADUATE	Base Per Credit 2017-18	Typical Fee For Normal Load 2017-18	Proposed Per Credit 2018-19	Typical Fee For Normal Load 2018-19	\$ Increase Per Credit 2018-19	\$ Increase For Normal Load 2018-19	Percent Increase 2018-19
<b>DOMESTIC</b>							
<b>Graduate Programs with Standard Rates</b>							
All Domestic Graduate Programs Full Time (except below)		\$4,801.81		\$4,897.85		\$96.04	2.0%
All Domestic Master's Programs Part Time (except below)		\$2,744.35		\$2,799.24		\$54.89	2.0%
All Domestic Doctoral Programs Part Time (except below)		\$3,532.80		\$3,603.46		\$70.66	2.0%
All Domestic Graduate Continuing fee		\$2,193.79		\$2,237.67		\$43.88	2.0%
All Domestic Graduate Extension fee		\$3,081.22		\$3,142.84		\$61.62	2.0%
All Domestic Graduate On-Leave fee		\$348.01		\$354.97		\$6.96	2.0%
<b>Graduate Programs with Specialized Rates</b>							
Master of Architecture		\$5,386.19		\$5,493.91		\$107.72	2.0%
Master of Archival Studies, Master of Library and Information Studies, Dual MAS/MLIS (Full Time)		\$4,910.63		\$5,008.84		\$98.21	2.0%
Master of Archival Studies, Master of Library and Information Studies, Dual MAS/MLIS (Part Time)		\$2,826.91		\$2,883.45		\$56.54	2.0%
Master of Arts in Faculty of Education except Kinesiology (Full Time)		\$6,864.99		\$7,002.29		\$137.30	2.0%
Master of Arts in Faculty of Education except Kinesiology (Part Time)		\$4,126.86		\$4,209.40		\$82.54	2.0%
Master of Business Administration (Full Time - 15 months) (Program fee)*		\$46,568.00		\$47,499.00		\$931.00	2.0%
Master of Business Administration (Part Time - 28 months) (Program fee)*		\$46,568.00		\$47,499.00		\$931.00	2.0%
Professional Masters of Business Administration (Program fee)		\$46,568.00		\$47,499.00		\$931.00	2.0%
Master of Business Analytics (Program fee)		\$38,000.00		\$38,760.00		\$760.00	2.0%
Master of Community and Regional Planning		\$9,958.00		\$10,157.00		\$199.00	2.0%
Master of Data Science (Program fee)		\$30,600.00		\$31,212.00		\$612.00	2.0%
Master of Education (Full Time)		\$6,864.99		\$7,002.29		\$137.30	2.0%
Master of Education (Part Time)		\$4,126.86		\$4,209.40		\$82.54	2.0%
Master of Education (off campus) (Program fee)		\$14,553.06		\$14,844.12		\$291.06	2.0%
Master of Education (off campus) with transferable Graduate Certificate		\$4,851.02		\$4,948.04		\$97.02	2.0%
Master of Education in Adult Learning and Global Change		\$8,085.06		\$8,246.76		\$161.70	2.0%
Master of Education in Counselling Psychology (on campus)		\$6,864.99		\$7,002.29		\$137.30	2.0%
Master of Education in Counselling Psychology (off campus) (Program fee)		\$25,153.46		\$25,656.53		\$503.07	2.0%
Master of Educational Technology (Per Course fee)	\$1,585.29		\$1,617.00		\$31.71		2.0%
Master of Engineering (Full Time)		\$5,836.44		\$5,953.17		\$116.73	2.0%
Master of Engineering (Part Time)		\$3,439.46		\$3,508.25		\$68.79	2.0%
Master of Engineering in Clean Energy Engineering (Full Time)		\$17,504.59		\$17,854.68		\$350.09	2.0%
Master of Engineering in Naval Architecture and Marine Engineering (Full Time)		\$26,530.20		\$27,060.80		\$530.60	2.0%
Master of Engineering Leadership (Program fee)*		\$28,090.80		\$28,652.62		\$561.82	2.0%
Master of Fine Arts in Creative Writing (Distance Education) (Per Credit)	\$591.82		\$603.66		\$11.84		2.0%
Master of Food and Resource Economics (Program fee)		\$20,945.74		\$21,364.65		\$418.91	2.0%
Master of Food Science (Program fee)		\$12,189.95		\$12,433.75		\$243.80	2.0%
Master of Geomatics for Environmental Management (Program fee)		\$17,000.00		\$17,340.00		\$340.00	2.0%
Master of Global Surgical Care (Program fee)**		\$27,000.00		\$27,540.00		\$540.00	2.0%
Master of Health Administration (Program fee)		\$28,459.90		\$29,029.10		\$569.20	2.0%
Master of Health Leadership and Policy (Program fee)*		\$28,090.80		\$28,652.62		\$561.82	2.0%
Master of High Performance Coaching and Technical Leadership (Program fee)		\$22,440.00		\$22,888.80		\$448.80	2.0%
Master of International Forestry (Program fee)		\$17,941.31		\$18,300.14		\$358.83	2.0%
Master of Journalism		\$7,031.89		\$7,172.53		\$140.64	2.0%
Master of Kinesiology (Full Time)		\$5,443.29		\$5,552.16		\$108.87	2.0%
Master of Kinesiology (Part Time)		\$3,181.99		\$3,245.63		\$63.64	2.0%
Master of Land and Water Systems (Program fee)		\$19,350.63		\$19,737.64		\$387.01	2.0%
Master of Landscape Architecture		\$5,189.67		\$5,293.46		\$103.79	2.0%
Master of Laws in Common Law (Per Credit)	\$853.64		\$870.71		\$17.07		2.0%
Master of Laws in Taxation (Per Credit)	\$884.34		\$902.03		\$17.69		2.0%
Master of Management (Program fee)*		\$28,460.00		\$29,029.00		\$569.00	2.0%
Master of Management (Bachelor Dual Degree Option) (Program fee)		\$28,460.00		\$29,029.00		\$569.00	2.0%
Master of Museum Education (Full Time) (Program fee)		\$15,236.31		\$15,541.04		\$304.73	2.0%
Master of Museum Education (Part Time or Program Off-Campus) (Program fee)		\$15,236.31		\$15,541.04		\$304.73	2.0%
Master of Occupational Therapy (Program fee)		\$14,229.68		\$14,514.27		\$284.59	2.0%
Master of Physical Therapy (Program fee)		\$14,229.68		\$14,514.27		\$284.59	2.0%
Master of Public Policy and Global Affairs (Program fee)		\$44,737.20		\$45,631.94		\$894.74	2.0%
Master of Rehabilitation Science (Online) (Per 1.5 credit)	\$615.07		\$627.37		\$12.30		2.0%
Master of Science, Genetic Counselling (Program fee)		\$38,808.21		\$39,584.37		\$776.16	2.0%
Master of Sustainable Forest Management (Program fee)		\$17,941.31		\$18,300.14		\$358.83	2.0%
Master of Urban Design		\$18,040.54		\$18,401.35		\$360.81	2.0%
Dual Master of Arts (Asia-Pacific Policy Studies) and Master of Arts (Planning)		\$9,603.62		\$9,795.69		\$192.07	2.0%
Dual Master of Business Administration and Master of Arts (Asia-Pacific Policy Studies)(Program fee)		\$51,370.83		\$52,398.25		\$1,027.42	2.0%
Dual Master of Business Administration and Juris Doctor (Program fee)		\$81,496.41		\$83,126.34		\$1,629.93	2.0%
Dual Master of Architecture and Master of Landscape Architecture		\$7,803.00		\$7,959.06		\$156.06	2.0%
Combined Master of Public Health and Master of Science in Nursing (Program fee)		\$19,207.25		\$19,591.40		\$384.15	2.0%
Combined Master of Public Health with Diploma in Dental Public Health		\$17,756.13		\$18,111.25		\$355.12	2.0%
Combined Master of Science in Craniofacial Science and Diploma in Periodontics (Program fee)		\$53,269.14		\$54,334.52		\$1,065.38	2.0%
Combined Master of Science in Craniofacial Science and Diploma in Endodontics (Program fee)		\$53,269.14		\$54,334.52		\$1,065.38	2.0%
Combined Master of Science in Craniofacial Science and Diploma in Orthodontics (Program fee)		\$53,269.14		\$54,334.52		\$1,065.38	2.0%
Combined Master of Science in Craniofacial Science and Diploma in Pediatric Dentistry (Program fee)		\$53,269.14		\$54,334.52		\$1,065.38	2.0%
Combined Master of Science in Craniofacial Science and Diploma in Prosthodontics (Program fee)		\$53,269.14		\$54,334.52		\$1,065.38	2.0%
<b>Doctoral Degree Programs</b>							
Doctor of Education in Educational Leadership (Program fee)		\$32,952.73		\$33,611.78		\$659.05	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		\$4,993.06		\$5,092.92		\$99.86	2.0%
Combined Doctor of Philosophy in Craniofacial Science and Diploma in Endodontics (Program fee)		\$53,269.14		\$54,334.52		\$1,065.38	2.0%
Combined Doctor of Philosophy in Craniofacial Science and Diploma in Orthodontics (Program fee)		\$53,269.14		\$54,334.52		\$1,065.38	2.0%
Combined Doctor of Philosophy in Craniofacial Science and Diploma in Pediatric Dentistry (Program fee)		\$53,269.14		\$54,334.52		\$1,065.38	2.0%
Combined Doctor of Philosophy in Craniofacial Science and Diploma in Periodontics (Program fee)		\$53,269.14		\$54,334.52		\$1,065.38	2.0%
Combined Doctor of Philosophy in Craniofacial Science and Diploma in Prosthodontics (Program fee)		\$53,269.14		\$54,334.52		\$1,065.38	2.0%
Combined Master of Physical Therapy and Doctor of Philosophy in Rehabilitation Sciences (Program fee)		\$27,034.50		\$27,575.19		\$540.69	2.0%
<b>Other</b>							
Unclassified, Qualifying, Visiting, Access Studies, Auditors (per credit for graduate-level courses)	\$407.50		\$415.65		\$8.15		2.0%
Unclassified (per credit for graduate-level Master of Laws in Common Law courses)	\$853.64		\$870.71		\$17.07		2.0%
* Increase applies to new incoming students only.							
** A separate docket for 2017-18 rates was submitted on April 13, 2017. Ministry approval is pending.							
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 UBC VANCOUVER, Effective May 1, 2018  
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GRADUATE	Base Per Credit 2017-18	Typical Fee For Normal Load 2017-18	Proposed Per Credit 2018-19	Typical Fee For Normal Load 2018-19	\$ Increase Per Credit 2018-19	\$ Increase For Normal Load 2018-19	Percent Increase 2018-19
<b>INTERNATIONAL</b> (No international standard graduate fee will be less than its associated domestic fee)							
<b>Graduate Programs with Standard Rates</b>							
All International Graduate Students Full Time (except below; until degree completion)*		\$8,435.95		\$8,604.67		\$168.72	2.0%
All International Master's Programs Part Time (except below)		\$4,850.68		\$4,947.69		\$97.01	2.0%
All International Doctoral Programs Part Time (except below)		\$7,086.45		\$7,228.18		\$141.73	2.0%
All International Graduate Students On-Leave fee		\$1,028.62		\$1,049.19		\$20.57	2.0%
<b>Graduate Programs with Specialized Rates</b>							
Master of Architecture (began between 2017S and 2017W)		\$29,381.33		\$30,262.77		\$881.44	3.0%
Master of Architecture (began between 2016S and 2016W)		\$22,055.39		\$22,717.05		\$661.66	3.0%
Master of Architecture (began in 2015W or earlier)		\$16,236.36		\$16,561.09		\$324.73	2.0%
Master of Archival Studies (began in 2016S or later)*		\$8,774.22		\$9,037.45		\$263.23	3.0%
Master of Archival Studies (began in 2015W or earlier)*		\$8,604.67		\$8,776.76		\$172.09	2.0%
Master of Library and Information Studies (began in 2016S or later)*		\$8,774.22		\$9,037.45		\$263.23	3.0%
Master of Library and Information Studies (began in 2015W or earlier)*		\$8,604.67		\$8,776.76		\$172.09	2.0%
Dual Master of Archival Studies and Master of Library and Information Studies (began in 2016S or later)*		\$8,774.22		\$9,037.45		\$263.23	3.0%
Dual Master of Archival Studies and Master of Library and Information Studies (began in 2015W or earlier)*		\$8,604.67		\$8,776.76		\$172.09	2.0%
Master of Arts in Economics (began between 2017S and 2017W)		\$15,635.27		\$16,104.33		\$469.06	3.0%
Master of Arts in Economics (began between 2016S and 2016W)		\$8,518.66		\$8,774.22		\$255.56	3.0%
Master of Arts in Economics (began in 2015W or earlier)		\$8,435.95		\$8,604.67		\$168.72	2.0%
Master of Arts in Faculty of Education except Kinesiology (Full Time) (began between 2017S and 2017W)*		\$10,937.79		\$11,265.92		\$328.13	3.0%
Master of Arts in Faculty of Education except Kinesiology (Full Time) (began between 2016S and 2016W)*		\$9,796.45		\$10,090.34		\$293.89	3.0%
Master of Arts in Faculty of Education except Kinesiology (Full Time) (began 2015W or earlier)*		\$8,604.67		\$8,776.76		\$172.09	2.0%
Professional Masters of Business Administration (Program fee)		\$71,277.84		\$73,416.18		\$2,138.34	3.0%
Master of Business Analytics (Program fee)		\$50,000.00		\$51,500.00		\$1,500.00	3.0%
Master of Community and Regional Planning (began in 2016S or later)		\$19,677.57		\$20,267.90		\$590.33	3.0%
Master of Community and Regional Planning (began in 2015W or earlier)		\$19,297.34		\$19,683.29		\$385.95	2.0%
Master of Data Science (Program fee)		\$41,200.00		\$42,436.00		\$1,236.00	3.0%
Master of Education (Full Time) (began between 2017S and 2017W)*		\$10,937.79		\$11,265.92		\$328.13	3.0%
Master of Education (Full Time) (began between 2016S and 2016W)*		\$9,796.45		\$10,090.34		\$293.89	3.0%
Master of Education (Full Time) (began 2015W or earlier)*		\$8,604.67		\$8,776.76		\$172.09	2.0%
Master of Education (off campus) (Program fee)		\$14,553.06		\$14,844.12		\$291.06	2.0%
Master of Education (off campus) with transferable Graduate Certificate		\$4,851.02		\$4,948.04		\$97.02	2.0%
Master of Education in Adult Learning and Global Change (began between 2017S and 2017W)		\$10,277.29		\$10,585.61		\$308.32	3.0%
Master of Education in Adult Learning and Global Change (began between 2016S and 2016W)		\$9,204.88		\$9,481.03		\$276.15	3.0%
Master of Education in Adult Learning and Global Change (began in 2015W or earlier)		\$8,085.06		\$8,246.76		\$161.70	2.0%
Master of Educational Technology (Per Course fee) (began between 2017S and 2017W)	\$2,015.15		\$2,075.60		\$60.45		3.0%
Master of Educational Technology (Per Course fee) (began between 2016S and 2016W)	\$1,804.87		\$1,859.02		\$54.15		3.0%
Master of Educational Technology (Per Course fee) (began in 2015W or earlier)	\$1,585.30		\$1,617.01		\$31.71		2.0%
Master of Engineering (Full Time) (began in 2016S or later)		\$18,901.11		\$19,468.14		\$567.03	3.0%
Master of Engineering (Full Time) (began in 2015W or earlier)		\$18,535.88		\$18,906.60		\$370.72	2.0%
Master of Engineering in Clean Energy Engineering (Full Time) (began in 2016S or later)		\$29,784.99		\$30,678.54		\$893.55	3.0%
Master of Engineering in Clean Energy Engineering (Full Time) (began in 2015W or earlier)		\$29,209.45		\$29,793.64		\$584.19	2.0%
Master of Engineering in Naval Architecture and Marine Engineering (Full Time) (began in 2016S or later)		\$43,284.72		\$44,583.26		\$1,298.54	3.0%
Master of Engineering in Naval Architecture and Marine Engineering (Full Time) (began in 2015W or earlier)		\$42,448.32		\$43,297.29		\$848.97	2.0%
Master of Engineering Leadership (Program fee) †		\$48,801.40		\$50,265.44		\$1,464.04	3.0%
Master of Fine Arts in Creative Writing (Distance Education) (Per Credit) (began in 2016S or later)	\$995.51		\$1,025.38		\$29.87		3.0%
Master of Fine Arts in Creative Writing (Distance Education) (Per Credit) (began in 2015W or earlier)	\$976.27		\$995.80		\$19.53		2.0%
Master of Food and Resource Economics (Program fee) (began between 2017S and 2017W)		\$39,027.77		\$40,198.60		\$1,170.83	3.0%
Master of Food and Resource Economics (Program fee) (began between 2016S and 2016W)		\$35,261.93		\$36,319.79		\$1,057.86	3.0%
Master of Food and Resource Economics (Program fee) (began in 2015W or earlier)		\$33,921.88		\$34,600.32		\$678.44	2.0%
Master of Food Science (Program fee) (began in 2016S or later)		\$35,282.08		\$36,340.54		\$1,058.46	3.0%
Master of Food Science (Program fee) (began in 2015W or earlier)		\$34,600.31		\$35,292.32		\$692.01	2.0%
Master of Geomatics for Environmental Management (Program fee)		\$32,000.00		\$32,960.00		\$960.00	3.0%
Master of Global Surgical Care (Program fee)**		\$45,000.00		\$46,350.00		\$1,350.00	3.0%
Master of Health Administration (Program fee) (began between 2017S and 2017W)		\$39,652.54		\$40,842.12		\$1,189.58	3.0%
Master of Health Administration (Program fee) (began between 2016S and 2016W)		\$33,922.02		\$34,939.68		\$1,017.66	3.0%
Master of Health Administration (Program fee) (began in 2015W or earlier)		\$28,459.89		\$29,029.09		\$569.20	2.0%
Master of Health Leadership and Policy (Program fee) †		\$48,801.40		\$50,265.44		\$1,464.04	3.0%
Master of Health Science (began between 2017S and 2017W)		\$14,777.10		\$15,220.41		\$443.31	3.0%
Master of Health Science (began between 2016S and 2016W)		\$11,274.38		\$11,612.61		\$338.23	3.0%
Master of Health Science (began in 2015W or earlier)		\$8,435.95		\$8,604.67		\$168.72	2.0%
Master of High Performance Coaching and Technical Leadership (Program fee)		\$38,110.00		\$39,253.30		\$1,143.30	3.0%
Master of International Forestry (Program fee) (began between 2017S and 2017W)		\$30,356.57		\$31,267.27		\$910.70	3.0%
Master of International Forestry (Program fee) (began between 2016S and 2016W)		\$29,778.35		\$30,671.70		\$893.35	3.0%
Master of International Forestry (Program fee) (began in 2015W or earlier)		\$29,202.94		\$29,787.00		\$584.06	2.0%
Master of Journalism (began between 2017S and 2017W)		\$22,668.34		\$23,348.39		\$680.05	3.0%
Master of Journalism (began between 2016S and 2016W)		\$19,106.71		\$19,679.91		\$573.20	3.0%
Master of Journalism (began in 2015W or earlier)		\$15,446.54		\$15,755.47		\$308.93	2.0%
Master of Kinesiology (Full Time) (began between 2017S and 2017W)*		\$15,072.75		\$15,524.93		\$452.18	3.0%
Master of Kinesiology (Full Time) (began between 2016S and 2016W)*		\$11,499.95		\$11,844.95		\$345.00	3.0%
Master of Kinesiology (Full Time) (began in 2015W or earlier)*		\$8,604.67		\$8,776.76		\$172.09	2.0%
Master of Land and Water Systems (Program fee) (began between 2017S and 2017W)		\$32,576.55		\$33,553.85		\$977.30	3.0%
Master of Land and Water Systems (Program fee) (began between 2016S and 2016W)		\$31,956.05		\$32,914.73		\$958.68	3.0%
Master of Land and Water Systems (Program fee) (began in 2015W or earlier)		\$31,338.55		\$31,965.32		\$626.77	2.0%
* International Graduate Students in Programs with Standard Rates, MAS, MUS, Dual MAS/MUS, MA & MED in Education, and MKIN Students receive an International Tuition Award.							
** A separate docket for 2017-18 rates was submitted on April 13, 2017. Ministry approval is pending.							

**SCHEDULE A**  
**UBC VANCOUVER, Effective May 1, 2018**  
**PROPOSED TUITION FEES FOR 2018-19**

GRADUATE	Base Per Credit 2017-18	Typical Fee For Normal Load 2017-18	Proposed Per Credit 2018-19	Typical Fee For Normal Load 2018-19	\$ Increase Per Credit 2018-19	\$ Increase For Normal Load 2018-19	Percent Increase 2018-19
<b>INTERNATIONAL - continued</b>							
Master of Landscape Architecture (began between 2017S and 2017W)		\$29,381.33		\$30,262.77		\$881.44	3.0%
Master of Landscape Architecture (began between 2016S and 2016W)		\$22,055.39		\$22,717.05		\$661.66	3.0%
Master of Landscape Architecture (began in 2015W or earlier)		\$16,236.36		\$16,561.09		\$324.73	2.0%
Master of Laws in Common Law ( <b>Per Credit</b> ) (began between 2016S and 2017W)	\$1,015.54		\$1,046.01		\$30.47		3.0%
Master of Laws in Common Law ( <b>Per Credit</b> ) (began in 2015W or earlier)	\$995.91		\$1,015.83		\$19.92		2.0%
Master of Laws in Taxation ( <b>Per Credit</b> ) (began between 2016S and 2017W)	\$1,154.25		\$1,188.88		\$34.63		3.0%
Master of Laws in Taxation ( <b>Per Credit</b> ) (began in 2015W or earlier)	\$1,131.94		\$1,154.58		\$22.64		2.0%
Master of Management ( <b>Program fee</b> )†		\$42,006.34		\$43,266.53		\$1,260.19	3.0%
Master of Management (Bachelor Dual Degree Option) ( <b>Program fee</b> )		\$42,006.34		\$43,266.53		\$1,260.19	3.0%
Master of Museum Education ( <b>Program fee</b> ) (began between 2017S and 2017W)		\$22,210.42		\$22,876.73		\$666.31	3.0%
Master of Museum Education ( <b>Program fee</b> ) (began between 2016S and 2016W)		\$20,797.03		\$21,420.94		\$623.91	3.0%
Master of Museum Education ( <b>Program fee</b> ) (began in 2015W or earlier)		\$19,097.29		\$19,479.24		\$381.95	2.0%
Master of Music (began between 2017S and 2017W)		\$13,406.50		\$13,808.70		\$402.20	3.0%
Master of Music (began between 2016S and 2016W)		\$10,738.78		\$11,060.94		\$322.16	3.0%
Master of Music (began in 2015W or earlier)		\$8,435.95		\$8,604.67		\$168.72	2.0%
Master of Nursing - Nurse Practitioner (began between 2017S and 2017W)		\$21,513.72		\$22,159.13		\$645.41	3.0%
Master of Nursing - Nurse Practitioner (began in 2016W or earlier)		\$21,513.72		\$21,943.99		\$430.27	2.0%
Master of Occupational Therapy ( <b>Program fee</b> ) (began in 2016S or later)		\$80,384.66		\$82,796.20		\$2,411.54	3.0%
Master of Occupational Therapy ( <b>Program fee</b> ) (began in 2015W or earlier)		\$78,831.37		\$80,408.00		\$1,576.63	2.0%
Master of Physical Therapy ( <b>Program fee</b> )		\$82,400.00		\$84,872.00		\$2,472.00	3.0%
Master of Public Health (began between 2017S and 2017W)		\$12,710.30		\$13,091.61		\$381.31	3.0%
Master of Public Health (began between 2016S and 2016W)		\$10,456.56		\$10,770.26		\$313.70	3.0%
Master of Public Health (began in 2015W or earlier)		\$8,435.95		\$8,604.67		\$168.72	2.0%
Master of Public Policy and Global Affairs ( <b>Program fee</b> ) (began in 2016S or later)		\$71,080.30		\$73,212.71		\$2,132.41	3.0%
Master of Public Policy and Global Affairs ( <b>Program fee</b> ) (began in 2015W or earlier)		\$69,706.80		\$71,100.94		\$1,394.14	2.0%
Master of Rehabilitation Science (Online) ( <b>Per 1.5 credit</b> ) (began in 2016S or later)	\$627.20		\$646.02		\$18.82		3.0%
Master of Rehabilitation Science (Online) ( <b>Per 1.5 credit</b> ) (began in 2015W or earlier)	\$615.07		\$627.37		\$12.30		2.0%
Master of Science, Genetic Counselling ( <b>Program fee</b> ) (began in 2016S or later)		\$39,572.89		\$40,760.08		\$1,187.19	3.0%
Master of Science, Genetic Counselling ( <b>Program fee</b> ) (began in 2015W or earlier)		\$38,808.21		\$39,584.37		\$776.16	2.0%
Master of Science, Occupational and Environmental Hygiene (began between 2017S and 2017W)		\$10,491.75		\$10,806.50		\$314.75	3.0%
Master of Science, Occupational and Environmental Hygiene (began between 2016S and 2016W)		\$9,500.21		\$9,785.22		\$285.01	3.0%
Master of Science, Occupational and Environmental Hygiene (began in 2015W or earlier)		\$8,435.95		\$8,604.67		\$168.72	2.0%
Master of Social Work (began between 2017S and 2017W)		\$16,734.50		\$17,236.54		\$502.04	3.0%
Master of Social Work (began between 2016S and 2016W)		\$11,997.96		\$12,357.90		\$359.94	3.0%
Master of Social Work (began in 2015W or earlier)		\$8,435.95		\$8,604.67		\$168.72	2.0%
Master of Sustainable Forest Management ( <b>Program fee</b> ) (began between 2017S and 2017W)		\$30,356.57		\$31,267.27		\$910.70	3.0%
Master of Sustainable Forest Management ( <b>Program fee</b> ) (began between 2016S and 2016W)		\$29,778.35		\$30,671.70		\$893.35	3.0%
Master of Sustainable Forest Management ( <b>Program fee</b> ) (began in 2015W or earlier)		\$29,202.94		\$29,787.00		\$584.06	2.0%
Master of Urban Design (began in 2016S or later)		\$31,922.48		\$32,880.15		\$957.67	3.0%
Master of Urban Design (began in 2015W or earlier)		\$31,305.64		\$31,931.75		\$626.11	2.0%
Dual Master of Arts (Asia-Pacific Policy Studies) and Master of Arts (Planning) (began in 2015W or earlier)		\$16,871.91		\$17,209.35		\$337.44	2.0%
Dual Master of Business Administration and Master of Arts (Asia-Pacific Policy Studies) (began in 2015W or earlier) ( <b>Program fee</b> )		\$66,445.46		\$67,774.37		\$1,328.91	2.0%
Dual Master of Business Administration and Juris Doctor ( <b>Program fee</b> ) (began between 2017S and 2017W)		\$167,698.00		\$172,728.94		\$5,030.94	3.0%
Dual Master of Business Administration and Juris Doctor ( <b>Program fee</b> ) (began between 2016S and 2016W)		\$154,336.23		\$158,966.32		\$4,630.09	3.0%
Dual Master of Business Administration and Juris Doctor ( <b>Program fee</b> ) (began in 2015W or earlier)		\$129,970.59		\$132,570.00		\$2,599.41	2.0%
Dual Master of Architecture and Master of Landscape Architecture (began between 2017S and 2017W)		\$44,071.75		\$45,393.90		\$1,322.15	3.0%
Dual Master of Architecture and Master of Landscape Architecture (began in 2016S or earlier)		\$33,083.34		\$34,075.84		\$992.50	3.0%
Combined Master of Public Health and Master of Science in Nursing ( <b>Program fee</b> ) (began between 2017S and 2017W)		\$42,293.00		\$43,561.79		\$1,268.79	3.0%
Combined Master of Public Health and Master of Science in Nursing ( <b>Program fee</b> ) (began between 2016S and 2016W)		\$37,950.35		\$39,088.86		\$1,138.51	3.0%
Combined Master of Public Health and Master of Science in Nursing ( <b>Program fee</b> ) (began in 2015W or earlier)		\$33,743.80		\$34,418.68		\$674.88	2.0%
Combined Master of Public Health with Diploma in Dental Public Health (began between 2017S and 2017W)		\$46,495.29		\$47,890.15		\$1,394.86	3.0%
Combined Master of Public Health with Diploma in Dental Public Health (began between 2016S and 2016W)		\$44,572.81		\$45,909.99		\$1,337.18	3.0%
Combined Master of Public Health with Diploma in Dental Public Health (began in 2015W or earlier)		\$42,221.22		\$43,065.64		\$844.42	2.0%
Combined Master of Science in Craniofacial Science and Diploma in Periodontics ( <b>Program fee</b> )		\$126,663.28		\$129,196.55		\$2,533.27	2.0%
Combined Master of Science in Craniofacial Science and Diploma in Endodontics ( <b>Program fee</b> )		\$126,663.28		\$129,196.55		\$2,533.27	2.0%
Combined Master of Science in Craniofacial Science and Diploma in Orthodontics ( <b>Program fee</b> )		\$126,663.28		\$129,196.55		\$2,533.27	2.0%
Combined Master of Science in Craniofacial Science and Diploma in Pediatric Dentistry ( <b>Program fee</b> )		\$126,663.28		\$129,196.55		\$2,533.27	2.0%
Combined Master of Science in Craniofacial Science and Diploma in Prosthodontics ( <b>Program fee</b> )		\$126,663.28		\$129,196.55		\$2,533.27	2.0%
<b>Doctoral Degree Programs</b>							
Doctor of Education in Educational Leadership ( <b>Program fee</b> ) (began between 2017S and 2017W)		\$41,887.60		\$43,144.23		\$1,256.63	3.0%
Doctor of Education in Educational Leadership ( <b>Program fee</b> ) (began between 2016S and 2016W)		\$37,516.72		\$38,642.22		\$1,125.50	3.0%
Doctor of Education in Educational Leadership ( <b>Program fee</b> ) (began in 2015W or earlier)		\$32,952.73		\$33,611.78		\$659.05	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> )		\$126,663.28		\$129,196.55		\$2,533.27	2.0%
Combined Doctor of Philosophy in Craniofacial Science and Diploma in Orthodontics ( <b>Program fee</b> )		\$126,663.28		\$129,196.55		\$2,533.27	2.0%
Combined Doctor of Philosophy in Craniofacial Science and Diploma in Pediatric Dentistry ( <b>Program fee</b> )		\$126,663.28		\$129,196.55		\$2,533.27	2.0%
Combined Doctor of Philosophy in Craniofacial Science and Diploma in Periodontics Dentistry ( <b>Program fee</b> )		\$126,663.28		\$129,196.55		\$2,533.27	2.0%
Combined Doctor of Philosophy in Craniofacial Science and Diploma in Prosthodontics ( <b>Program fee</b> )		\$126,663.28		\$129,196.55		\$2,533.27	2.0%
Combined Master of Physical Therapy and Doctor of Philosophy in Rehabilitation Sciences ( <b>Program fee</b> )		\$104,895.87		\$107,817.79		\$2,921.92	2.8%
<b>Other</b>							
Unclassified (per credit for graduate-level Master of Laws in Common Law courses)	\$1,015.54		\$1,066.32		\$50.78		5.0%

\* International Graduate Students in Programs with Standard Rates, MAS, MLIS, Dual MAS/MLIS, MA & MED in Education, and MKIN Students receive an International Tuition Award.  
 \*\* 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, 2018  
 PROPOSED TUITION FEES FOR 2018-19

UNDERGRADUATE	Normal Load Credits	Base Per Credit 2017-18	Typical Fee For Normal Load 2017-18	Proposed Per Credit 2018-19	Typical Fee For Normal Load 2018-19	\$ Increase Per Credit 2018-19	\$ Increase For Normal Load 2018-19	Percent Increase 2018-19
<b>DOMESTIC</b>								
<b>Undergraduate (except as below)</b>	30	\$172.99	\$5,189.70	\$176.45	\$5,293.50	\$3.46	\$103.80	2.0%
Engineering (years 2 to 5)	36	\$184.66	\$6,647.76	\$188.35	\$6,780.60	\$3.69	\$132.84	2.0%
Media Studies	30	\$230.21	\$6,906.30	\$234.81	\$7,044.30	\$4.60	\$138.00	2.0%
<b>Post-baccalaureate Programs</b>								
Education - Elementary (2-year program)	67	\$192.64	\$12,906.88	\$196.49	\$13,164.83	\$3.85	\$257.95	2.0%
Education - Secondary (12-month program)	60	\$192.64	\$11,558.40	\$196.49	\$11,789.40	\$3.85	\$231.00	2.0%
<b>Diploma and Certificate Programs</b>								
Diploma and Certificates in Education		\$192.64		\$196.49		\$3.85		2.0%
<b>Other</b>								
Unclassified, Qualifying, Visiting, Access Studies, Auditors (per credit fee)		\$172.99		\$176.45		\$3.46		2.0%
<b>INTERNATIONAL</b>								
Undergraduate (began between 2017S and 2017W)*	30	\$1,163.76	\$34,912.80	\$1,198.67	\$35,960.10	\$34.91	\$1,047.30	3.0%
Undergraduate (began between 2016S and 2016W)*	30	\$1,042.33	\$31,269.90	\$1,073.60	\$32,208.00	\$31.27	\$938.10	3.0%
Undergraduate (began between 2015S and 2015W)*	30	\$933.56	\$28,006.80	\$961.57	\$28,847.10	\$28.01	\$840.30	3.0%
Undergraduate (began between 2014W and earlier)*	30	\$848.94	\$25,468.20	\$865.92	\$25,977.60	\$16.98	\$509.40	2.0%
<b>ARTS</b>								
Arts, Fine Arts, Media Studies (began between 2017S and 2017W)	30	\$1,161.57	\$34,847.10	\$1,196.42	\$35,892.60	\$34.85	\$1,045.50	3.0%
Arts, Fine Arts, Media Studies (began between 2016S and 2016W)	30	\$1,042.33	\$31,269.90	\$1,073.60	\$32,208.00	\$31.27	\$938.10	3.0%
Arts, Fine Arts, Media Studies (began between 2015S and 2015W)	30	\$933.56	\$28,006.80	\$961.57	\$28,847.10	\$28.01	\$840.30	3.0%
Arts, Fine Arts, Media Studies (began 2014W and earlier)	30	\$848.94	\$25,468.20	\$865.92	\$25,977.60	\$16.98	\$509.40	2.0%
<b>Other</b>								
Unclassified, Qualifying, Visiting, Access Studies, Auditors (per credit)		\$1,163.76		\$1,270.37		\$106.61		9.2%

\* International Undergraduate rate excludes Education programs which do not have grandparented rates.



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 UBC OKANAGAN, Effective May 1, 2018  
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GRADUATE	Base Per Credit 2017-18	Typical Fee For Normal Load 2017-18	Proposed Per Credit 2018-19	Typical Fee For Normal Load 2018-19	\$ Increase Per Credit 2018-19	\$ Increase For Normal Load 2018-19	Percent Increase 2018-19
<b>DOMESTIC</b>							
<b>Graduate Programs with Standard Rates</b>							
All Domestic Graduate Programs Full Time (except below)		\$4,801.81		\$4,897.85		\$96.04	2.0%
All Domestic Master's Programs Part Time (except below)		\$2,744.35		\$2,799.24		\$54.89	2.0%
All Domestic Graduate Continuing fee		\$2,193.79		\$2,237.67		\$43.88	2.0%
All Domestic Graduate Extension fee		\$3,081.22		\$3,142.84		\$61.62	2.0%
All Domestic Graduate On-Leave fee		\$348.01		\$354.97		\$6.96	2.0%
<b>Graduate Programs with Specialized Rates</b>							
Master of Arts in Faculty of Education (Full Time)		\$6,864.99		\$7,002.29		\$137.30	2.0%
Master of Arts in Faculty of Education (Part Time)		\$4,126.86		\$4,209.40		\$82.54	2.0%
Master of Education (Full Time)		\$6,864.99		\$7,002.29		\$137.30	2.0%
Master of Education (Part Time)		\$4,126.86		\$4,209.40		\$82.54	2.0%
Master of Engineering (Full Time)		\$5,836.44		\$5,953.17		\$116.73	2.0%
Master of Engineering (Part Time)		\$3,439.46		\$3,508.25		\$68.79	2.0%
Master of Engineering Leadership		\$28,090.80		\$28,652.62		\$561.82	2.0%
Master of Management (Program fee)*		\$27,902.00		\$28,460.04		\$558.04	2.0%
<b>Other</b>							
Unclassified, Qualifying, Visiting, Access Studies, Auditors (per credit for graduate-level courses)	\$407.50		\$415.65		\$8.15		2.0%
<b>INTERNATIONAL (No international standard graduate fee will be less than its associated domestic fee)</b>							
<b>Graduate Programs with Standard Rates</b>							
All International Graduate Students (except below; until degree completion)**		\$8,435.95		\$8,604.67		\$168.72	2.0%
All International Master's Programs Part Time		\$4,850.68		\$4,947.69		\$97.01	2.0%
All International Graduate Students On-Leave fee		\$1,028.62		\$1,049.19		\$20.57	2.0%
<b>Graduate Programs with Specialized Rates</b>							
Master of Education (Full Time) (began between 2017S and 2017W)		\$10,937.79		\$11,265.92		\$328.13	3.0%
Master of Education (Full Time) (began between 2016S and 2016W)		\$9,796.45		\$10,090.34		\$293.89	3.0%
Master of Education (Full Time) (began in 2015W or earlier)		\$8,604.67		\$8,776.76		\$172.09	2.0%
Master of Arts in Faculty of Education (Full Time)		\$8,435.95		\$8,604.67		\$168.72	2.0%
Master of Arts in Faculty of Education (Part Time)		\$4,755.57		\$4,850.68		\$95.11	2.0%
Master of Education (Part Time)		\$4,755.57		\$4,850.68		\$95.11	2.0%
Master of Engineering (Full Time) (began in 2016S or later)		\$18,901.11		\$19,468.14		\$567.03	3.0%
Master of Engineering (Full Time) (began in 2015W or earlier)		\$18,535.88		\$18,906.60		\$370.72	2.0%
Master of Engineering Leadership		\$48,801.40		\$50,265.44		\$1,464.04	3.0%
Master of Management (Program fee)*		\$40,783.00		\$41,598.66		\$815.66	2.0%
Master of Social Work (began between 2017S and 2017W)		\$16,734.50		\$17,236.54		\$502.04	3.0%
Master of Social Work (began between 2016S and 2016W)		\$11,997.96		\$12,357.90		\$359.94	3.0%
Master of Social Work (began in 2015W or earlier)		\$8,435.95		\$8,604.67		\$168.72	2.0%
<i>* Increase applies to new incoming students only.</i>							
<i>** International Graduate Students in Programs with Standard Rates receive an International Tuition Award.</i>							

# CONSULTATION REPORT

## Introduction

Under the guidelines of Policy 71, the Vice-President, Students and Associate Vice-President Students, Okanagan conducted a consultation process regarding the proposed tuition and fee increases for 2018/19.

The consultation was conducted over the period of October 10<sup>th</sup> to November 7<sup>th</sup>, 2017.

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 10<sup>th</sup> and November 7<sup>th</sup>.

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

#### 1. Consultation with Elected Student Representatives

- Submission received from
  - Alma Mater Society

#### 2. Web Consultation

- consultations.students.ubc.ca launched with materials on October 10<sup>th</sup>, 2017
- Open access website – any student could review and submit feedback
- 2,390 page views (81% new visits, 19% return visits)
- 4 minute and 40 seconds average session on the page
- 1799 responses from individual students

The consultation was advertised and promoted through:

- Student societies
- Direct email to all students
- Digital signage
- Student Communications social media

## 2. ANNOTATED TIMELINE OF CONSULTATION

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

Date	Action
October 10 <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 10 <sup>th</sup>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Instagram story</b> launched (766.5 average views)</li> </ul>
October 10 <sup>th</sup> - November 7 <sup>th</sup>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Digital signage</b> promoting the tuition consultation</li> <li>• <b>Twitter campaign</b> (6 tweets, 2,273 impressions, 15 total engagement)</li> </ul>
November 7 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Tuition consultation closed</b>
<b>WEB ANALYTICS AND NUMBER OF SUBMISSIONS</b>	<b>consultations.students.ubc.ca live October 10<sup>th</sup> to November 7<sup>th</sup></b> 2,390 page views (81% new visits, 19% return visits) 4 minute and 40 seconds average session on the page 1799 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 the Annual Tuition Increases  
November 7<sup>th</sup>, 2017**

Dear Board of Governors,

This submission is being made on behalf of the Alma Mater Society (AMS) of UBC Vancouver in response to the consultation opened on October 10<sup>th</sup>, 2017 on the annual general tuition increase of domestic tuition by 2%, thesis-based tuition by 2%, non-instructional fees by 2%, and continuing international tuition by 2-3%.

We appreciate that the University has taken efforts to improve the annual consultation process this year. We support the enhanced level of information provided by the University online regarding the allocation of tuition and student fees.

We hope that the University will recognize the magnitude of student comments this year regarding personal finances and the fairness regarding continuing tuition increases. If the University is going to have continuing tuition increases they need to be clearly advertised to students when they initially apply to UBC. Furthermore, UBC needs to review the affect that annual increases can have on higher cost programs where a 2% increase is a significant additional burden placed on the student.

If the University is going to have annual tuition increases there needs to be a commitment for continued development and improvement of services and supporting resources that a student may access. Additionally, there should be a formal process to update students on these developments and improvements on an annual basis.

We hope to work with the University to ensure that we explore new avenues to prioritize student affordability. As per the 2014 student referendum and the AMS Policy on UBC and Student Affordability, the AMS opposes all tuition increase beyond the 2% domestic cap.

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Alan Ehrenholz', written in a cursive style.

**Alan Ehrenholz**  
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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Max Holmes', written in a cursive style.

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## 4. INDIVIDUAL STUDENT SUBMISSIONS

In total, there were 1799 individual student responses regarding the international tuition proposal. This marks a large increase from the 1186 individual student responses received during the 2016 consultation. 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 respondents

Respondents were asked for specific identifiers, specifically their degree type and whether they are domestic or international students.

Degree Type	Number of responses	Percentage of responses
Undergrad	1346	75%
Grad	375	21%
Unclassified	40	2%
Other	16	0.9%

Domestic/Int'l	Number of responses	Percentage of responses
Domestic	1176	65%
International	601	33%

### 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.

	Example of verbatim comment	Number of responses	Percentage of responses
Against Increase	<p>"I need this 2% more than you do. "</p> <p>"Tuition is already expensive! Please do not make students suffer and stress out more by adding unnecessary increases to their expenses!"</p>	1657	92%
Support Increase/Not opposed	<p>"I like it. It looks well balanced and reasonable. I appreciate the time taken to show how the money is used. Much better than how the international student rate hike in 2014-15 was handled."</p> <p>"This seems reasonable given inflation. I'm in agreement with the tuition increase."</p>	100	6%

<sup>1</sup> This section does not add up to 100% because there were 42 comments (2%) 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.

Several themes were much more visible in the comments this year including personal/peer financial situation, needing more value, and the effect of tuition increases on international students.

Theme	Examples	# of Against Increases with Theme	% of Against Increase with Theme
Personal/peer financial situation	<p>“As a young student from a low income family who is paying for my own tuition, any increase in cost is extremely difficult to me. I understand that UBC may be pushed for financial reasons to increase the tuition costs, but I truly hope they can avoid this. I am working extremely hard to be here, and any added pressure would be very challenging.”</p> <p>“It's not even half way through my school year, and I have already used up half of my student line of credit because of tuition prices and rent. A 2-3% tuition increase for students due to "inflationary pressures" would be another slap on the face.”</p> <p>“I believe that it will bring about more financial stress for international students and their families which could directly reflect an increase in academic pressure and stress on students which could then have negative effects of the overall wellbeing and mental health of international students...”</p>	255	14%
Need more value	<p>“I feel like my money is not being used to benefit me at all, but to maintain the idealistic imagery of the campus and to increase faculty salaries at the expense of the students' education.”</p> <p>“There is a constant increase of tuition yearly, however, there is no increase in the quality of the courses or instructors.”</p> <p>“I feel as though my money is going to waste: being spent on things that do not benefit me or my education in any way whatsoever.”</p>	179	10%
Domestic/international difference	<p>“If there is a necessity for an increase in tuition due to inflation, please distribute these costs equally across domestic and international students. I realize the plan does not necessarily imply the change for international students will be over the 2% increase domestic students will experience but I strongly urge that the increase is equal across all undergraduates.”</p> <p>“The difference between the amount of international students' tuition and domestic students' is too much. International students already pay for a lot of things like the plane tickets and housing.</p>	168	9%

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	<p>With all of these combined, international students spend a lot more money than domestic ones and I think it's not fair.”</p> <p>“Nevertheless, considering that the families of domestic students already provide substantial financial support for UBC in the form of taxes, I suggest that domestic students' tuition should increase less than that of international students, who do not contribute taxes to the Canadian government and therefore has made less financial contribution to the BC education system in general.”</p>		
Effect on international students	<p>“...we are all struggling to pay to get a better education here in Canada. I feel that instead of increasing the tuition, how about finding a way to reduce our tuition a little as well as make us internationals feel more welcome on campus.”</p> <p>“One of the big factors of me choosing ubc is that it is a highly recognized institution with a tuition that is affordable for the education received here. If the tuition is further increased, many others like me might make other choices and pass up the opportunity to study here.”</p> <p>“Such unforeseen change in status mentioned above has no affect on international students' access to funds, thereby, preventing them from completing their degree. Most of the international students chose UBC for quality education, but if the university structure is preventing them that access, is the university really promoting higher education?”</p>	164	9%
Education should be accessible/ impact on student diversity	<p>“You only make the university less diverse and more likely to become a beacon of inequality instead of a beacon of excellence.”</p> <p>“Continually raising tuition undermines the purpose of a public university - to provide cheap and quality education to the public. In particular, raising domestic tuition is contrary to the stated goals of any public education system.”</p> <p>“UBC claims to want diversity on campus and give students of all backgrounds a chance. However, as costs for students are more and more increased, students from disadvantaged groups (especially economically) find it more and more difficult to be a student at UBC.”</p>	152	8%
Construction on campus	<p>“I feel there is a tremendous amount of waste particularly with the construction projects here. One which is the water fountain resurfacing, was it really necessary to set up an entire scaffolding system to keep the rain out?”</p> <p>“I think [tuition] should stay as is and maybe build one less brand new building.”</p> <p>“Perhaps organizing more engagement from students, a key stakeholder to any project on campus, before deciding to construct buildings such as an Alumni Center or a Student Union Building that we are still paying for that has many features that are</p>	152	8%



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	excess, would result in a transparent understanding that we student do not want these things.”		
Too many increases	<p>“I have been an UBC student for 8 years and every year there's a tuition increase that really doesn't truly reflect inflation as we all know.”</p> <p>“I feel that the tuition will increase every year and its going to get to a point where it is hard for us domestic students to pay.”</p> <p>“So many of us have struggling year after year with these tuition increases and our voices are not being heard. Stop increasing tuition. Give us a break.”</p>	141	8%
All costs rising/high	<p>“No, tuition and textbooks are already expensive and cost of living on campus or the surrounding area is extremely high! To raise both domestic and international tuition would be taking money from food and other basic necessities out of student's pockets.”</p> <p>“While there may be inflationary pressures, those same pressures also lead to increased housing costs and increases in other costs. Vancouver is already an incredibly expensive city and students are forced to go into debt to afford education”</p> <p>“With the price of living in Vancouver being so incredibly high, continually raising tuition fees will make it virtually impossible for many potential students to consider UBC a viable option.”</p>	129	7%
Cut elsewhere	<p>“Funds could come from freezing top earning employees salaries, taking an inventory of expenditures and cutting unnecessary ones (like luncheons or special events or certain kinds of everyday costs)...”</p> <p>“I also wonder if more could be done to streamline administrative bureaucracy and perhaps look at spending that might be deemed unnecessary...”</p> <p>“I feel that UBC has enough money to go around, and our money is not going towards things that actually help students, but instead to things that make UBC look good. Get it together and use our money properly. Treat us like students, not customers.”</p>	122	7%
Student financial aid	<p>“The availability of aid, scholarship, and bursaries to international students has also not kept pace with the rapid expansion of international fees. A \$10,000 entrance award means a lot more when tuition is \$25,000 than when tuition is nearly \$40,000.”</p> <p>“The increasing tuition fees are not matched... by increased opportunities for bursaries or scholarships.”</p> <p>“I don't understand how tuition fees increase because there are "inflationary pressures" but awards given to current students remain virtually the same.”</p>	121	7%

Theme	Examples	# of Against Increases with Theme	% of Against Increase with Theme
TA stipends/employment/sessional rates	<p>“Although inflation does pressure UBC to increase tuition, this same inflation does not affect the hourly or salary wages that students are being paid in. This results in an ever growing struggle for students to afford a post secondary education.”</p> <p>“We remain entirely dependent on the stipends and scholarships awarded to us and without a corresponding increase in these, the ability for us to conduct our work -- thereby benefiting the university's research, ability to receive grants, etc. -- is inhibited. We are not immune from inflationary increases...”</p> <p>“You should also increase the GA and TA salaries the same rate (or greater). By default, it is very challenging to live as a student, yet tuition increases year by year. We are so underpaid as graduates. Other places in the world, Master and PhD salaries are way higher than UBC's, so be wise an think how you would attract international students.”</p>	109	6%
Increases for continuing students	<p>“Raising tuition every year is difficult for students who came here with a set budget and expectations that fees would not keep increasing year by year.”</p> <p>“It is hard to adapt to tuition increases for many international students, please keep in mind that budgets are prepared ahead of time.”</p> <p>“Tuition increases every year are making it harder and harder to afford contributing my degree at UBC, especially with the exorbitant cost of living in Vancouver. When I decided to commit to UBC I thought I would be paying about the same price every year, but costs have been going up since I got here.”</p>	83	5%
Consultation	<p>“I left a many page thoughtful feedback two years ago about the unreasonableness of tuition hikes, particularly for international students, and the fact that these increases well above inflation. Never received any response, the tuition went up drastically and now you're doing it again. I don't think the university gives a damn about what students think about tuition hikes. You only provide these surveys to give us the illusion that we have a say.”</p> <p>“Sending an email every year to invite student feedback is not a sufficiently soothing offer to make this a palatable notion. I fully expect that tuition will be raised despite objections...”</p> <p>“Something that I would like the AMS and GSS to have control over is the Excellence Fund. Although there is now annual consultation with both organizations, a body of our peers should have final say if the fund is going to be levied from tuition.”</p>	79	4%
Government or other source	<p>“I would highly encourage the UBC administration to bring these financial concerns to the attention to the Minister for Advanced Education in the province of BC, and press the current government to work to support post-secondary education without putting the pressure on current and incoming students.”</p>	73	4%

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	<p>"I wish UBC can reconsider this plan and seek other methods of funding."</p> <p>"Given that we have a new government how about instead fighting for more funding from them. You have the premier business school in the province surely someone knows how to run a PR campaign."</p>		
Ancillary and student society fees	<p>"\$217.50 for "Athletics and Recreation Fee". I don't even know where I would go to be a part of any athletic past time. I have not and will not ever use a building dedicated to recreation on campus ever yet I still have to pay a fee for the building. Little fees here and there when I already pay so much in tuition"</p> <p>"We have too many fees on top of course fees such as paying for the sub renewal, rec sports and the gym when as an unclassified student I don't use any of these amenities."</p> <p>"Many students do not associate themselves with some of the activities that the fees go towards, and although I understand to a degree why all students still pay the same fees..."</p>	69	4%
More information and information on allocation of incremental funds	<p>"If a fee increase were to go ahead, UBC should be transparent as to where the money is going and what/who it is funding."</p> <p>"Why does it not discuss targets for improvements to operational costs?"</p> <p>"I would like more information about what is included in the Ancillary Operations and Central Academic budgets. From the information that is available on the website, I do not understand why Ancillary Operations require so much money..."</p>	68	4%
Don't believe data presented/CPI	<p>"As with the previous tuition hike it is disgusting that there are different rates of increase for domestic vs international students, especially when it is claimed to be due to inflation."</p> <p>"Increase in 2% as adjusted for inflation is understandable and notified before enrolment. However, any value above 2% is unfair and unjustified because most of international students signed up UBC with the expectation of tuition increase only based on inflation."</p> <p>"The Bank Of Canada predicts annual inflation for 2018 to be 1.8%. If UBC were to simply follow this target, tuition should rise 1.8%, not 2.0%. Please reconsider this exorbitant increase as it will have a detrimental affect on many students and their families."</p>	59	3%
Reputation	<p>"This constant increases will definitely hurt UBC's reputation of "most international school in North America.""</p> <p>"The increase in price per credit must be first justified by an increase in value offered to the international students. If not, it</p>	40	2%

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	<p>will systematically decrease the diversity on campus which is one of the main drivers of UBC's prestige.”</p> <p>“In fact, to truly be competitive, on a Canadian level, and even more so on an international level, you should be decreasing tuition fees or granting tuition waivers, to truly attract the top graduate students from across the globe.”</p>		
UBC Okanagan	<p>“I hope that you consider the above in either reducing the annual fees increase for UBC-O international graduate students and in trying to treat them the same as those at UBC-V in terms of the "international graduate student" scholarships.”</p> <p>“Balance out the excessive amounts that profs are paid, stop trying to be in the big leagues like UBC Vancouver and start acting like the small campus we are.”</p> <p>“One of several reasons why I've had such a negative experience studying at UBCO is due to the cost of tuition, the cost of textbooks, the cost of parking, and cost of putting up with rude, selfish, impersonal, and unhelpful staff members who are unwilling to accommodate to student needs.”</p>	7	0.4%

## APPENDICES

Appendix 1: Consultation Material from Website

Appendix 2: Verbatim Individual Student Submissions

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Each year, the costs of providing a university education increase due to inflationary pressures. In addition to taking action to reduce costs and pursuing other sources of revenue, UBC is proposing:

### Increases to reflect inflationary pressures

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- a 2% to 3% increase for all continuing international students across all programs for the 2018/19 academic year.
- a 2% increase in non-instructional fees for all students.

### Increases to bring international tuition for unclassified, qualifying, visiting, access studies and auditing students in line with general international tuition for programs

- a 9.2% increase for international per credit tuition for unclassified, qualifying, visiting, access studies, and auditing students.<sup>2</sup>
- a 5% increase for international per credit tuition for unclassified students taking graduate-level Master of Laws in Common Laws courses.<sup>3</sup>

[Click here](#) for more details about the above proposal.

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### STUDENT FEEDBACK

As part of this proposal process, the University is seeking student feedback through a [confidential webform](#). Your feedback will be anonymized, compiled, and submitted first to administrators to inform the final proposal, and then to the Board of Governors, who will review comments before they meet to vote on the proposed tuition and fee increases. **Your voice counts; please review the information below and provide your feedback by November 7, 2017.**

### CONFIDENTIALITY

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

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

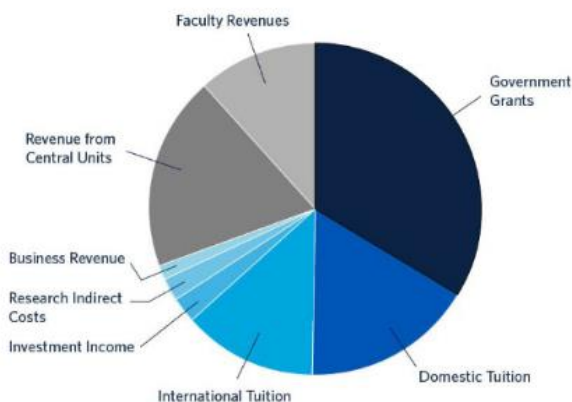
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## CONTEXT: THE BASICS OF THE UNIVERSITY BUDGET

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.

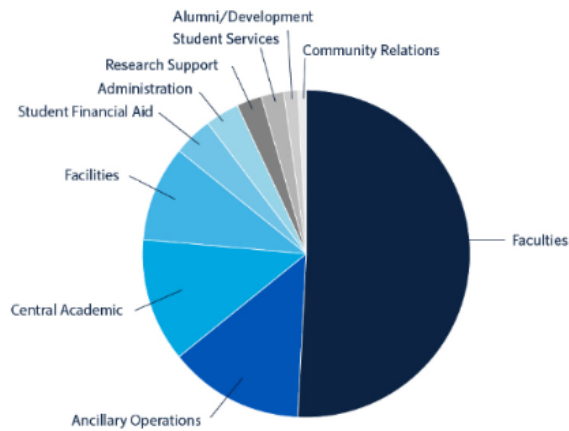
### THE OPERATING FUND

#### Total operating revenues 2016/17



- Government grants \$598m
- Domestic tuition and fees \$290m
- International tuition and fees \$234m
- Investment income \$42m [read more](#)
- Research indirect costs \$40m [read more](#)
- Business revenue \$24m
- Revenue from central units \$335m [read more](#)
- Faculty revenues \$202m [read more](#)

**Total operating expenses 2016/17**



- Faculties \$899m [read more](#)
- Ancillary operations \$235m [read more](#)
- Central academic \$211m [read more](#)
- Facilities \$166m [read more](#)
- Student financial aid \$72m [read more](#)
- Administration \$56m [read more](#)
- Research support \$47m [read more](#)
- Student services \$36m [read more](#)
- Alumni/development \$28m [read more](#)
- Community relations \$10m [read more](#)

**RESTRICTED FUNDS**

Tuition fees do not go towards restricted funds. These funds are earmarked for specific purposes like research projects, scholarships, and capital infrastructure projects including new buildings and community spaces.

**Research and endowment funds**

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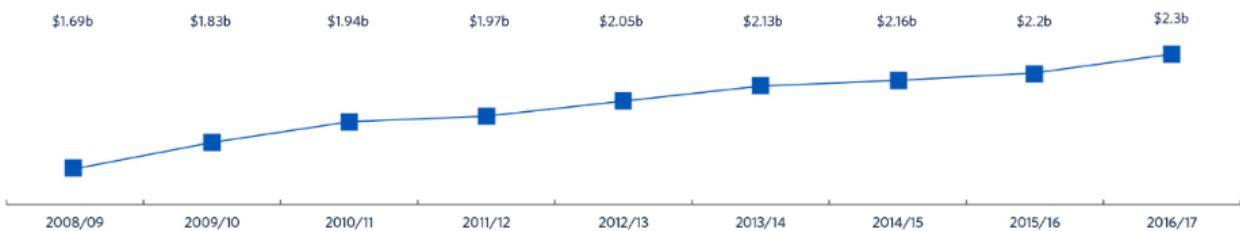
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**FINANCIAL PRESSURES**

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. 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, 2008–2016 ([source](#))**



# TUITION

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## COMPARISON OF 2017/18 AND 2018/19 TUITION AMOUNTS

To see the specific tuition proposals by program, please see:

- Domestic students at [UBC Vancouver](#) and at [UBC Okanagan](#).
- International students enrolled in graduate programs with standard rates and other applicable programs at [UBC Vancouver](#) and at [UBC Okanagan](#).

Provide Your Feedback

## CONSULTATION WITH THE GENERAL STUDENT BODY

Students are invited to provide feedback to this tuition proposal through a [confidential webform](#).

Feedback will be compiled and submitted first to senior administrators to inform the final proposal, and then to the Board of Governors, who will review comments before they meet to vote on the proposed tuition increases.

Provide Your Feedback

## LEARN MORE


Please review the proposed tuition amounts below:


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


Learn more about support for students with financial need:


- [Commitment to financial support](#)


## FAQS

1. Why are fees increasing? 

2. What is UBC doing to keep tuition costs down? 

3. Does my feedback really have an impact on what happens with my tuition fees? 

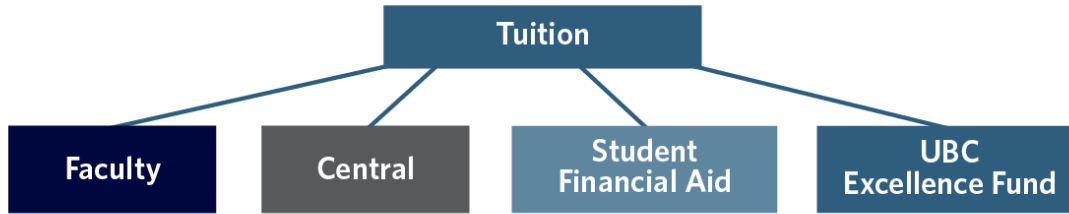
4. How does UBC pay for construction, such as the new gardens and footpaths? 

5. How do I submit my questions or feedback? 

6. What can I do if I am struggling financially? 

## ALLOCATION PLAN

Tuition revenue is used to maintain and strengthen the University's teaching, learning, and student support services. The allocation plan is designed to ensure the bulk of tuition flows directly to the Faculties to support direct teaching costs and the remainder is allocated to support services that benefit students. The incremental revenue from the proposed tuition and fee increases will be allocated in the same proportions as the current base revenue which is generated from tuition and fees.



### HOW IS TUITION CURRENTLY ALLOCATED?

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

#### Faculty funds

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

- **teaching and learning**, including faculty and staff salaries, equipment purchases, and supplies;
- **faculty-based student services and programming**, including advising and teaching support for students;
- **learning and research infrastructure**, including student advising space, classroom AV upgrades and graduate student space; and,
- **research**, including support for grant applications and negotiations, ethics approval, and patenting and commercialization.

#### Central supports

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

- **infrastructure** including the Library and IT services;
- **student services** including student health, counselling, and career development; and,
- **enrolment services** including exam & classroom scheduling, registration systems, admission, and transcripts and diplomas.

#### Student Financial Aid

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

#### UBC Excellence Fund

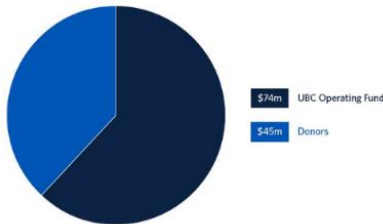
Approximately 7.6% of the undergraduate international student's tuition is allocated to the UBC Excellence Fund. This fund was created in 2016 to support the university's top priorities including the recruitment and retention of exemplary faculty, staff, and students, support world-changing research, and deliver an exceptional learning experience for our students. A total of \$20.2 million is earmarked for 2017/18.

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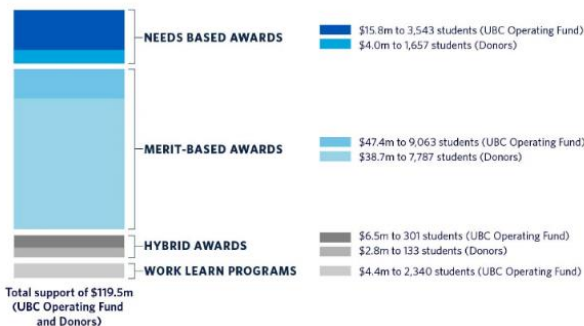
### COMMITMENT TO FINANCIAL SUPPORT

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

Financial support for UBC students, 2016/17\*, by source



Financial support for UBC students, 2016/17\*, by award type



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

\* Latest available data

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## APPENDIX 2: Verbatim Individual Student Submissions

<p>You should increase the TA, RA, and the scholarship values according to the inflation raters too.</p>
<p>I strongly oppose the increase in tuition.</p>
<p>Absolutely do not support raising tuition or fees. As a graduate student in a 26 month program, I am already paying a full tuition and years worth of student fees for not even stepping into a classroom in my last 2 months of the program. You are making enough money off of us.</p>
<p>I understand the importance of increasing funding for the university and I am otherwise no opposed with this proposal. My program is only a year long so this will not effect me personally. However, this will effect friends of mine and future generations of international students as well. This is a wonderful and fantastic institution that I feel absolutely honored to go to. So do be careful to not restrict the ability of future students to attend because of potential funding restrictions due to this increase in tuition specifically for international students.</p>
<p>I would vote for proposal no. 1 "a 2% increase in tuition for all domestic students across all programs for the 2018/19 academic year" since there is a huge gap between what domestic and what international students have to pay.</p>
<p>Please stop increasing the tuition fees</p>
<p>As a MEng student, I find my tuition on the admission letter which seems to be fixed. I do not know whether there is a difference in the amount of tuition finishing lectures between 12 months and 16 months? Or the amount of tuition does not have any relevance to the time as long as there is no failure in finishing lectures.</p>
<p>As a student who works in addition to full-time studies, a 2% increase puts a strain on my budget. My finances have not allowed me to qualify for a UBC bursary however I work extremely hard to ensure my debt upon graduation is minimal. I feel like a tuition increase was implemented in the last few years and now we are faced with an additional increase. Students that just miss the qualification requirements for financial support from UBC are constantly at a disadvantage with these increases. So I ask that you reconsider the need for this increase to allow us students to graduate with reasonable debt or no debt in order to succeed in our careers. Thank you for taking the time to understand my concerns.</p>
<p>Naturally, as a paying student, I wouldn't want the tuition fees to increase. But as a domestic student, a 2% increase in tuition fees would be roughly \$120-\$150, which I feel is quite reasonable. I can't speak for the international students, but personally, if my extra 2% contribution were to go a long way in helping the school continue to run with its exceptional quality, then I would be happy to comply.</p>
<p>I believe the tuition should not be increased, for some program, the tuition is already high for both domestic and international students. Looking on the cost of leaving in Vancouver, most students are living miserable because of high cost of tuition and this affect their performance in class.</p>
<p>Please do not increase the tuition cost. I am receiving no financial support from my parents and my student loans do not cover the full cost of tuition. Therefore, I have to work at least 16 hours per week while attending 30 hours of class per week. I understand I am young and able body however, I am sacrificing a lot of my physical and mental health in order to try and make enough money to support myself and keep my grades up in fear of failing out and not being able to eat.</p>
<p>Would prefer that there are no tuition increases for the next school year. There are other ways to save money so that more money can be put towards providing students with education.</p>
<p>If students are expected to pay more for tuition every year there must be an understanding that a reliance on student loans will only increase amongst the student body. With that said, the university (as a public institution) has an ethical responsibility to its students to help them to obtain work as they transition out of student life. If tuition is to increase, is there also an increase in programming that helps students to ease into the professional landscape? Is there a focus on practicum placements, and co-ops? Are these opportunities available to those who chose a fine arts, or humanities path? What about those student who drop out and are now saddled with debt? Does someone follow up with them? Accomodate their learning difficulties? Perhaps their mental health concerns? Or, their socioeconomic circumstances that may make continuing with their degree unfeasible? The university is a public institution that has an obligation to its learners. It must align with the principles of solidarity with its students otherwise it is merely reinforcing the inequity of the privileged by making its resources available only to those who have the monetary and social, happenstance to be able to weather an increase in fees. So in short, no. Don't raise tuition.</p>

If UBC goes through with this tuition raise I will not return next year. It's ridiculously unfair that the burden is always placed on international students, already it's incredibly difficult to reconcile how much we pay compared to Canadian students. Yes, I'm aware their parents have paid taxes but as UBC likes to talk about making education available to all there should be a better system in place. UBC has mostly been put on the map because of contributions by International students and now that the school is enjoying that extra prestige more of a burden is put on us? That's not right, this only fosters the attitude with Canadian students that they belong here and we don't, this was seen in the AMS elections last year as several of the candidates spoke about "making international student pull their weight" or "putting the focus back on Canadians". It can't go both ways, either UBC values it's international students and shares in their contributions or these unreasonable tuition hikes will drive away future and current students.

I don't agree with any needs to increase tuition. I am already paying over \$17,000 a year for tuition in the [...] program. With books and living expenses on top that, it is very expensive.

I appreciate UBC's commitment to provide a world-class education. This is the reason why I am here.

However, I believe that tuition fee hikes are not the answer to the University's current predicament. Increasing the tuition fees will only serve to alienate qualified students from the University. We have to remember that the University is located in the world's most expensive city - a city in which students, ideally, should have no business renting apartments in but are forced to because of UBC's location. In such an environment, tuition fee hikes, however small, should be scorned upon.

Instead of a tuition hike, UBC should look at other avenues such as getting more out of its research investments, control wasteful expenses and perhaps, more importantly, start moving its operations to low cost areas and use the freed space in Vancouver for commercial purposes. I believe that should be the longer term goal. A large body such as UBC moving into a tier-2 city is a win-win for both sides. UBC ends up saving (and perhaps profiting if the Vancouver space is put to judicious use). UBC can attract talent easily as professors and students alike will not be put off by the insane and opportunistic real estate in Vancouver. Finally, the tier-2 city stands to gain due to the increased footfall.

I would much prefer lower tuition and no more construction, not the opposite. Please and Thank you.

Would prefer to have no tuition fee increase for international students.

I am against UBC increasing its tuition fees for year 2018/19. I personally believe that UBC does not have a transparent system to show where the collected tuition is exactly spent on. Moreover, the email regarding tuition increase does not show the current inflationary rate in Canada, and also UBC has been raising its tuition every single year.

As post-secondary education should be easily accessible, I am against in discouraging students from continuing in their education. Thus I stand against the tuition increase proposal.

No

Hi, I understand that UBC tuition is very cheap compared to other universities in Canada. However, I don't appreciate being squeezed as an international student.

Because international fees are so much more to begin with, 2-3% increase is not comparable to a 2-3% increase for domestic students. When so many of these international students (including myself) will actually try to stay in Canada after graduation, this seems particularly brutal.

International fees will increase, but my [...] loan amount will not increase at all - because I am borrowing the maximum amount per semester already. There is obviously a housing crisis in Vancouver, so the entirety of my loan after tuition goes to food and housing. I am using credit cards to pick up the slack. I don't understand what UBC expects me to do about this increase.

You should clearly display what the increase for international intuition is. Although both domestic and international students are getting a 2% increase, the numbers are very different. I have friends who are international students who could barely afford to come to UBC in the first place but now they have to worry about paying off more debt. Please fairly inform the UBC community on what the real numbers look like. Thank you.

Students are already paying an outrageous sum of fees and it is unrealistic to raise tuition costs each year and assume the students will have the means to pay it.

I'm insatisfied with the tuition fee already and I would recommend to not increase the tuition fee because it is getting expensive and also most of what I pay, I will never use it. If you want to increase the [...] please provide us with a better teaching methods, because the amount of homework is high and we never have time to do everything in the time.

If a student who pays \$3000 ~ \$4000 for each course and in the end they failed, they will get really upset and I think this is the faculty fault for loading us with lots of homework and assignments and almost no time to study for midterm. I'm saying that the teaching quality is decreasing because almost all the instructor are in hurry for teaching and we, students never have time to breathe.

Almost all the extra fees we pay, I'll never use it. And I think that is a waste of money, because if you are constructing buildings, please at least make it available for everybody. And one thing that I find unfair is that I'll never able to get to use one of dorms, because everybody knows that priority that domestic students get in comparison to international students. I also know the tuition fee from domestic students and international, which sometimes I think if is really fair for what I am paying.

No, UBC should not increase tuition for students.

PLEASE STOP RAISING TUITION. I can already hardly afford it. UBC is already one of - if not the - most expensive university in Canada. People will stop coming here because this is getting ridiculous. Stop.

You say you have to increase the tuition due to inflationary pressures, which makes sense, but on the other hand the funding for students should increase as well. In industry the salary increases with inflation. When you start program as a Masters or PhD student, your funding is set for duration of your studies and doesn't increase with the inflation as it should. The salary you get as a PhD student is low anyway. So the increase of tuition, and also rent and living cost because of inflation with a constant salary does not provide the means of an appropriate living standard as a PhD student. In my opinion the tuition for students already in the program should stay the same, consistent with their constant salary / funding. For new students, I think it's ok to increase the tuition as long as the funding is planned accordingly. I hope you consider that.

I disagree with the tuition fee increase for international students. I already pay exponentially more than domestic students, which is understandable considering they are supported by government funding and taxes. However, I do not see why international students have to pay higher once more for excess facilities and services. We already have housing to pay for separately. We have visas, passports, living expenses that are already higher than domestic students - then to have a tuition fee increase on top of that when we're getting the exact same things from the school anyway seems unfair. We are not citizens or residents of Canada so why should we be subjected to the same socialist protocols you use on your citizens?

Compared with schools like SFU, Tuition fees for our international students are too much more expensive. Other than course fees, there are fees that we don't even know what they are for. I strongly encourage school can provide more benefits for our international students and reduce our tuition fees.

I'm in a one year professional program at UBC and am not thrilled about tuition increases for 2018/2019... When I initially registered for the 2017/2018 year I was quoted a certain tuition cost and then shortly before the beginning of the academic year an increase was made that was quite significant, so I don't understand why it's necessary for this to occur yet again. Tuition is expensive enough as it is! And as a student who is in a very intensive program and will only be attending UBC for the one year, I don't personally use many of the services that may be offered on campus. A rise in tuition negatively affects my financial situation rather than positively impacting my experience at UBC.

2% increase is quite steep, especially with the rising costs of living in Vancouver. Less of an increase in tuition would be greatly appreciated.

No 2.5% please.

Do not increase tuition. Our university rates are incredibly expensive already, and I know many students who are struggling with the current tuition already. We have noticed a lot more international students on campus, and it simply seems to us that their tuition is bringing in huge sums of money already. The housing meal plans have also been replaced with one plan that is more expensive than the Varsity plan, and these days everything at UBC seems to be more and more expensive.

It is hard to accept UBC's attempt in reducing tuition costs when everything on campus including tuition is above the average price. Without a more transparent budget, it is hard for me to see the reason for an increase in the tuition. I am sure there are many other alternatives.

I would not like to have any increase in my tuition.

should spend more on Ancillary operations so students do not have to pay as much for food on campus. Food prices on campus should be lower/match food prices off campus.

I've been filling these out everytime and it doesn't seem to affect anything. Is there really even a point? Anyway, here goes:

Proposals to raise fees at all are absurd. Education should be "free" (i.e. state-funded beyond administrative costs).

This has successfully been done in other regions (see Germany). Trying to rationalise further fee increases at UBC rather than advocating for more subsidisation and reduced fees is really just neoliberalism at its finest.

The proposal will hurt the majority of students. If tuition fee needs to increase, then it should not apply to the current students because current students decided to be in their respective programs based on the level of tuition fee at the time they apply for the program. It is unethical for UBC to increase the tuition fee for students who are already in the program

I don't agree with the tuition fee increase every year. This is making higher education affordable for many students.

I do not want any fee increase for domestic or international students.

I believe that all increases in tuition should be reflected on new incoming students regardless of their citizenship status, because they have a "choice" unlike students who are already in some program at UBC and so committed to UBC.

I believe that there should be a lower rate of tuition increase for domestic students. As a student in the [...] program, tuition is already very costly. The proposed increase would quantify into a [...] increase [...]. To students (in all faculties) and their families, the proposed raise would mainly be providing an extra source of financial burden so that education is less affordable and accessible. Please reconsider this proposal. Thank you.

In fact, I certainly hope that international tuition will not increase. As an international student, the cost of living is high. I have no way to work here, the finance source from parents. A totally different exchange rate bring us huge living pressure, including me and parents. So I totally hope that international tuition will not increase.

i highly disagree with a tuition increase.

Even though the amount of tuition that is being increased is not a significant amount, tuition is still being increased every year and really it adds up to a lot over a few years. In coming to an institution as great as UBC we are all trying to improve what the future holds for us. But if we are being monetarily exploited at such young ages how are we expected to grow into everything that the UBC and the world needs us to be. Tuition should not be increased this year. UBC has so many other means of receiving funding that there is no need to increase tuition. Also, some of the ways that UBC uses its funds are not the most effective. Some facilities that are provided could be used to a fuller potential which they are not right now, and funding should just be managed much better rather than increasing tuition for students who are already struggling so much.

If the university adopted a more environmentally friendly behaviour and attitude, implementing programs to teach all members of the university (including students, workers, faculty, and administration among others) as well as being more conscious about the environmental effects every action has, then maybe the administration would see a reduction in the total annual costs.

Proposal lacks the comparative data to properly evaluate increases. Several charts, such as "Financial support for UBC students, 2016/17, by award type" are somewhat misleading or arbitrarily assigned.

I see no evidence whatsoever this feedback is valued by the Board in their deliberations.

Absolutely unbelievable. Students at UBC (ESPECIALLY international students) are already paying way WAY more than necessary, not to mention how expensive housing and basically everything on campus is. Shaking my head at this email, UBC. :(

I agree that an increase in tuition/fees is only necessary as to be able to maintain quality as price rises. However, I'm not sure where the number "2%" came from, and also if it's necessary for non-tuition costs. More details on where that money would go is necessary for further conclusions.

I think it's a fine idea, when I applied last year, UBC's tuition was one of the cheapest out of the domestic schools I applied to so I don't think it would affect people's choices to come here or not. Also a 2% increase on just tuition isn't a big deal for me as an individual. The increase is completely fair when considering inflation.

Increasing tuition should not even be considered. For students making time in their busy schedule to work, it is already challenging to cover the current expenses of university. Minimum wage is too low and students do not have enough time to accommodate any increases in tuition costs. On top of tuition, textbooks, housing, food, and many other costs pile up. The university needs to focus more on reducing costs rather than increasing them.

It is already fairly expensive and I think the university could benefit more from financial planning than increasing income through higher tuition

Although I understand the need to increase tuition rates, unfortunately while the annual rates increase my graduate funding does not. All tuition costs are taken out of my graduate funding that remains consistent over four years, leaving me with fewer funds to cover my day-to-day living expenses in one of the most expensive cities in the world.

I am very unhappy with the proposed tuition increase. Tuition is already expensive and has been increased in the 4 years I have been here. Most students pay for fees that never benefit them such as athletic fees when there is no free gym on campus. I would be irate if tuition increases

I don't think you should increase tuition by so much for per credit tuition for unclassified, qualifying, visiting, access studies, and auditing students. If you have to increase tuition for domestic and intl students increase it by 0.5 or 1%.

I request that tuition fees for international students not be raised by 2% to 3%. We came here on a budget and it is a financial burden to have to figure out where to obtain money from to keep up with Vancouver's high cost of living and increases in tuition fees. I chose UBC because it had the cheapest tuition fees for international students as compared to similarly ranked universities, and I know a lot of other international students came here for similar reasons. Raising tuition every year is difficult for students who came here with a set budget and expectations that fees would not keep increasing year by year.

I don't think continuing or incoming international graduate students should experience a 3% fee increase. It should at least be the same as incoming international undergraduate students, if not less.

PLEASE STOP RAISING THE FEES FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS - IT IS THE MOST ANNOYING THING EVER - HONESTLY WHAT IS WRONG WITH UBC. It is already significantly more expensive for international students to receive a degree at UBC. We have to account for far more expenses in general such as flights and exchange rates and money transfers fees for general expenses. We don't get nearly as many benefits as Canadians including but not limited to health care, credit card use ect. ect. and you offer us next to no scholarships. Its honestly bull shit. fuck you guys. I'm pissed and probably wont finish my degree here- thanks a lot "place of mind" how about you stop hiding all your on campus suicides and start dealing with real issues rather than how you can exploit foreign students. BTW every time someone dies on the UBC campus the flag should be raised to half mast. I know of 2 deaths alone this MONTH and have yet to see the flag change- GET IT TOGETHER.

If the budget really is a concern, an extra couple hundred for one year isn't that much of a hurdle if one is already taking out student loans.

Based on predictions it is useful to be prepared for further inflation. However, there should be a way to control the own inflation of the University Fees, at least to hold the increase for 3 or 2 years. A constant increase in tuition fees only strengthens the idea to perceive education as a business, as a product, who those who can would buy, and those who can not would acquire a fulltime debt.

You should be levying your increases against incoming international students, rather than domestic students. Your domestic students, the citizens of Canada, are already having a tough enough time as it is being able to meekly survive with the cost of living as it is in Vancouver. The city has already suffered from the ridiculous influx of foreigners with their vast capital flooding the market, and it needs to be stopped. Let's help our Canadian citizens by reducing the tuition costs for our Canadian students, and increase costs for the international students.

why is student money being spent on non important stuff like food services at the nest. gallery 2.0 no longer serves chicken and fries which is already a huge problem (im furious about this), flipside is also gone, and the sandwich place in the corner is shut down?? i really enjoyed getting gluten free sandwiches there. and you guys havent replaced it so basically theres less options now. and everything in the nest is SO EXPENSIVE. WHY IS OUR MONEY BEING USED TO SWITCH RESTAURANT NAMES. AND IF YOU'RE GOING TO SHUT DOWN RESTAURANTS AT LEAST ADD SOMETHING IN THEIR PLACE. LIKE CHIPOTLE. that is all

I want to start off by saying the tuition increase is understandable. I, however, believe that imed and the [...] student union fee should be no longer. First, paying for imed could be a good way to show incoming international students that even though you are raising tuition you are cutting fees. I also think, as an [...] student, that the [...] student Fees are unjust as there is no space for [...] students to collaborate or take advantage of. The Buchanan D space is nothing in comparison to the science students Building and is always overcrowded and has only one or two club rooms. Lastly I think that some of the tuition increase should be put to some initial planning phase for replacing the Buchanan complex as it houses the majority of classes on campus and is an eyesore compared to the rest of campus.

Thank you for providing a concise summary of the budget. There must be a lot of information to condense.

I'm wondering why domestic and international students are paying the same fee increase? Could the international fee increase be even higher vs the domestic? A real test of how desirable UBC is for international students. How much of Id's income is from international students?

I did not know that part of my tuition goes towards scholarships. I believe in them, but shouldn't I get a tax receipt for this and shouldn't contribution to scholarships be voluntary? I would like tuition fees to stop including the support of scholarships so that can go towards the increasing cost. If not I'd like to stop working and paying for other people's tuition or be given a tax receipt! The former solution being the only acceptable solution.

I can see that a sizable amount of our tuition is subsidized (45%). I'm wondering where these sources are coming from?

As a returning student I am pleasantly surprised by the beauty of the campus and wonder why public elementary and secondary schools don't look like the university? As stated, construction is paid for by separate funds, but how are remodels paid for?

If it's through tuition and not through other sources I'd suggest that be changed so that remodeling is paid through the same sources as construction.

This last thought maybe for AMS. I do not understand why student fees are close to \$1000 annually. I'd like to see that be reduced some how. So certain clubs that do not service the general student population should not get to charge everyone. I love the idea of a Lego club but do they get money from the student fees too? I value bikes but why am I paying into other people's uses of bikes to the Bike Kitchen? I already pay in when I utilize them personally.

Thank you for considering student input.

Ubc is extremely expensive as it is and increasing tuition will put students under a lot more financial stress. Many students are barely making ends meet with the expensive living conditions of Vancouver that a further increase in tuition will cause many people to turn away from this university

No way in the world would I be able to afford unclassified courses if they get increased by almost 10%. It already cost me \$4k for ONE 3-credit course which is totally absurd and which I wouldn't have even paid for had I not gotten overly excited about the class and been too embarrassed/ashamed to drop it. Will definitely not be taking unclassified courses again at the current price, and no way EVER with an increased price.

International tuition is so expensive. But I understand it. Fair enough. But I'm not a fan of increases in "non-instructional fees." So much of our tuition goes to paying the salary of university administrators and officials who... I don't know. Do they do enough to warrant all that money? As compared to how much our professors do? If my tuition is going to increase, I want that money to go towards supporting the professors who are working so hard to impact my life and make me a better person, not someone in a business suit at a desk behind a door whom I don't know, never see, and have no relationship with. Tuition increases should go to improving the technology in the Buchanan buildings, which is notoriously terrible. Or providing nicer facilities and supports for students and faculty. The professors are the most important part of a university, and I find it ridiculous that they're not paid as such.

Maybe it is good in some ways but, however, it actually put great pressures for students( especially the international student because they already have a high tuitions fee to pay), and the tuition have risen several times in recent years. I hope UBC will consider the feeling of students while considering the developments of university. Love you!

Intl students already pay so much. I chose to come to UBC over other schools because the tuition fees were significantly lower so it's very frustrating for me and my family to constantly have to pay more.

It seems every year the tuition increases and every year they ask for our feedback making us think that our opinions matter. Of course no one wants a tuition increase. Anything that I say will not change UBC's decision so there is no more that I can say on this topic.

Increases for existing international students has the potential to make it much harder for existing students to afford tuition. It's easier for new students to calibrate their budgeting for a certain tuition cost than for existing international students, who are already stretching budgets and dealing with fluctuating exchange rates, to find even more money to pay tuition.

For the amount of tuition I am currently paying I don't feel that the facilities and general student services reflect the standards I would expect. I understand that UBC is a large university that has many expenses but for the average student the experience is not significantly worth the increase in tuition compared to universities of a similar stature. I think students would feel more comfortable paying more if they felt that environment they learn is worth the increase in tuition yearly.

The tuition for international student is too high!! more than three times the domestic students. It is really a lot of financial pressure for international students.

Personally, I feel deeply depressed because of this high tuition

I think the international tuition is too expensive to keep studying for four years for those normal students who have average family income.

I am very much against the rise in tuition fees. It is already too expensive to live in Vancouver.

Please do not raise tuition. I'm already poor.

To whom it may concern,

Please consider this message a response to the tuition proposal for 2018/19. I am an international student studying in the [...] program at UBC. I feel obligated to voice my concern about a further tuition increase. I hope this note clearly communicates the distress this proposed increase is causing my colleagues and myself. Since I began my doctorate at UBC I have faced a number of fee increases. While these changes have made life harder for all the graduate students in my department I must emphasise the particular pressures experienced by international students. International students in research-intensive programs can almost never rely on independent financing to survive a doctoral program. Their work rights are restricted and they are often ineligible for awards and bursaries offered in Canada and in their home countries. In my department doctoral students are almost always funded for four years even as the average completion time is well over five years. I cannot over-emphasise how profoundly damaging further fee increases will be to the future of our department without substantial increases to base scholarships.

I implore UBC administration to consider the particularly deleterious effect graduate student financial pressure is having on the unit's broader international standing. Over the last several years I have witnessed [...] move from a department widely considered a preeminent site for elite study to a much less desirable option. My field is relatively small and one senses the surprisingly rapid transformation in the department's ability to attract talent in this time. The prevailing understanding in the broader research community is this: local property, rental, and associated economic crises have rendered Vancouver unviable for almost any graduate student to set up a healthy life. I personally know several high-level graduate students who decided not to bother applying to UBC because the the real and opportunity costs of studying in Vancouver are prohibitive. Potential applicants to our department's graduate programs are some of the most productive researchers in the field and these students are now producing valued research in other universities in North America, Europe, and Australia.

These fee increases also have broader effects. It is widely recognised that potential faculty hires are looking elsewhere with the understanding that the best graduate research will no longer be done at UBC. Many students enrolled in our programs have relocated outside of the city (including returning to their home countries) over the last few years to finish their research remotely. Beyond the intrinsic disadvantages of empty hallways and fissured networks, these pressures have seen some students enter into early postdoc positions early, elsewhere, and subsequent research written up so that UBC misses out on an institutional affiliation credit. In the quest to squeeze relatively small amounts of money from graduate students living in literal poverty, the university is closing off significant avenues by which prestige and global reputation is accrued.

Since I began life at UBC, in [...], the yearly rent I expect to pay for a room within 1.5 hours of campus has increased to almost \$10 000. My fellowship remains around the \$18 000 mark, with no extra sources of support for research costs. This situation is untenable. When my scholarship winds up at the end of the year I will begin to directly incur fees and will experience these increases even more sharply. I will continue to support potential students in their decisions to apply for graduate study away from Vancouver, as almost everyone else in my field now does with the growing realisation that serious economic and social crises face prospective researchers in the city. I feel it is in the best long-term interests of the University for these fee increases to be reassessed. I ask that international student fees in research-heavy programs be quarantined from broader increases with an understanding that these students are particularly vulnerable.

I believe the fees is already very high. Also it is higher than what domestic students pay. We are taught by the same professors, in the same classrooms with the same facilities, yet we are already paying more than domestic students. This demonstrates UBC treats domestic and international students unequally.

Another hike for international students is totally unjustified.

No 2% increase because it may seem small it's going to add up and I don't see it helping me further my education. Thank You

Increasing tuition fees will only serve to make UBC education unattainable for many Canadian and international students. I feel it is inappropriate that the University of British Columbia and its many excellent programs become unattainable for so many Canadian students. The university will suffer by deterring many fantastic students that otherwise would have added to the University's overall success and reputation across the world.

I think that international student fees should be raised but not domestic. Students from Canada shouldn't have to pay more to go to school in their home country.

Stop increasing please

PLEASE make it a priority to develop proper services and infrastructure regarding the mental health crisis on campus. UBC counselling is abysmal, with up to 2 weeks wait times, students being turned away, told they are not a serious enough case to treat continuously, treated like they are wasting time, counselors rushing students out etc. Obviously there is an enormous need for more counselling services, hopefully there can be room in the budget for that.

I disagree with any tuition increase.

Students are living in precarious housing situations and being forced to decide between paying bills and buying food and other essentials. Tuition can't increase forever. For young people in particular, wages have not increased with inflation. Jobs are increasingly precarious. Pensions are becoming a thing of the past. These are visceral realities for students, not just trends and statistics. It is not reasonable to continue raising both tuition and fees year after year after year. What's a 2-3% for 4 years in a row? (The length of an undergraduate degree) Academic institutions don't treat students like the vulnerable people we often are, yet they capitalize on our stories to encourage more prospective students. I am not criticizing UBC in particular, but I am criticizing the prevailing situations university students face across Canada. If tuition continues to rise, young people's ability to become contributing members of the labour market and society at large is lessened.

I think education should not be merchandised as a product on the market and should not, thus, follow the inflation.

we should work towards free and accessible education for all.

i understand the pressure of the market but dont agree on its resultant.

Please don't increase tuition at all. It's already incredibly difficult to pay.

If tuition were to increase, would it be possible to also increase the number of scholarships available?

The 2-3% increase in tuition for current international students is too high.

I do not agree with the increase of the tuitions.

Im very much against it since Im a [...] student and 2% tuition increase for my program means almost 4000 CAD more overall.

The increase for international students would come after the 2017 increase, which was considerably high (I'd say like 22% increase). I would probably suggest a lower amount for 2018/2019 and a more gradual increase from now on.

Do NOT do this. It is already expensive enough, and you barely use the money for the benefit of the students. We do NOT need totems or awful professors like the ones we have. STOP wasting money, and stop asking for more of it.

agree

Tuition at UBC is already so expensive. As an international student I can barely afford it. I am not at all happy with the increase in tuition. Instead of increasing tuition maybe stop building so many things ALL THE TIME. Everywhere I go there is construction. Make tuition and education more affordable by only building selectively.

Tuition should not be increased. These increases every year are leading towards the inability for so many students to be able to afford and achieve a higher level of education. Education needs to remain available to as many people as possible, both domestic and international. Funding for improvements should come from other places not from tuition increase.

Tuition fees are already too high. Universities need to consider the student perspective more closely. The cost of a university education is becoming unreasonably high for most students

Vancouver is already so expensive for students. Instead of looking at ways to increase tuition fees, why don't you increase the rent of the for-profit entities that use UBC owned premises?

Thank you,

28m on alumni development? do the alumni give money back to university?

36m on student services and yet during my [...] year stay at UBC, I never got any support for career (specially in science) and also many students have complained about UBC counselling

The current tuition's are high enough. UBC fees are deterring new students with potential from coming here. As opposed to hiking up the fees the university needs to evaluate their expenses to see the departments that are using way too much money. This will be a very unpopular move among the students here at UBC!

I understand that this raise is to compensate for the inflation and economical fluctuations, however, I believe these factors impact students as much as - maybe even more - they influence the budget planning of the university. Hence, I only approve this raise if our (The students) scholarships, fellowships and payrolls increase by the same value. We are facing the raise in housing ourselves even the on-campus residents are very expensive, so I think putting more debits on the students is unfair and may affect our focus on school and shift it towards how can we pay for everything e.g. Grocery, transportation, housing, tuition and flights for international students.

Thanks for your understanding and carrying on this survey which shows how much the administration cares about the students, Hopefully my opinion influence your decision.



First and foremost, UBC should be treated as a higher education institution. Instead, I see the campus being used as a business and status symbol. Life on campus has gotten extremely expensive without an apparent increase in campus quality. Over the last 2 years, there has been a constant stream of construction which has closed walkways on campus, shut down buildings and had students need to reroute their paths and time (Hebb shut down scheduled in November has shortened laboratory work time for students in physics labs this semester) in order to accommodate it all. Professors who, despite having a class full of negative feedback on teaching evaluations, continue to be allowed to teach courses in which they do not supply ample instruction, compassion, or fair assessment. Despite the issues, UBC still claims to pride itself on the quality of its institution and wants to increase tuition again, even though students see no improvement in their campus as a result.

I have read through the tuition consultation and have broken down a few issues I have with the way UBC is deciding to spend our money below:

**UBC Excellence Fund:** This sounds like a lot of money, recently added to student expenses, that doesn't need to be spent. The cost to attend UBC keeps increasing, and there has been no increase to campus or learning quality (if anything, projects have been detrimental to quality) and the increase in tuition puts students who do not come from affluent families in distress, as they have to take out loans or work on top of having a full course load in order to attend this university. The tuition consultation claims that this money goes "...to support the university's top priorities including the recruitment and retention of exemplary faculty, staff, and students, support world-changing research, and deliver an exceptional learning experience for our students," yet I have already laid out an issue with the claimed "exemplary" instruction and quality of learning life supplied at UBC. 7.6% is a large chunk of tuition to go to a fund that appears to have made no lasting effect on student life. If this is necessary, then students should see the effects of this fund in their institution.

**Student Financial Aid:** University costs are increasing, making it more difficult on all students not from very affluent families. Financial aid should NOT be taken as a notable percentage from other students attending the university for a select few. There are other systems in place to provide financial aid to students (student loans, scholarships, etc). If student financial aid is really necessary, then more award money should be allocated to "needs based awards" and less into "merit based awards". The university should look into the distribution of money coming in and going out of financial aid funds and evaluate how/ where money comes from in order to ensure fair financials for all students.

**Faculty funds and central supports:** The way student tuition is broken down in the consultation is extremely vague. What percentage of tuition goes to what aspects of these funds? How much goes towards the staff at UBC and how much is given back in some sense to its students? Within my peer group, however, I have noticed a general displeasure with two things contained within these funds: student health and counselling services, and exam scheduling. Students feel money in these areas are not being spent effectively.

**Counselling services** always has a wait list, unless their initial evaluation deems you as someone in need of immediate counselling. More money should be invested into counselling services, as the pressures of attending this institution mean many students would benefit and see an improvement in their lives if counselling services were made more available.

**Exam scheduling** is another issue that needs to be addressed, as some students have speculated it is automated and not reviewed by any person before being released. Courses in the same department at the same year level, or courses students generally take at the same time, consistently seem to be scheduled just outside of the scheduling required for exam hardships. The time of the class is also not taken into consideration; some students plan to take classes at certain times of the day due to commutes, other previous engagements, or for their own mental function. A student who places their classes in the afternoon for one or more of these reasons will almost certainly have at least one exam in the morning or late at night. More consideration for student schedules should be made when putting together the exam schedules.

It appears to me, as it does to much of the aware senior student body, that UBC is putting more money into appearing a high standard, flashy university than it is into actually being a high standard university. The university should re-evaluate the amount of money going into superfluous projects and expenses and attempt to redirect some of that money into supplying a stable, high quality learning environment for its students.

Unless all staff and administration are also suffering and agree to taking a 2% pay cut, then I am in strong opposition of this proposition and will remain so. While I love learning, attending classes, and I am well aware of how privileged I am to do so at UBC, the institutionalization of universities is horrendous and an extremely upsetting aspect. If I didn't need a piece of paper to be able to do the job I want to do, I would not be in post- secondary at all.

I don't support increasing the tuition fees, particularly for graduates student as that results in adverse impact on the research and development, noting that this would discourage students from pursuing post graduate degrees.

We're broke stop increasing tuition as if money grows on trees. If anything lower it instead of increasing. Goodness. This makes me angry.

a 2% increase in tuition for all domestic students across all programs for the 2018/19 academic year.
a 2% increase in tuition for new incoming international students in graduate programs with standardized rates.
a 2% increase in tuition for new incoming international students in certificate programs.
a 2% to 3% increase in tuition for new incoming international graduate students in specified graduate programs.
a 9.2% increase for international per credit tuition for unclassified, qualifying, visiting, access studies, and auditing students.
a 5% increase for international per credit tuition for unclassified students taking [...] courses.
The tuition increases over the last two years have been incredibly substantial and are unsustainable for the students. Textbook costs are only increasing as well, and I don't see the need for there to be an increase. More information needs to come to the students about what the increase will fund and how it will benefit us. The students should not be directly responsible for funding the infrastructure on campus.
I do not agree with the raise
This tuition increase is unjust and is a symptom of an issue that most students are aware - UBC is increasingly being run as a for-profit corporation instead of a public learning institution, with little to no benefit to faculty or students. This surfaces in constant construction of exorbitantly expensive buildings (many residential) that serve no purpose to students or staff, and the construction of recreation buildings that serve no purpose to learning but make the university look good. The ratio of administrative staff to faculty is out of control. Arts, the largest faculty, receives very little funding in comparison to STEM faculties. If action is taken to address these issues, then perhaps tuition increases can be justified. Until then, these increases are not warranted.
I do not agree with this increase. I feel the burden for the cost of school fees on students is already high enough especially for ones on student loans like myself.
From my point of view, the cost of education at UBC is prohibitively high. Already, there are many barriers to education and---even with tuition at current levels---the financial cost of attending UBC makes it that much more difficult (in many cases: impossible) for people to become UBC students. As a institution that "fosters global citizenship, advances a civil and sustainable society, and supports outstanding research to serve the people of British Columbia, Canada and the world" UBC must do a better job to ensure that education is affordable and accessible.
In order to promote a more equitable, just, and sustainable future, UBC must endeavour to welcome students from multiple, diverse backgrounds. My experience as a UBC student is that, increasingly, UBC is becoming an "elite" institution in the sense that the children of the world's aristocrats are welcomed to the university, while those who cannot afford a UBC education are barred from entry. My fear is that the "culture" of UBC (among students, but also among faculty, administration, and other staff) is shifting from one that values justice, equity, and sustainability to something else---more focused on vocational training, "rankings," "networking," and the accumulation of private wealth and personal accolades.
Proposals to further increase tuition do nothing to combat this trend. I would prefer an announcement from UBC that shows it is concerned about the rising cost of tuition along with a proposal to freeze tuition; coupled with a plan for further consultation with governments, students, faculty, and other communities to establish long term, stable funding (along with a push for a more progressive and equitable system of income and wealth taxation) so that UBC may remain a "public" institution focused on research, global citizenship, civil and sustainable society, etc.
I do not want a raise of the tuition or I will not have enough money to pay for my tuition. Therefore, I will be dropped out of school. Serious smile face!
I feel as though we are already paying too much as it is, so I think that the school needs to find different ways to get funding rather than increasing tuition that is already hard enough to afford.
I do not support an increase in tuition for domestic or international students. In fact, I would like to see it be reduced (for both parties). I would like to see a specific cost breakdown explaining where students' tuition goes. An increase in tuition to reflect inflation, when the the cost already seem unreasonably high, does not make sense. The tuition consultation page only provides surface level justification for the spike in costs and no real basis for the price increase. I sincerely hope this trend of rising tuition costs does not plague future generations as well.
Please do not increase tuition fees. Most students are already struggling to fund our futures.
why?
I don't really want an increase in my tuition fees.
No need to increase tuition again. There is clearly plenty of revenue generated at the current tuition rates.

Universities must keep in mind that education needs to be universally accessible. This principle is often overlooked when profit-maximizing objectives become the main concern.

As a domestic student on a tight budget, I feel as though charging us more (even 2% which translates to something like \$150) is a burden that some cannot bear. This would put even more strain on families that have barely enough to begin with. I feel as though the better solution would be to charge domestic students 0.5%-1% more and make international students pick up the slack with a 3-4% increase. Remember: British Columbians should be able to study at the University of British Columbia!

Government funding increases should match increases from student funding (ie. 2% raise to students should be matched), which appears to be the case this year over last. If not, the additional step of pressuring the government should be taken - UBC is 'too big to fail' and the government will be forced to fund it.

Increasing international student tuition by larger percentages is an acceptable practice, and some of the \$\$ should be spent ensuring success, so those students will stay at UBC long enough to pay. However, international tuition needs to be distributed more evenly, not just to the faculties with the most international students. Under the current system, services such as the libraries, and programs without international transferability, such as law, suffer most from rising costs and inability to mediate with international student tuition.

Funding for student aid needs to start increasing to help out more students - living in Vancouver is also increasingly expensive, and when UBC charges market rates for student housing, students will have affordability issues in attending UBC that aren't just related to tuition. It would be great if future income from endowments is contributed more to student aid and less to capital projects (although, there are more capital projects that need to be completed to finish making UBC into the best possible university it can be)

International student fees are already ridiculously high and put a lot of stress on both the student and their parents. I know that some of the tuition goes to helping other international students in need but it is a little unfair as a lot of us can barely afford our education.

Please don't make me pay more. Why can't you just decrease spending on construction? We don't need sidewalk replacements ever 2 years. We don't need a new fountain and we don't need new centerpieces and totem poles that nobody will see.

As someone from a low-income household I find that the proposed tuition and fee increase will be incredibly straining on my budget, the the budgets of those like me. UBC is a fine school, but it's impossible to enjoy the various amenities the school provides if I'm always working in order to pay for tuition. UBC has approximately 60,000 students and brings in over 2.39 Billion CAD in revenue each year, a 2% increase would draw in an additional 40 Million (CAD). What does UBC require these funds for?

I was surprised with "Total operating revenues 2016/17" chart in the information. From the infographic shown on Imagine day UBC is comprised of nearly 50% of domestic students and 50% of international students, if I am not mistaken. And if the approximate international tuition is 4 times the tuition of a domestic student I was expecting to see international students taking up a larger part of the chart.

I believe an increase in revenue is necessary for the University. However, I don't believe that an increase in tuition, from any demographic, is the best approach to getting that increase in revenue. In September 2015, the UN international conference adopted 17 global sustainable development goals. Goal number 4 was to Ensure inclusive and equitable quality education and promote lifelong learning opportunities for all. I think UBC can go a long ways in this goal by trying to implement changes in tuition fees all together.

Looking at the charts more than 500 million is collected by the University each year and only 74 million dollars is returned to students in need. With these number only under 10% of the students at UBC can seek out financial aid that would be able to cover just their tuition costs.

I believe one of the most frustrating concern for students currently is the rising new buildings, renovations and infrastructure upgrades currently happening at UBC. Nearly each new building can be seen with students commenting: "this is where my tuition money is going". However, looking back at the demographics. These construction costs 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. However, this information was not even showed in the revenues at all. Instead of using these funds to fund capital infrastructure projects wouldn't it be better suited to fund the education for the citizens of the future?

Here are a list of spending costs that are omitted from context section as the section was conveniently titled operating expenses rather than showing all expenses.

Tall Wood building: The project is expected to cost approximately \$51.5 million, with \$47.07 million financed by UBC

New Aquatic Center: Construction of the \$39-million facility began in August, 2014.

Orchard Commons: Construction of the \$127-million building

Just taking the following funds for the above buildings and the current funds to financial needs would provide enough funds to nearly half of all students to cover all their tuition costs. I believe that this is a feat that students would more proud to express rather than being known as the University with the tallest wooden building in Western Canada.

Many of these buildings are known for being sustainable however the actual action of building more infrastructure and then charging students more for tuition is not a sustainable cycle. Just like fossil fuels are a non-renewable income so is the financial income of students and their families.

To end I would like to paraphrase a message from Dr. Santa Ono that he said last year at a Prof talks meeting in Totem Park. He said he has been to Universities where so much money has been spent on beautiful buildings and upgrading the campus however not enough was spent on the student experience and improving the culture of the university. Ironically, I think this is exactly what is currently happening with UBC.

Fair but could have a better representation of how our fee is used within the different areas.

Please do not raise tuition. There are already too many barriers to entry for post-secondary education. Thank you for soliciting my opinion.

It's understandable when tuition increases follow general inflation, however many parts of the tuition increase are far greater than inflation, and in all my years at the university I've never seen attempts to reduce the financial burden of students. I've never seen any proposed changes that don't increase tuition beyond inflation

UBC operates more like a private company than an academic institution, trying to squeeze ever dollar out of students and their families making students grades literally dependant on how much money they pay for courses (buying textbooks or online acces for homework) and this is rediculous considering how much money they receive from the government

I have no interest in donating to a private company after graduation and won't until the university starts valuing academic achievement over financial contributions from students

I'm already living below the poverty line here in Vancouver and the fact that there is going to be ANOTHER tuition increase for the next academic year is stressing me out.

NO, PLEASE NO!

Please consider a flat fee increase, rather than a percent fee increase. Increasing fees for all domestic students by 2% will disproportionately burden professional students who pay higher tuition fees. In my case, this fee increase amounts to a charge of over \$1,000, paid over the remainder of my degree. Also, as fees increase it becomes more difficult to pay the fees up front- when I was an undergraduate student and a masters student at [...] I was able to defer fall-tuition fees until the end of the term, which I found extremely helpful. Consider allowing fees to be deferred until later, so that professional students don't need to withdraw large sums of from their line of credit until later in the year, and so that it is easier for all students to budget around loans, scholarships, graduate stipends, etc.

It looks like the proposed fee increase will affect all domestic students, including those currently enrolled. I had the opportunity to select from several professional programs, and tuition fees was one consideration - it is unfair to increase the fees of students who are in programs from which they cannot realistically withdraw. The university should always plainly present the "expected fees" to incoming students, and market themselves to students more honestly.

Please don't raise tuition prices any more. It is extremely cheap for domestic students, and I myself as an international student am paying a very large amount of money to attend school here. If anything, I would suggest offering more financial aid and scholarship opportunities. I already have to take out loans in order to pay for school and my family has no way of paying a penny more. For my family in particular, we have three kids in college at the same time and we all attend expensive universities. We already pay enough. There is no need to raise the price. UBC has plenty of money and is very rich- you know this. Stop charging us more than the absolute minimum it costs for us to go here. Thank you.

It appears that there is no shortage of international students willing to pay for access to the local education system, and in turn the residency and economic benefits that represents. The increases proposed for domestic students should therefore be reduced or eliminated in favour of larger increases in the international per credit tuition for unclassified, qualifying, visiting, access studies, and auditing students at both graduate and undergraduate levels. I would like to see UBC recognize the need to cater to local, regional and national students as well as it appears to have catered to international students during my time in post-secondary education.

I believe a tuition hike is justified based on the parameters provided in the email. UBC continues to be one of the top ranked universities in the world and quality education is not cheap. I don't think most students would agree with the fee hike though, since it any kind of increase in the amount people need to pay is viewed by default as negative without taking circumstances into consideration.

I feel like being an international student we already pay a lot. It would be better to consider increasing tuition fee for international students seriously.

Although a 2% increase may not seem much on a normal undergraduate tuition, a 2% increase on [...] tuition would result in a price increase of over 4K. This seems very unreasonable as our tuition is already the highest in Canada. I do not support this increase, at least as it applies to the [...] tuition.

International students are already paying tremendously more tuition than domestics.

I do not understand the need of increase of the tuition for internationals.

2% is the maximum allowable by government and is also significantly higher than the average rate of inflation.

I would rather see UBC not push for the maximum amount allowable, but understand that the costs of maintaining such an excellent school are significant. I would be happier with 1.8% for domestic students.

Thanks

Please do not increase tuition as I am currently renting in Vancouver, a city which is in an affordable housing crisis. My cost of living is high enough as it is, and I still have two more co-op terms and one more term of study left of my degree.

It is unfair to increase tuition for international students by a higher percentage than domestic students, especially when international students are already paying much more. In addition, higher tuition prices turn UBC into a school that only the rich can attend, and economic diversity among students is already visibly decreasing every year. UBC should not increase tuition so much without providing more scholarships to help those who need them. UBC is a public college, but every year it feels more and more like a private club for the rich.

I do not think that tuition increase will be a good idea, right now all students are already drowning in debt. Already a lot of students have to decide between eating campus food or saving that money and paying for tuition; and a lot of the students choose tuition over food. It would not be fair to any of the students as the cost is already too much for us.

As a student who has come back to school to take prerequisite classes, it is absolutely ridiculous that I have to pay a bunch of fees and now an increase in tuition on top of this? I am not even in a degree program. UBC already makes enough money without having to charge students piles of more money, you don't need to raise it.
If increasing tuition for domestic and international students, rate of increase should be higher for international students
I am in the [...] program at UBC, to my knowledge this is by far the most expensive undergrad program offered at this school, with a projected 4 year cost of \$ [...] of school fees alone (let alone the living expenses for Vancouver). As it stands this program is barely affordable for the majority of people and we are faced with an overwhelming amount of debt coming out of school. Increasing the tuition would translate to a further [...] of debt I will incur for the remainder of the program. While this may seem to be a drop in my [...] bucket of debt it all counts, and makes the program even more unfeasible to complete. Please reconsider the tuition changes to not hurt domestic students so hard. We are Canadians wanting to attend Canadian schools and should not be punished financially for it.
Assuming we follow the projected costs of our 4 year [...] program, which is [...], a 2% increase would mean an extra [...] (edit. assuming this effect applies on our 2nd year and beyond) at graduation
I don't think its fair to allow an increase in tuition fees for domestic students. Usually people that go to UBC do it because it is cheaper than moving somewhere (such as University of Victoria) but does not hinder your education (such as going to a college instead). We have increased the first year graduating class by the hundreds and there shouldn't be a reason to have to increase the tuition. Doing this is ridiculous and makes it financially harder for students to go here.
I do not believe that tuition costs should increase for domestic students.
Given the cost of living in Vancouver, even a slight increase in tuition could result in my needing to leave my program, which does not provide guaranteed funding or paid TA positions for students. As a research assistant, I do not make enough money to support myself or pay tuition (this position pays less than \$2,000 per year). I am particularly disgusted with this proposal given the endless construction and real estate development around UBC, including luxury condominiums. The revenues from these properties does not appear to be benefiting students.
I don't think tuition should be raised for anyone. We are already playing enough as is, I would rather not increase the debt that will be waiting for me at the end of my degree. I think that the money you are already receiving could be used more effectively.
I believe the athletic fee could be put to better use. I don't see the need for such a large amount to be contributed from every student, when there are no increases being made to the athletics department. If the amount to athletics was lowered, the other money could be put to better use around campus.
My family works very hard in order to pay the current international student tuition leaving behind less money available to the family. I would appreciate it if my education does not come at the cost of my family's well-being
I am paying almost \$30,000 for a two-year [...] program. No, I do not want a 2% increase in my final year. I should be grandfathered into the amount I signed up for. Start aching more for students starting new programs but not students in the middle of a program. This is my last year and it's already stretching me thin to pay this off. PLEASE reconsider.
Thanks [...]
I would like to know more about why there is more increase in tuition fees for international students than the domestic students - we are already paying a lot more (and I'm not complaining about this, it's understandable to support education for the domestic students). Even if the tuition fees are increased by the same percent, we will still pay more, and it's ok. It's just I didn't see the point making us more different by having different percentage increase.
But I do respect UBC's decision, as long as it keeps providing students in need with bursary and award hardworking students with scholarship, or I will be really worried that it will be a school for wealth people :(
This is insane. And pretty unfair to those international students. I mean, if you guys wanna increase your tuition fees, what not make a four years plan? Adjust fees for only incoming new student would be a fair choice. Because they can estimate and know how much they will spend in the following four years. And honestly you guys almost change your fees every single year. If you guys need some budget? Build less, construct less. Thank you.
We cannot afford this..
I don't believe a tuition increase would be beneficial for both domestic and international students, since we are already paying anywhere from \$5000 - \$30,000 or more a year. Which to me is outrageous since most of us don't have enough to pay for such fees.
this SUCKS

Is UBC being serious right now? The education finance system is so broken. student housing is crazy expensive putting international students no choice but paying high resident fees. International students were also discriminated upon by paying 6 times the tuition of domestic students. Now raise even more? Is it a joke UBC? We come here for education not because we have spare money to waste. We work hard towards our dreams and not all of us come from a middle or high class to support such expenses. We often have to work jobs and work very hard to sustain our academic study. Please do not make this even harder. Students are enduring so much pressure already with study, and many students commit suicide because of the financial, living pressure in UBC. It is not right to ignore such issues and keep increasing tuition. This is simply against human rights. We are not commodities, we are students that have rights. We should have the rights to the education that we want without having to die in debts.

The tuition is high enough compared with the facilities and the quality of courses UBC is providing. As a result, proposing of increasing tuition is unreasonable in the current situation, especially for the international student because it is already high enough. More and more international students are under super financial pressure now. Considering the physical and mental health of students, it should be a good idea or plan for UBC to decrease at least 5-10% of the tuition for the international student or set up more scholarship for international students to motivate their studies and release their financial pressure.

The tuition for international students is a little bit expensive due to no available loan

As an international student, I think tuition fees are really high and we must pay for housing, books, living costs as well as MSP. I would reconsider increasing the amount as most of us can't afford this much and I, for example, have financial difficulties. Thank you, I really hope my feedback will have an impact.

Increasing tuition due to inflation rate is understandable, but the increase fee for domestic student and international student (not the rate) is really not fair. The percentage multiplies the original price can show the huge gap between what is supposed to be increased due to inflation. Since the reason is inflation, it shouldn't be such a huge gap between domestic and international students.

The explanation of where our tuition goes is not specific enough or persuasive enough to make me be happy about this proposal. A large portion of where the money goes to really does not go to me directly.

We already pay things like construction of the buildings and stuff in our fees. I have a strong believe that UBC needs to consider what needs to be fixed and what really is unnecessary. For example, there was a construction right outside my window at 2am. The other morning, I found out what they were doing was simply painting the street signs again. Also, we still have no idea about what's wrong with the fountain. As everybody knows, UBC is also short for university of billions of constructions. So I propose that for the further constructions, UBC needs to think carefully about the necessity and cut down some budget for it. At least students know we're not paying for useless things.

dont hip up the tuition again!

I refuse to raise tuition! It has been increased a lot in these years. I don't know why UBC has to increase tuition every year

I understand what the increase in tuition fees will go towards, but I think that the University needs to explore other options. I know I along with many others are not having a positive reaction to UBC asking for even more money from us. This is not ok. 2% in the grand scheme of things adds up to a lot of money, especially for international students. This may deter students from choosing UBC to continue their studies.

International students need to pay lots of tuition fees now. Hope the increase rate of tuition fees for International student could be not that much. Thanks.

I understand and accept the changes. For me, cheaper tuition is of course better, but reasonable increase is acceptable.

I think the university is increasing the tuition rates by more than the increase in general prices (i.e. inflation rate).

The following are the historical annual inflation rates in Canada from 2013 to 2016 (2017 numbers are not out yet):

CPI Canada 2016 1.50 % CPI Canada 2015 1.61 % CPI Canada 2014 1.47 % CPI Canada 2013 1.24 %.

Observing these rates, we notice that the 2% is way above the inflation rate in Canada. Hence, the 2% tuition hike overshoots the real increase in prices.

Proposal: adjust the tuition rate hikes to 1.50% not 2%

As an international student already struggling to get by with the current tuition fees and depending on all of my family members to pitch in for my tuition, this tuition raise poses a problem. Although our income isn't low enough to qualify for scholarships, it still makes it difficult to get by because I insisted on attending UBC. To continue attending UBC would become quite a hardship if the tuition is raised and I would like to avoid putting my family under more stress, getting a loan or even stop attending and go back to my home country. I would appreciate it if other measures were taken with the funds currently available.

Would it be possible to raise the domestic tuition a little bit more than the international because I feel like the gap in domestic and international tuition is significantly large what with all the other costs an international student has.

I am against raising the tuition for domestic students.

I don't think you should keep on increasing the student fee.

Do you not think students are poor enough? How are we supposed to keep up with inflated prices of RENT and tuition while not even making a living wage?

I do not approve of an increase in tuition fees.

I approve of the tuition increase to support education in the future. However, I think less money should be spent on merit-based awards. If you're going to raise tuition fees for all students, then a larger proportion of that money should be spent on need-based awards instead of merit-based awards. Also, all of the money generated by raising tuition must be spent on bettering the student experience for current students, not on recruiting future students.

Domestic tuition should not be raised. The services rendered for domestic ubc students are minimal; everything you've been building has been for international students, for pure profit. Our campus should not be capitalist.

I have difficulty believing that my voice matters on this issue, because I have difficulty believing that any of our voices matter on this issue. A simple thought experiment: what fraction of the student responses would have to oppose any tuition/fee increases in order for these increases to be voted down? Is there a situation where that could possibly happen? If, as I suspect, there is no way that these increases will not be implemented, then what is the point of asking us, other than as a PR stunt in order to appear to care?

What I would like to see is EVIDENCE that my voice matters. Freeze tuition and fees (without increasing other student costs such as student housing rent), and find some other source of funding that doesn't put additional burdens on the shoulders of students.

I think that these tuition increases are higher than what inflation is expected to be. Also where does all this money go? It's hard to imagine that given the revenue stream for a single class at UBC [let's say 50 students \* \$2000/class (tuition plus government funding) = \$100,000] that there's any financial need. I'm very confused at why this costs so much. Also why on earth is there an extra fee for online classes? Should it not be cheaper given there is no building needed?

I am a domestic student in [...]. My yearly tuition is over [...] at UBC, which is significantly higher than any university in Canada. Due to this high value, I am forced to not only get a government loan but a professional line of credit from the bank. At the end of the day, my degree will cost me [...], and that's not including living expense and food. As a future health provider, I believe the services me and my colleagues render will greatly benefit our society. This tuition increase will severely affect me as well as my colleagues. Recently, there has been a new proposed tax law, which will affect a corporation's ability to save money for the future. As a practicing [...], this law will affect my ability to save money and pay off my debts. With increasing tuition, my debts will only continue to increase. This tuition increase, in addition to the new tax law, is hugely detrimental to graduating students, affecting our ability to start practices, families and ultimately purchase a home. Furthermore, while tuition costs rise, salary expectations do not follow a similar trend, ie. Cost of living goes up, while salary stays the same. Please stop raising tuition!

It would be a huge mistake to raise tuition. Increased tuition burdens the poor student. Hurtful and greedy.

As a local student who has to pay it's own tuition fee, extra 2% is a burden when the costs of living had increased due to minimum wages raised. These increase of expenses have been added up like a big pile of homework with a short deadline. Consider University is a place for people who are willing to learn but affordable, tuition proposal seems not very considerate at this point. Students nowadays not only paying big amount of tuition but also expensive textbooks, extra tools needed to be used in the classroom such as iclicker, make the pile even heavier. It would be highly appreciate if the tuition increase can be delayed and gradually increase, maybe 1% per year in 2 year time etc. Thank you for your attention.

A greater volume of widely accessible scholarships should be available for students with each tuition increase. It's difficult when you're trying to pay your own way through university and you therefore don't qualify for bursaries, while finding yourself scraping by because rent is so expensive. This applies mainly to domestic students, as the majority of international students tend to come from wealthy families who pay their tuition and living expenses on their behalf.

I disagree with the proposed increases.

No there does not need to be a tuition increase for the 2018/2019 year.



Just stop with the increases!!!!!!!!!!!!!! I'm in the [...] program and the tuition is already insanely high and a 2% increase makes it even higher!!!
Do not increase fees.
I feel like it is unnecessary to increase the tuition fees, especially so dramatically for international students.
the tuition increase proposal seems to not be well planned out. Tuition increases yearly especially for international students and nothing comes from it. Completely disagree with said proposal.
I strongly do not agree with the tuition increase. After each increase that had occurred, I have yet to hear of any significant and beneficial changes made for students from the increased tuition fees. Furthermore, if the university is going through financial pressures, then I am very skeptical as to how there is money to help pay for the constructions on campus that seems to be never ending.
Please don't. As an international student, UBC has kept raising its tuition fee which is a lot of burden to me. PLEASE DONT RAISE THE TUITION FEE ANYMORE. THANK YOU.
I completely understand that students' tuition fees are an integral part of UBC's yearly budget. But I do not support increasing the fees of graduate studies. Vancouver is one of the most expensive cities in the country and graduate scholarship/funding scheme at UBC is not very competitive (= not good) compared to universities of the similar rank. But still, high-quality graduate students come to UBC to pursue their study because UBC has relatively low tuition fees. Unaffordability is a common topic of discussion at any graduate students' gathering at UBC. So I'd request not to increase the graduate student fees. Thank you!
Your reasoning for increasing tuition is due to inflationary pressures, but yet the wages for student jobs on campus are remaining the same. I will not fight back on the already high cost of university, but at least increase the wages you give to students for on-campus jobs so some can get some more money as these inflationary pressures are being imposed.
I do NOT agree with the increase in tuition funds. UBC is becoming less of a centre for higher learning, but instead a business out to make money. This was evident with the introduction of Vantage College which was targeted towards wealthy Chinese and Russian students. This already damaged the reputation of the university, and all the tuition increases are only further damaging this.
I think that great consideration should be made in increasing the tuition fees for current international students yet again. The fees have become incredibly high, and for students who are already enrolled and cannot really make any choice except to continue to pay the increased fees (as they have already made the commitment to take their degree at the university) this seems incredibly unfair. Fees are now much more than expected when international students began taking their degrees and planned their budgets originally.
It's so unfair for international students.
Although 2% may seem insignificant to those at UBC who are advocating for the increase in tuitions, this amount can be quite detrimental to many students who struggle financially to attain their education here. Considering the fact that there already have been quite a few tuition increases in the past few years, it seems rather unnecessarily and excessive to be asking for more, not to mention inconsiderate. The current fees should more than suffice to sustain the necessary maintenance and reasonable improvements to UBC without requiring more money from students for at least the next year.
A 2% to 3% increase in tuition for new incoming international graduate students in specified graduate programs
I don't think it is reasonable to increase tuition for either domestic or international student. The increase will lead to more students' family pressure. Just by looking at what happened to the building The Nest. It is absolutely unnecessary and yet international student paid most of it. It is not fair!
I do not agree with increasing tuition fees I am already working two jobs while taking a full course load (5 courses) and I can barely afford to pay for tuition. Raising these fees will only make those struggling, like myself, struggle even more.
Students already struggle a lot with university tuition, so increasing it will create a heavier burden on most students.

I understand that fees are going up every year. I find it unfortunate that domestic fees increases are planned to be equal to the international ones. As locals, domestic BC residents, we should be able to have access to schooling for a much better price. We are in the high rank comparing within Canada. It isn't fair for us to keep paying so much, and even more soon. Living price in BC, especially Vancouver is just insane. Students that are lucky enough to have parents paying their tuition are rare. The ones that can afford that tuition, often move the city right after because they just can't afford living here. By increasing that 2% fees to us, domestic students, it will still have a considerable effect. I am taking part time studies, and I was seriously shocked to attend my class and being part of the minority in class. Myself and another girl are the only two domestic students following the course in a 20+ students (don't get me wrong I am more than happy to collaborate with them). International fees should be much higher, and domestic student should benefit from a great advantage being local. I have no clue how many foreign students are at UBC but I believe it would make so much sense to increase international fees, not domestic. It will still be cheaper from them, and possibly a better education for them than what they could get home (in some situation).

For the non-instructional fees, it is unrealistic. As I said, I am a part-time student and have to pay so many fees for silly things that I would never have time to use or interested really.... Not to mention that if you want to opt out, you have to be visiting each specific office within a time frame and limited unrealistic hours...how about evening time students who are on campus when all those services are closed..... our money is going straight in garbage.....

I work part time while going to school full time. I get student loans but with all that in mind, BC student aid never accounts for my full accommodation while in school, as a result, I am forced to work in order to pay rent (Each year I find the cheapest places to live which is much more convenient and affordable than on campus) and that can have a toll on my overall grades. My feedback on this increase is a definite NO for me.

Don't increase tuition, it's high enough

Tuition is already really high for us. In my opinion, tuition should not be increasing at all. For domestic students, many have chosen to commute due to the price of residence fees and it can take 3 hours of a student's time. It is physically and emotionally draining. As for domestic students, for them to leave their home for so long can be an emotionally big student, but because they have selected UBC due to whatever reason, I feel that it is not necessary to increase these students' emotional and physical stress. Overall, for both domestic and international students, most of us already have lots of financial problems, and other personal conflicts that are unhealthy for our mental, emotional and physical health. Also, the new acronym for UBC, "University of Building and Construction", should be taken into consideration. Students come to UBC mainly for a good education, the appearance of the campus is already wonderful, students do not seek a flawless campus; we value a friendly educational environment. The students this university selects will add the final touches to a beautiful campus, in other words, the whole atmosphere of this campus is not dependent on its appearance.

Considering my tuition costs roughly \$60,000 per year, this tuition increase will put so much financial strain on me that I will not be able to afford my fourth year of tuition with the current financial plan I am following. I have maximum line of credit and student loan/bursary funding and my family will not be able to support me to offset the increase you are proposing. PLEASE reconsider, as this tuition increase will cause massive financial strain on me to the point that I will no longer be able to afford my tuition without some kind of alternative additional funding.

Tuition rates are already very high for students and while we are working and hoping for lowering tuition costs, they seem to only be getting worse and worse. However, I am not concerned about rising tuition cost, however if tuition rates go up, I think it's only fair to bring down housing and student fees for those of us living on campus. The residence fees are what cost the most and I think it's only fair to lower those costs. The food on campus here is ridiculous for what we pay, please take that into consideration!

Stop with your Increase of tuition. Please. Why does it increase every year

Hello, I am writing to voice my classmates' concerns regarding the recent tuition increase proposal. We have just begun [...] program this fall, and we have already been overwhelmed with the high costs of our education and the debt that we've had to jump into this early. Assuming we follow the projected costs of our 4 year [...] program, a 2% increase would mean an extra \$3621 (assuming this effect applies on our 2nd year and beyond) at graduation. It is very disappointing that UBC has proposed to make this significant tuition increase, because for many of us, our current "unmet need" assessed by StudentaidBC is already at around \$50,000. I hope the Board will take all of this into consideration upon the decision-making process, and on behalf of our class and students of many other programs, I would like to ask that you reconsider this tuition change proposal and perhaps consider other means of maintaining UBC's budget rather than increasing the already high tuition costs that have been emotionally impacting many students including myself. Thank you very much for your time.

I think this is ridiculous. We should be thinking about making higher education MORE affordable, not less. Presently I am struggling to find other self-funded peers. Think about what an independent underemployed youth can afford. Please do not think about how much money you can grab from the wealthy, and remember the poor who are saving up to go to school (and actually might not save enough).

I understand that inflation is unavoidable and it is true that UBC has amazing facilities but undergraduate fees for international students are already extremely expensive. While domestic students normally live in their homes, international students need to pay for both huge tuition fees plus residency or rent plus meal plan, medical coverage, etc. When we, as international students decided to accept UBC's admission, we were calculating expenses with the 2016/2017 fees, not with those plus a 2-3% increase. I am aware that if there's an increase it's because the university needs the money to continue offering amazing facilities but I feel it is not fair to increase the fees of current students, instead fees of prospective students should be increased as they then have the option to decide whether they want to pay the increase or not.

I can barely afford tuition as is.

The tuition increases on International Students seem rather harsh. While it is likely that many international students will be capable of paying the extra fee, I am also certain that a few will have to sharply cut their other expenditures. Whether or not the Administration believes this to be a good trade-off, is not a matter for me to decide.

I am a member of a number of student clubs, which rely on university funding for many of their activities. I understand that the University regularly funds[...] Teams. This equates to a considerable sum of money, but I believe it to be 'worth it' as these teams provide [...] students valuable work experiences, hence improving their chances of getting a good job later on.

I believe that some of the cost of operation could be lowered by investing less in 'prestige' projects without tangible benefits to the students or facility.

I would NOT like a tuition increase.

This is outrageous. While increasing tuition in hundreds of dollars, as well as housing, day care and parking fees, the university does not update TA fees or other sources of income in a similar way. Furthermore, UBC is one of the only universities where PhD candidates still pay this outrageous tuition - which increases yearly!

This is a way to ensure education for the rich only, and mediocre academy - since students under debt make do not make great scholars.

It seems to me that as a national university UBC is working against its mandate.

Between \$50,000 to \$100,000 of student fees going to a potential design change for restaurants in the NEST? Upwards of \$5000 to re-brand a name BEFORE signage is made? These fees are not spent in student interest. They are a ludicrous expropriation of funds made by a governing body lacking business acumen. The students should not suffer fees for the lack of common sense displayed by the board.

A savvy brand developer can easily create high-class branding for ALL food service restaurants in the Nest with the same amount of funding, with some slices to spare.

A ridiculous use of funding.

"For incoming international students entering in 2018/19 in undergraduate programs and some specialized graduate programs, the rates of increase exceed 3% as compared to 2017/18." This is written in the fine prints, and despite being previously approved, the lack of mentioning in the main context gives readers a false sense of increases being relatively similar, between 2-3%. When in reality, this is another increase on top of the already approved increase that focused a lot on international students.

I am not in support of this tuition increase. I do not feel that past fee increases have benefitted myself or the UBC community. If a fee increase were to go ahead, UBC should be transparent as to where the money is going and what/who it is funding.

I believe it is important to redistribute funding that is already being received as opposed to continuing to increase tuition. For many students tuition is already a near unmanageable burden; continuing to raise tuition creates further barriers to marginalized and low income folks.

This seems reasonable given inflation. I'm in agreement with the tuition increase.

I do not support raising student tuition fees.

I'm a third year student and have noticed a tuition increase every year of my undergrad. This financial pressure is only resulting in a negative effect in the future of our country as it results in those who are financially unstable to refrain from continuing their studies. Countries that have prioritized free education for their students are the ones flourishing, not the ones that continually increase the price of schooling.

I would reserve my opinion on the tuition increase. As an international student, I have been inputting lots of money. However as a biology student, I don't think our infrastructures are well equipped, in terms of the condition of our lecture buildings, to our laboratories. For most science students, we don't have any study rooms to stay during the gap between courses. Also, the Irving Learning Centre is always very busy and pretty hard to find a spot. The Woodward Library is kind of out of date and needs renovation. The newly built Nest in my opinion is not operating very efficiently. During lunch time it's very hard to find a table and wait for a long time to get food.

The information provided showed food services, the book store and parking cost the University money despite the fact that students pay to use these services. How is it that these businesses are unable to fund themselves? I'm not saying that they should be trying to make huge profits, but could they operate on a non-profit self sustaining basis to free up university spending?

I do not need the extra spending on services such as the video displays in the Library and Recreation building at UBC-O. The making of these videos and the setting up of the screen is nice. And that's all it is. Things like this contribute nothing to my university experience or to my education.

I think it is fair that foreign visiting student pay a fair amount more, than the local students, as we as visiting student probably do not contribute with much to Canada. However, I am one of the cases that could be contributing with something for UBC, through my research, that I will continue next semester here, again as an [...] student. I am a [...] student and so is my Canadian roommate. I pay 13000 CAD for 12 creds and he pays 2000 CAD. If you only want rich chinese students to attend your university, that difference is fine, but if you want e.g. middle-class [...] students, as me, that are paying themselves, for the tuition, then you should decrease tuition. I can just barely make it with the tuition rates now - and I have worked very hard to get the money for the tuition.

Thank you for your time.

Tuition is hard enough to pay for as it is, even without an increase. I do not want to see it increased

As an international student, I find that the availability of scholarships for international students are severely lacking. It is already financially difficult to be an international student at UBC, and an increase in fees will only cause a strain on all of us international students. Whether this means higher debts in the future or a bigger burden on our parents (or other means of funding), an increase in tuition fees is ridiculous and unnecessary, especially since it does not benefit the international students (who are paying the highest tuition fees). And since there are so few scholarships for international students, our ability to afford an education here is getting more difficult. If the school plans to increase the school fees (which you are going to do regardless), at the very least can the scholarship and bursary options for international students please increase? It will make our lives at least a tiny bit better knowing that a tiny portion (since all of the scholarships are one-off and valued at maximum \$5 which, as you would know, barely covers the cost of one course for an international student) of our school fees are being sponsored by a scholarship donor. Thank you. (But to sum up, please don't increase the school fees. Cost of living in Kelowna is already so ridiculously expensive, and as a poor university student, I and my fellow students, all feel the strain.)

I think that most of the increases in tuition are not based solely on inflation, but rather on the opportunity to increase revenue from international students. I think this attitude towards students is leading UBC to lower its standards in terms of acceptance requirements. It is ruining the reputation of UBC - More and more believe it is becoming an elitist university where ability to pay becomes paramount to merit.

Please don't increase the tuition even more. I'll end up having to apply for more loan which I'll have to pay back eventually.

I feel that a tuition increase should be avoided at all costs. The cost of living is already unreal in Vancouver, an additional few hundred dollars a year could discourage innovative new thinkers who may face financial barriers from contributing to UBC. Funds could come from freezing top earning employees salaries, taking an inventory of expenditures and cutting unnecessary ones (like luncheons or special events or certain kinds of everyday costs), donors could be solicited, private fundraising events could be held. Students do not have to be the ones responsible for additional costs all of the time. There should be a way forward that does not discriminate against people of lower income status.

Like other countries in Europe, Canada, BC, and UBC should work to DECREASE tuition. I will never vouch for an increase.

tuition is already overly expensive especially for professional programs

I do not think that tuition prices and fees should be increased for next year.

Many students in my graduate program, including myself, are struggling financially and work multiple jobs to make ends meet. Our stipend is already ridiculously low and with tuition increasing, we'll be skipping meals just to continue our education.

I think tuition increase if necessary should also increase the amount of funding that student services get, specifically the counselling/mental health teams. It's tragic how little support there is when the demand is so great. Additionally, there should be drop-in capacity for the clinic. There also doesn't seem to be a distinction between tuition fees for international fees for students based on their country of origin and their own economic position. I think that this could limit who is able to study at our university, and continue to re-enforce dominant power structures. I also want to comment that I am certain costs can be cut in IT because UBC does not need 3 different platforms to host online learning (it's insane), I am certain it can be more streamline (with a single sign in option!), there's already terrible email service, so why not just remove that or use gmail... look at a model like UAlberta! Which I am sure saves on operating cost because it's much easier and straightforward to use...

I do not agree to this proposal. Students will just graduate with increasing debt. Instead of increasing the tuition so much every year, set aside funds from clubs that don't do anything but hold party events and executive retreats or halt the unnecessary constructions for a few years until you have saved up enough funds.

International graduate students bear substantial and disproportionate weight in relationship to the institutional activities that make UBC what it is: research, teaching, community relations, industry collaboration, revenue, and more. Yet, international graduate students receive minimal support from UBC. They are often overworked and underpaid. If anything, a tuition decrease needs to be made to match the level of support provided to international students at other universities comparable to UBC. This is especially urgent given the fact that much of the support available to domestic graduate students, such as student loans, tri-agency scholarships, as well other scholarships, are not available to international graduate students. What support is available, such as departmental scholarships, run out within maximum of 4 years for PhD students, and 2 years for masters students, which in the majority of cases does not match the realistic timeframe required to complete studies. Beyond that international graduate students are forced to rely on teaching and research assistant jobs, which are vastly underpaid. This is while they are not allowed to work more than 20 hours per week off campus, which makes finding a well paying job that would match their top level skills nearly impossible. To make this even worse, as of 2017 UBC set a policy excluding international graduate students from scheduled breaks (i.e. summer and winter holiday breaks), which would have allowed them to work full-time during those periods. This is while domestic students face no restrictions what so ever to off-campus employment. Unfortunately my feeling is that the system is not broken, it actually is functioning exactly as it was intended to. I would not take low paying teaching and research assistant jobs if I were not coerced by policies which the University of British Columbia has been complicit in creating; especially given that my skills would have earned me at minimum twice the wage I am paid at UBC. This is far too familiar for those conscious of how big institutions, such as UBC, implicitly and explicitly exploit those who are most vulnerable in order to maximize profit. Hence, my feedback to you, the university of British Columbia, is to oppose a tuition increase for the 2018/19 academic year for international graduate students. Thank you!

I think the fee proposal makes sense. As much as a HATE having to pay more I do understand that UBC needs to stay competitive. The cancer that I have is what UBC is spending their fees on. Students NEED a better fitness centre and study halls with good desks. We also NEED affordable housing. I know UBC wants to look fancy and pretty but you will lose the top talent if you don't appeal to what the students NEED. you want to be a strong institute at the core right?! Not just know for fancy buildings. I want to make sure my University stays student orientated so I can tell my kids and family and friends what a great place to LIVE AND LEARN it!!

The difference between the amount of international students' tuition and domestic students' is too much. International students already pay for a lot of things like the plane tickets and housing. With all of these combined, international students spend a lot more money than domestic ones and I think it's not fair. Because of this the increase effect international students very much. I believe that the difference in tuition cost shouldn't be this much.

I believe that in Canada education should be accessible and with tuition fees that are already higher than in most canadian university UBC's accessibility is already more compromised than I believe it should. I do not share this belief for International Student, who can choose to pursue their education in the place of their liking. Therefore, I am opposed to the tuition fee increase for domestic students but agree with the one aimed at international students, and believe it could be higher if needed.

The fees per credit for international students is already very high. Increasing fees will make it harder for prospective international students to join UBC. Only those having the funds would apply to UBC and they might not necessarily be the brightest students. The diversity within the university would also decrease.

Tuition in graduate programs should not be increased for both domestic and international students as we do not take many courses. I strongly oppose the unnecessary increase of tuition fees.

The tuition fees for international students at UBC are somehow crazy. Tuition fee for international students is incredible expensive and it is going to be higher and higher.

Why do you waste everyone's times asking for our "opinions", when you are just going to go ahead and increase tuition anyway? Happens every year. Please stop asking me for my opinion on matters wherein my opinion has zero value.

Agree with 2% increases. Disagree with the combined [...] program charging double tuition to students. A full-time course is a full-time course load, so students shouldn't have to pay full-time to BOTH schools ([...]).

Tuition increase of 2% is too much. My salary does not increase that much each year. It is difficult to pay for school, unless I take up another job.

UBC is investing \$899m in faculties. However, more than 80% of the professors I have had are incapable of proper communication and instructional skills. One even went as far as mocking students in class. Perhaps some of this grand budget could be allocated to training professors on how to communicate, teach, and respect students. Just because a person is capable of achieving a PhD, it does not mean they are capable of being an instructor.

I am in the top 10% of my faculty and I have learned more by watching YouTube videos and researching on Google than I have in a UBC classroom. Prior to enrolling at UBC, I have taken courses at 2 other post secondary institutions within BC, and UBC can learn from them in terms of Instructor - student relationships.

It does genuinely feel like I am wasting my money by having enrolled in UBC. If the courses were transferable, believe me I would have transferred out of UBC. My learning experience has not been exceptional, rather quite disappointing.

I wouldn't mind paying a small fee in my tuition if a proper training program could be established for instructors. I am sure many students will appreciate being in a classroom with an instructor that has proper communication skills.

Tuition increases cause financial hardships for students with scholarships that do not increase according to the inflation rate. If there is a tuition increase every year according to the inflation rate, scholarships should also increase every year according to the inflation rate. Scholarship increases should affect all students with the scholarship, not just incoming students.

I believe tuition increases for students are unnecessary and will be harmful. Students with low incomes have a hard time paying tuition, in addition to borrowing student loans. Increasing tuition for students will segregate lower income students who are not accommodated by the tuition fee from higher income students. As a third year student, my tuition has increased throughout the years I have attended this university, yet I have not noticed a difference in student support. Whose interests do the university tuition increase serve? The students?

Others type of fees changes for domestic and international students are great. But in my perspective increasing tuition fees for international students is not a great idea because we international students pay 7 to 8 times more than the domestic students which is a big amount so increasing it more will not be much convenient and great help for international students like us. Thanks for hearing me.

only increase for international. stop using domestic tuition for construction.

I support an increase in fees except for domestic students in undergraduate and graduate school.

To whom this may concern,

The subject of rising tuition every academic year is appalling to say the least. Students already have enormous amounts of stress put on them from every direction- including prospective careers, academics, emotional barriers and personal stresses. Then why must universities, especially big leading institutions continue to increase tuition by ~2% (higher for visiting, specialized programs etc) for students every year? It seems like a rather small percentage in increase in the short term, but it impacts us and our education over the years greatly. A number of students do not come from well-off families, they attend post-secondary institutions with

1. Money loaned from the province/federal
2. Hard earned money through minimum-wage jobs that they have sacrificed their social lives and mental health for.

A very few number of students that attend this university actually receive scholarships that cover their tuition for the entire term of their education. You must understand that our costs are not limited to education alone, but also living costs that continue to rise in places that house these Universities, that we must pay off what we loan, and that such steps make it harder for people to afford post secondary education- which is becoming an essential step in achieving a decent standard of living.

I, as a student, disagree with the proposal. I hope you understand where our frustration stems from. A lot of us can not afford proper nutrition so saving a \$100~ per year REALLY makes a difference.

Thank you for your time and allowing me a say in this matter.

The increase is quite a lot, especially since the international tuition is already expensive in comparison to other Canadian universities. It's almost like paying for an American college education...

If the quality of education/resources available are constant (i.e. minimal changes) every year, there shouldn't be a 2% tuition increase. The tuition increase will only turn down more international and domestic students; student loans are already increasing and creates stress for students and families.

Toooooooooooooo Expensiveeeeeeeeeee

Honestly not even sure why the school even asks for feedback. Every year the tuition increases and every year, the university asks for feedback. Most students do NOT want this increase and the school continues to ignore this feedback. We, as students, should be able to vote on this matter and not leave it up to a administrative board when they are not the ones PAYING this increase. I have reviewed the expense budget for this year and I am a bit confused as to why some of the sections require as much money as they do. Central Academic at 211 million? How does running a library and other areas cost that much? I would like to see a breakdown to the exact expense of paper if i want to agree to this! From what I can see in regards to these numbers, it seems as though the university is wanting to make another easy profit so that they can pay staff more and build resources (such as the new lab in EME) that us as students cannot even use. In addition, its nice to say that UBC has met provincial standards with the tuition cap of 2%. The way I see that, is if the cap was 10%, the university would make students pay the maximum amount, just because they can. That is ridiculous! If the university really wants to make a profit, fine, however not at the maximum cost to the students. This board needs to reconsider their financial priorities! The point of university is to grow and learn, not exploit its students to a debt that we cannot already afford!

Tutions are already too high. It has been increasing since my first year at UBC. Every year I get this same email. Please find other sources of revenue, spend less on construction, and budget wisely. If UBC is still planning to spend more money on expanding campus facilities, at least construct a new gym.... Birdcoop is pretty sad.

I don't understand why UBC has to increase the tuition each year even though it is only 2% this year from 2017-2018. Some students who are from low-income families and or on a lot of student loan debt are already struggling with their own finances. Their hopes and dreams of finishing a degree may cost them a fortune before they could even graduate! Your reason of inflationary pressure is not good enough of a reason to raise the tuition on every student whether domestic or international. Not all students are financially supported by their parents or are from a wealthy background. Also, your scholarships are not as helpful either as it is only distributed among students who are academically smart with high GPA's. Your focus and target as a university should change by welcoming students to learn in a non-stressful (financially) free environment. Since the BC government just raised our minimum wage, it is still not enough to survive and make a living here in Vancouver. Some students that I know of are still living paycheque to paycheque with a full time or two part time jobs and on top of that having to go to full time classes is merely impossible. You should consider your university in the best interests of your students and not yourselves. It is ultimately the student who is paying the school to get the education they want and everyone has the right to education. By increasing tuition every year may cause financial stress to students and force them to drop out even though they are hardworking and have bright futures. I am not asking UBC to change but I do hope that you will consider on behalf of the students more than just expanding and building more and more department buildings or recreational centres that seem redundant and over luxurious. Thank you for your time in reviewing and reading this. I do not expect any changes but at least I want the school to know that as a long term student in UBC who has been struggling financially, this is my situation. I'm sure other students are in the same situation as well and I just want to help them be that voice and to speak out. Anyways, thank you for your time.

Suggesting that you will increase tuition in the coming years is ridiculous. UBC is already impossibly expensive to attend, and further increasing the cost will only make it more difficult for students to come here in the first place, and for students that are already here to stay here. By increasing tuition costs you are making getting an education even more difficult than it already is. Not to mention the stress this would put on your students. Many (including myself) are already struggling to meet the preposterous tuition costs, and putting even more financial stress on these students, not to mention their families, is truly a crime. Education should be easily accessible to all who want it, and you are making this impossible. I am aware that due to the economic situation in BC right now, Vancouver is an especially expensive city to live in, but to put that on your students is atrocious. I am truly disappointed that you would do this to us. UBC is already considered to be a "rich kid" school, and this is for good reason, because only wealthy people can truly afford to send their children here. This university is run by some of the most intelligent people in Canada, so surely to God you can find some way to meet rising cost without making your school even more privileged and socially elite than it is now. Please do not do this.

I already am forced to pay for many parts of UBC's sprawling infrastructure, both physical and social, that I do not gain any benefit from.

It seems that more and more administrative staff is hired, with no improvement in service to students. Through the last two years, I have encountered admin hurdle after admin hurdle to just register in courses and arrange my study plan to suit my life. It would have been much easier if these administrative positions were removed as I was required to supersede them and contact department heads to get anything done.

UBC is a wonderful place, but there is so much crap that is funded, it's no wonder you want to raise the tuition the maximum amount every year. Find some of that 2% somewhere else. I wonder who gets these 'need-based awards' as I have needed to take a maximum government student loan, borrow money from my parents, and incur personal banking dept since I began studying at UBC.

Please consider that it is already expensive to get an education and that we barely can afford to do so. We don't get funding, every year tuition increases and the quality declines. Freeze tuition. Every year we are asked for input and every year tuition increases. Campus is a mess with all the construction and cuts are happening in education with sessional instructors making less money than elsewhere. Increasing tuition every year does not make sense.

Please do not raise the fees. Aside from residences, we do not need so many new buildings, and significant cuts could be made there to reduce the amount students pay. Old buildings aren't necessarily bad buildings.

I agree with most of the pieces of the proposals, but unless the costs of the insurance, etc is going up, I don't agree with adding an addition 2% to non-instructional fees.

Thank you

I think the best proposal is a 2% increase in tuition for all domestic students across all programs for the 2018/19 academic year because the tuition for international students are already expensive enough(it's 6.7 times more than domestic students!) Keep increase the tuition fee for international students might cause decrease population of international students at UBC, which might lead to decrease income since international students' tuition is such a big part of income for UBC.

I have found it unappealing that they continue to raise the tuition for international students more than everyone else each year. To make it worse, every year the international tuition award for graduate students remains the same. Top it all off with the fact that most scholarships are only for domestic students and it becomes less inviting with every passing year for international students. I am in my [...] of my Ph.D. here and I am making less and paying more than my situation as a masters student here. This decline is not something I would like to see continue.

As an international student, my tuition fee is too much higher than the domestic student. I am also a student of [...] program, the tuition is much more higher than others. And we don't have any kind of income.

The cost of living in Vancouver is already too high to afford. If any increase in tuition, I might not continue to afford my studies.

Strongly against increasing tuition fee!!!

No. Costs of livelihood are increasing over the years, so it is getting harder and harder for people to afford the cost of living as well as the cost of education. Education is important for society. With an increase in tuition, many people will be locked out of post-secondary education.

I worry about a tuition raise. As a [...] student, I am already paying \$18 000 a year in tuition and student fees, taking out student loans yearly to support my education. However, I understand that costs are rising for the university due to inflation; as an alternative to raising tuition by 2% yearly for students, cutting back 2% on the funds for new buildings or study spaces would be more helpful for students, as the facilities at UBC are already more than sufficient to support our needs.

Please do not raise tuition.

I don't think that the school should increase the fees for international students. International students already pay very high fees. Often they come from countries with a currency that is worth much less than ours. Its not good for the diversity of opinion in the student body when only very wealthy international students are capable of studying at UBC. I'm not opposed to the modest increases for domestic students. However, I think it would be better if UBC could reduce its administrative costs as opposed to increasing the burden on students, domestic and international. The university administration has undergone a large expansion in recent years. Students, like myself, would like to pay for an education which is expensive enough as it is, it is unfair that we are forced to pay for all sorts of programs that we never participate in as well as the administrative costs of offering those programs, both academic and extra-curricular. Most importantly, I resent having to pay for activism programs.

In general tuition is already too expensive as is. Quite a lot of unnecessary upgrades and construction being done. **I am aware of a surplus last year, so I do not understand how increasing tuition keeps the school afloat as it already has enough money.** I'm against this but what will my opinion do smh.

This is ridiculous our tuition is already 30K which is already WAY more than the rest of Canada.

To whom this may concern,

I find it really unfair that student tuition rates have increased substantially since I began university. I've spoken to my peers about this and a lot of us are angry. We are paying increased fees for tuition and instead of protecting us, the UBC administration raises prices for everything else as well. Our textbook prices are WAY TOO high. I pay \$550-\$600 dollars/course and you charge me half that amount for a textbook. On top of that, you change the textbook editions each year and introduce "custom packages" so that students are forced to buy these books new instead of being able to resell them back to the bookstore. I have never in my university experience gone to the UBC bookstore and ACTUALLY seen any books in the USED section for any of the overly expensive textbooks I'm forced to buy.

Education is an opportunity to better yourself and learn valuable life lessons but your administration is making it impossible to afford to attend school. Students drop out just because they can't afford it... Or graduate with huge debt. Why is it that inflation rates increase every year... but our wages don't? We work minimum wage jobs. I've been working at the same wage for the majority of my university experience. Why are university students graduating and still not finding jobs?



Why are we graduating and still working minimum wage? Why is it that certain individuals, who are brilliant might I add, don't pursue further education because of a lack of affordability? I scoff at your email. I find it offensive and I sincerely hope the UBC administration realizes that they are supposed to be helping and nurturing us... not setting us up for failure.

Sincerely,

A highly over-exploited student.

I sincerely disagree with any increase of the tuitions fee because according to my research, the tuition fee has already been increased comparing to last year. Give Vancouver's high living cost, especially housing, many students will not be able to afford their studies at UBC and thus cannot contribute to the reputation of the university if the fee keeps increasing without granting us more scholarship. Thank you!

Tuition is already high enough for us domestic students, and raising it every year doesn't help. Keep tuition for domestic students the same (or reduce it) and raise international tuition to make up for it.

International students should keep the same rate of domestic students, after all, we already pay over 6 times than domestic students for per credit tuition.

Dear Sir/ Madame

I am an international graduate student - self funded - with a student visa i.e. only officially able to work 20 hours per week. I strongly disagree with this proposed increase to tuition.

This year (2017-2018), there was an increase of \$5,731 in tuition fees, from \$33,922 to \$39,653. This serves as around 4 months student shared rent in Vancouver, to give one perspective - with rent increasing year on year too.

One's performance in a class is strongly related to the stress factors in the environment. As a continuing international student in the [...] programme at UBC, I request that the increase does not occur as it will place a lot more pressure on the budget saved for the 2-year degree programme, especially considering the work hour constraints on the student visa, the rent inflation and other increasing expenses to live in Vancouver. I chose Vancouver and UBC to experience the student lifestyle and to learn from leaders in my field. Yet, struggling to maintain the lifestyle because of the increasing financial pressures will reflect in (1) studies, (2) stressors on the student and therefore (3) experience as an international student here in total.

I hope you take a self-funded, international student's opinion into perspective.

Kind regards

I strongly oppose another fee increase.

I can understand the need for tuition increases, but I think there may be alternative methods for increasing the university's revenue, including fundraising, investments, and further international student recruitment. My main concern with the current proposal to increase tuition for all programs is that it is not an equitable distribution of increases across different programs. For example, the additional amount that an average undergraduate student would pay for a 2% increase is substantially less than a 2% increase for medical or dental students. These students, with tuition nearing \$19,000 a year, will be paying close to \$400 more each year. This is large financial strain on medical/dental students, the majority of which already have unmet financial need despite being funded through government student loans. I think a more careful look at equity, across all programs, demographics, etc. is needed to refine the proposal.

One of the reasons I chose UBC was because of the lower tuition costs. As such, I would of course prefer that tuition does not go up. Thank you.

As an international student, the raise of school tuition will provide more financial strain for me and my parents and would possibly affect my studies. I am not in favour of this.

I don't agree with this. Our education is already too expensive. We should be offering education to everyone. Education is the way grow, please do not limit people's growth.

Please, STOP raising tuition!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

As a student I am limited to the amount of hours I can work to provide myself with income to pay for the things I need. While I understand that inflation increases your prices, my paycheck does not increase at the same rate. When I have to decide between eating and paying for tuition while I wait for my student loans to get processed I become frustrated seeing more increases in price. I believe that tuition prices should be locked in at the price that it was when I was accepted to your university. When I started my degree I had price expectations and I budgeted accordingly, but now with more and more increases each year I become increasingly dependent on loans which do not always come on time. This leaves me unable to pay for things in a timely manner and forces me to make unpleasant choices regarding where I allocate my funds. I also find that much of what UBCO spends their money on does not benefit me. I find that I am paying for things that I do not use. Perhaps have tuition prices better reflect which students will be using what facilities.

Thank you for your email and breakdown of the budget on your website. I found it very informative. Nevertheless, I do not believe UBC needs to raise tuition. Current tuition borders on absurd. It seems to me that the university spends a lot of money on its image. Your plea for tuition hikes is based on the need to keep up with inflation. Since the 2008-2009 school year, inflation has raised costs by 12.89%. In the same time, your spending has gone up 36.09%. This tuition increase is not to keep up with inflation, it is to keep up with spending. Additionally, your graph of "financial pressures" lists 2016/17 expenses as 2.3 billion. When I totaled up the operating expenses breakdown, I got a figure of 1.76 billion.

Cheers and thanks for reading a student's opinion on the matter :)

This is another money-grab by the University disguised as a tuition increase. The University does not need to extort its students further after another recent tuition increase. Especially in Vancouver, one of the most expensive metropolitan areas by living cost in North America (possibly the world), adding any more financial strain to any student is unreasonable and downright cruel. While the summary report goes into depth about the costs and expenses of the University, the tangible benefits for students that the report claims are missing from the student body. These increases will place an undue burden on the student populace and therefore should not be considered without a full review on the non-academic expenses of the University. If it has to go through, absolute transparency on where the funds are going must be implemented, especially with the installment of our latest president. Furthermore, if it has to happen, students should be given sufficient additional financial and academic supports to mitigate the massive effects of a tuition increase.

Being a senior in an audit programme I am not sure if the intention of UBC is to apply fees

for my category. Would you please let me know. Thank you.

I generally approve of the proposed tuition increases as they are reasonable within bounds. However, I am surprised of the high budget for alumni and development operations, and would certainly appreciate greater transparency as to where those costs come from. I would also like to further understand the causes of the budget increase beyond 'inflationary pressures'. The budget increases for 2013-2016 are incremental while the jump to 2017 is larger- what is the anticipated budget for 2018?

Considering the rise in inflation, I recognize that this is an action that should be done. Nevertheless, considering that the families of domestic students already provide substantial financial support for UBC in the form of taxes, I suggest that domestic students' tuition should increase less than that of international students, who do not contribute taxes to the Canadian government and therefore has made less financial contribution to the BC education system in general.

Tuition should not be raised. Perhaps if the university reallocated funds intended to make it an ever more glorious husk towards making it a halfway decent place to be a human being, maybe I could get behind giving you more money. I'll be damned if my tuition goes to building another broken down fountain while there's absurd wait times for student services.

Please don't raise tuition if anything lower it! Student debt it not fun and it seems like the cost of living is only going up! This increase would discourage students from getting an education which is so important. An education should be easier to access and raising tuition only makes it harder for lower income students.

Stop spending our money on nonsense and saying the tuition increase is simply "due to inflationary pressures"

As a student, I am disappointed to see that our tuition fees are increasing for both international and domestic students. I feel as if this will make it even more difficult for students from low income families like myself. I personally do not think this is acceptable, nor do I think it is a coincidence that our tuition fees are increasing during a time when UBC is undergoing a large number of construction projects. There is a growing sense of distrust towards UBC among the students, as well as their families, because we feel as if we are being exploited for the interests of the institution. And just to add fuel to the flames, it is not clear as to where this increased revenue is going to be allocated to. Is it going to be for the benefit of the students, the faculty, or the members of the administration? I am really disappointed to see that UBC is prioritizing profits over the best interests of their students; particularly in a time when tuition, textbook costs, living expense, and so forth, are at an all time high.

Please do not increase tuition, I am a broke student.

I am concerned that the increased burden will widen the already significant disparity between people who are and are not able to attend university. Massive student debt continues to be a massive concern and is only growing. Perhaps if the university were to lobby and pressure the government to increase funding or decrease costs, the financial burden on students wouldn't need to increase. If we want to aspire to be an inclusive campus, and accessible to people regardless of race, gender, or socio-economic background, we need to would on systemic changes rather than a damaging symptomatic approach.

Don't raise domestic fees.

International students should get increased by 3% and domestic by 1%

I don't believe you have reasonable cause to be raising tuition. 2% is excessive.

I only see the prices of my education rising, not the quality. I don't think that the school should raise their fees, unless it means raising the fees of the domestic students to better match those of the international students. Assuming that these two fees are already on equal footing is wrong. You can't raise both by 2% when international fees are already sky high. And I'm not sure how a couple of hundred cars dispersed across 13 parking lots each paying hundreds of dollars is not sufficient revenue on its own to fund these goals that the university has.

My parents and I are already reluctantly paying quite high prices.

I understand the need for a 2% inflation. however a sustainable solution needs to be found as it cannot increase 2% every year forever.

As a student, I'm sure it's unsurprising that I'm opposed to the tuition increases proposed. However, I am also opposed to them as a former staff member. I understand that the University needs money, and that the provincial government has withdrawn support over the past several years, and that costs are rising. However, I have seen how the University mismanages the money it receives. There are numerous inefficiencies stemming from the "academics are not a business" mindset. No, the University is not a business, but the it needs to dedicate itself to operational efficiency nonetheless.

I have watched faculty members push off "administrative work" onto staff when it does not belong there. This makes staffing appear bloated while staff simultaneously feel overworked. Lack of investment in administrative systems has also necessitated the hiring of staff to complete work that machines should do. The inability to move the SASI program forward is another point to be examined.

Thinking again from my perspective as a student, this increase unfairly burdens those who are not eligible for scholarships or bursaries - those who are in part-time programs largely because they cannot afford to step out of the workforce and pursue full-time studies.

I understand that this consultation is a formality and that it is unlikely to sway a decision. However, I hope it provokes some examination of the faculty-staff relationship and how the academic mindset applied to administrative processes can result in student money being frittered away.

The tuition does not need to be raised. If UBC is experiencing "financial hardship" it should limit its excessive construction and updates.

It stresses me a little to know that things will be more expensive, but I do understand the situation and understand that this is an adjustment that must be made in order for things to be at the level they must be made. In a perfect I would like not to pay a thing, but that s not a reality and so this is OK.

I understand the need to adjust the tuition as the world is getting "fatter" and "fatter" but many students that do attend UBC attend for the reason that it is cheap and these 2% increases actually could mean several more years of repayment of student loans. I suggest you look at alternate ways to increase accessing more funds through other means. Perhaps there is some more money to be had in all the real estate developments that is going on at UBC (private and non).

Thanks.

UBC , is already extremely expensive for domestic students especially for those who pay their own tuition or have working class parents . Maybe BC residents should pay less and more for out of province and international students .

UBC lacks transparency in tuition increases. Stop building that many buildings if you cannot be financially stable hoping international to pay for it.

We don't even know how the money is spent and how 2% increase came up. Keep increasing tuition is not a long term solution for university, it can only make university lose its credibility and reputation.

However small the proposed increase to students tuition, we the students are always dumbfounded. Is it acceptable that a student should see an average yearly increase of 2% to their tuition such that by the time they finish their degree they are paying 5-10% more than when they started. Most student would argue that an increase isnt very fair considering that they already can't afford tuition prices as they stand right now.

I understand that the school has many large updates, renovations, and new construction expansion projects on the go and lined up in the near future, However, I do not think that a tuition increase is warranted on that basis alone.

I also understand that the University must adjust its prices based on the changing economy. The problem with this assumption is that I am sure that I remember a tution increase was already put through in the last three years that I have been in my undergraduate.

For these reasons and in the interest on the student body I would have to veto these tuition increases.

Not in favour.

Screwing us over again. We pay this increased tuition cost but how does it really benefit me when part of my money goes to supporting sports teams that loose and facilities that I never use. Or to student programs who do not actually provide a solid student life.

I think the increases due to inflationary purposes should be the same for domestic and international students.

I do find the rate for international students too high and consider transferring.

I do not think that tuition should be increased for students in upcoming years. UBC does not offer entrance scholarships or many other opportunities for lower-income students to to relieve the financial pressure of school. With the sky-rocketing cost of living in Vancouver, combined with inadequate government student loans, an immense amount of financial pressure is put on low income students.

Take my case for example. I lived off of student loans and worked for my entire degree, and I had to live drastically below the poverty line. I never had food security or healthcare security. There were many months where I lived off of \$1000 per month. My rent, food, and cellphone bill and internet amounted to more than \$850 per month. I never had enough money for the other things a person needs to live -- toiletries, clothing, medicines, dental visits, etc. For two years I dumpster-dived for food to support myself.

In this last year I sustained a significant back injury and wasn't able to finish by degree because of cost of treatment meant that I couldn't afford tuition. It's now taken me more than two years longer to finish my degree because of the health expenses.

Additionally, low income students are under significantly more stress and are much more likely to have mental health challenges, yet often time these students aren't necessarily accessing the services provided on campus. I, for example, didn't have the time to access the services I needed to thrive because I had to work, or dumpster dive, or spend time managing chronic illnesses, etc, and therefore didn't have the time to access what free services there are as I was too busy doing survival tasks.

By increasing the tuition rates and student fess, you are committing to marginalizing low income students even more than they already are. If you are not also coupling the tuition increase with strategies to support low-income students, you are reinforcing class hierarchies and creating a nearly impossible situation for low-income students to navigate.

I maintained an A average throughout my degree, but there simply weren't enough opportunities for high-achieving students like myself to access scholarships or other awards to relieve financial stress.

I am a queer, mix-raced, low income student and I felt consistently marginalized by UBC and can't imagine ever putting myself in this situation again, where my survival and well-being simply isn't considered or cared about.

If you are only taking ques from middle and high-income students, your data will be flawed. Your analysis will be flawed. You're decision making will not be adequately informed. Seek out low-income students. Listen to their stories and struggles. Find ways to support them. UBC is a wealthy institution filled with brilliant minds--leverage those resources to help students thrive.

Tuition was increased for the 2017/18 year. I don't believe that inflation is growing at the rate where tuition needs to be increased by 2% every year.

Optically, it appears more likely that tuition increases are being used to fund capital projects, marketing projects, and increasing payrolls - which is fine. Just be honest about it.

In my opinion, I think it would be extremely unfair to keep raising international fee's. The existing gap between international fee's and domestic fee's is already immensely large. I believe that it is unfair to just raise international fee's on a smaller student body and then disregard the larger domestic student body. I believe that either one should raise fee's on the entire student body or no-one at all. If fee's were to increase on only a select group of students can it please be domestic students. Domestic students pay so little that they will hardly notice a 2-3% increase in their fee's.

If the increase is simply to reflect inflationary pressures, how come the increase for international students is categorically higher than domestic students? It seems unfair since international students are already paying much higher fees than domestic, thus even the same increase in percentage will be reflected in a significant number, let alone a higher percentage.

I am not convinced that these increases in tuition will be beneficial for students. The university has already increased tuitions last year and it has an impact on many families' financial situation, especially mine. I understand that UBC is expanding its education for more young adults, and that you are trying to keep profits consistent with inflation. However, I do not see the school being worse off if they kept the tuition rate the way it is this year. I know there is a lot of money in the school to make programs better and accommodating for those who want to pursue their degrees, Even if 2% does not sound like a lot, it is when taking it from a +\$20,000 tuition fee. There are students who will not provide feedback because they likely have more than enough money to not complain. This proposal will only put middle to low income families even worse off because they have to sacrifice their leisure to work harder for an education that already consumes so much of their time. I hope you can consider my thoughts, and provide support to those who may not be able to manage higher tuitions over their post-secondary experience. Thank you.

Personally, I do not see how increasing the tuition will be a good long term solution to the rising financial pressures. From what I can see based on our budget and expenses, it seems that we certainly have enough funding but may not be spending it wisely. In my opinion, certain services such as the different undergraduate societies, or even IT can most definitely function just as efficiently on a smaller budget. Many services targeting student needs (such as the AMS) mostly use a top down approach, giving students what they may not have asked for. Furthermore, a lot of funding for student run positions seem to go into unnecessary luxuries for those in executive positions. Not to mention that our operating fund did not include donations, which I believe added up to be about \$180 million between 2015 and 2016. To keep things short, I believe that as a university that is always advocating for sustainability, we need to really take a look at ourselves and how we can better use our resources before asking for more and increasing the tuition. I understand that UBC is already looking for ways save costs, but in all honesty the efforts aren't quite showing based on all the expendable services I see on campus, or sometimes lavish spending. There are ways to keep running these important services that enrich our campus life without spending as much, a lot of which probably lies in good leadership. If we are to the increase the tuition every time there are financial pressures, then there may be more pressing concerns to address from the student body than just financial issues. All in all, I know that I am still quite uninformed about all of the painstaking consideration that goes into decisions like this, and the logistical matters that must also be reflected upon. However, I will say that as a student who does not by any means come from a financially well off family, I will gladly accept an increase in tuition if I can at least see that efforts have been made to cut costs in other aspects of our school. Instead of raising tuition as the first means of trying to solve an understandably growing financial need, perhaps it is worth taking the time to reflect inwards and look for solutions there. What makes UBC great is how innovative and dedicated to research we are. But, what makes UBC outstanding is how much we care; about our students, our faculty members, the indigenous land we occupy. This is what sets us apart from simply being an institution, so I am grateful that UBC cares about the students opinions, and I hope that this will help you all make an informed choice.

Honestly I'm broke enough already. Y'all defs have more money than me

Stop increasing our tuition. The cost of living in Vancouver continuously increases and my income does not match this increase. As students we can not afford to pay more to attend University

Classes are already too expensive -- we need to cut non-academic/non-mental-health programs!

Please don't make it more expensive, it is already a stretch to be able to pay as is.

Tuition should only increase for international students.

I am very against these changes. Myself and many of my friends can barely afford to live and study here as it is. I used to think that UBC tuition is comparable to other universities but this year I will be paying close to 10 thousand in tuition. This is ridiculous. Especially considering student loans provides a maximum of 15 thousand per school term, I have 5 thousand for (Vancouver) rent and living expenses. This is practically impossible. I need to work when I should be studying in order to survive.

The whole increasing tuition thing sounds troubling. Based on past experiences, the overall increment will not only be the percentage announced in the email; it will be larger. University is a place to share knowledge and knowledge should be free for all mankind, we need ability instead of money to access this knowledge. Now that indeed is too idealistic, but it is true that the increasing tuition shuts the door of more and more capable, promising but financially-awkward students from getting the chance to embrace knowledge. That's not fair. There must be another way.

It seems reasonable to me

As a graduate student, I personally feel the strain from receiving a stipend that does not match tuition and fees. I feel the tuition and fees should not be raised, and graduate student stipends should be increased to match the cost of living. As is, the stipend is at least \$2000 below the absolute minimum livable wage in Vancouver, which is unacceptable. An increase in tuition and fees would only exacerbate this problem.

I do not like it when the cost increases.

Even though the increase in international tuition is on the same proportion as domestic tuition fees, the base price of international tuition is already 400% higher than that of domestic tuition. The increase of 2 to 3% significantly increases burden to my personal financial abilities in paying tuition. The increase will result in a \$500 increase per term for students on a full 5-course course load. The increase in \$500 can almost cover the price of one domestic tuition course.

Relative to the funding assistance and number/ease of scholarships that Ubc provides this increase in tuition is unacceptable. I do not support it.

Graduate students - namely those of us in doing our PhDs are being killed by paying tuition all the way along. Paying it while we are taking classes is one thing but having to keep paying it even when there are entire semesters when we have to step away from our studies to work, makes it a zero sum game. Working as a sessional provides me only a bit more than half of what I need for my tuition but means that I can barely get to my studies (as a full-time parent too). PhD students in their 5th, 6th + years should be exempt from paying tuition, let alone tuition increases. Thank you

I see this fee to be unjustified as many of the faculties already have an adequate amount of funding to provide a strong education for undergraduate students and increasing the already high tuition fees will only be more of a hindrance to those in financial need rather than "improving the quality of their education."

I understand that economics go up and down and the prices at UBC have to go accordingly but please NO TUITION RAISES FOR ALL STUDENTS. It's bad enough already. Anywhere else but NOT TUITION!!!!!! I don't agree with this.

I do not agree with the increase in tuition for domestic students. I realize the government funding is decreasing while costs are rising but formal education is already unattainable for many Canadians and this will deter people from attending post-secondary further, which in the long run hurts our society and our economy.

The increase in international fees may make more sense since these students (or their parents) have not been contributing to Canadian taxes all of their lives (and therefore not contributing to the little our government does pay for education). Providing education to domestic students should be a priority so if that means charging international students more to cover these costs, this is what I would vote for.

Every year, UBC raises the tuition by 2-3%, stating that this is due to inflationary pressures. But wage increases for UBC student jobs increase at most by 0.5% & not every year. If UBC recognizes inflation as a reason to increase its own revenues, there should be a reciprocal obligation, as a responsible employer, to recognize inflation in the way it pays students as well. Every year, we students have to just absorb more & more of the rising costs of inflation & globalization (etc.) from our own pockets (usually by taking on more & more debt), while the UBC does not pay its share.

Also, in grad programs with no research component (e.g., [...]), there is virtually no funding available to help manage costs (despite excellent grades), while there are a huge number of awards for students doing research. While I understand that doing research has extra associated costs, this grad program is a 2.5-3 year program, with a large number of associated practicum hours (generally unpaid, except for a few lucky students). Even undergrad students who are doing coop are paid a wage for their work, but there is no support for an applied program such as this. If UBC values mental health, as many messages around campus say it does, there should be support for [...] to train for the profession in the same way there is funding to help train other professionals (e.g., engineers).

I think the fee increase will be too much. Many students are already in debt and even adding a "small" increase will affect students

It is reasonable to update fees

The tuition increases are unfair and are NOT necessary as the proposal has suggested. The greed that this university has shown me since I enrolled in 2014 is unbelievable.

Every tuition increase makes it more difficult for young adults to attend school. I have been in school for [...] and every single year there has been a tuition increase. As students we leave school with crippling debt and, I have never seen any type of advancement or benefit from the increase I have paid over the years. I am strongly against any type of tuition increase, it makes post secondary education unattainable and a life sentence of debt to pursue an education.

Can you please actually use the increase in tuition to equitably fund faculties and increase bursaries to low income students from the Lower Mainland? The current demographic makeup of the school favors with distinction the needs and priorities of international students due to financial incentives and it's shameful that a university that prides itself on diversity is abandoning its local students in favor of short term profits.

I do not support the tuition increase for all domestic students, regardless of program. While it may be appropriate for undergraduate programs and some graduate programs, I'm completing a research-based PhD with minimal course requirements (and the courses we do take do not require significant infrastructure support or faculty time), and think the majority of the cost increase should be paid by students in programs that generate the cost. Furthermore, I'm sure the highest earning faculty members would feel a pay decrease a lot less than students would feel a tuition increase.

Just wanna say that tuition for international students is almost 4 times more than domestic students is really an stupidly unfair amount to pay. It's really like international students don't have any rights. Although, I know it's impossible to change but still want to say, please kindly or not increase domestic students' tuition fee by 50 percent.

Salaries in Canada have not gone up by 2%, neither should tuition.

Education is like water. It is very important,vital even. Thus we need to make it freely available to the citizens.

Education is an investment in the country's future. These increases should be paid for and subsidized by Government, and any businesses that benefit by operating in Canada.

What the Hell!!! No! This is idiotic and stupid. The university gets enough money to deep its doors open, pay everyone's salaries, and put money away in savings, just from donations to the university alone! Gouging students by continually upping our tuition and costs is shameless and degrading. For those of us trying to pay our own way though school, you are making our access to an education more and more impossible. Are you trying to set us up for failure? Shame on you.

Instead of hiking student fees BC should take the good example coming from Ontario (not to mention Quebec!) and make higher education actually accessible for all people. UBC is becoming more and more an elite institution yet pretends to be a public university :(

Even better examples come from Germany, where tuition fees were abolished in 2014 for all undergraduate students (domestic and international).

Education is NOT a business - it's a public good. There is even an open door to begin this kind of initiative with our current provincial government. UBC please take the lead and shift your current values (that seem to focus on nothing else but making money)

You clearly spent a lot of time and money to justify raising tuition the maximum legal amount per year. Grow a pair and just show some integrity and say you're raising it for profits.

There's no need to increase the current expenses. Current infrastructure is adequate yet that's the main stream of funds. No money goes in to improving teaching but only on research. Students dont need better research they need a better education. Rankings dont mean anything when you dont learn

The tuition should only be increased, if the extra money were to be used for addition resources and opportunities for students. Ultimately, the money should be given back to the students in one way or another.

I believe that increasing the tuition fees may cause some international students, maybe even me, to have second thoughts about staying in UBC. So I think a better solution will be to increase the tuition fees by a smaller percentage every year, hence decreasing stress on international students and their families.

Thank you

I believe that increase tuition for students, regardless of whether they are domestic or international, will decrease the variety of students on campus. Rather than having a multitude of students from different backgrounds with different and unique points of views, the only students that will be able to afford a higher education will come from a similar upbringing with similar viewpoints. Increasing tuition may provide the university with more funding for certain things, but it takes away from students opportunities to expand beyond the university on a daily basis. Although 2%-3% may not seem like a drastic increase, but such an increase accumulates over time to become a large sum of money.

When attending university, students not only have tuition to pay for, but every year textbook costs increase, housing becomes less affordable, and any thoughts of extra curricular activity diminish. Increasing ones tuition won't just impact their wallet, it will also impact the many activities which will enrich a students university career.

I can understand that the university needs funds to run, but I do not expect the funds are gained by improving tuition fees of students. The current tuition fee for international students is already very high for an ordinary family. I come to UBC for education, but I do not want to see this becomes a great burden for my family. Thank you!

UBC's inability to control costs is quite alarming. I will never support a tuition increase until I see even the smallest effort to cut spending.

I believe tuition hike is unwarranted and unnecessary. I believe that hiking tuition is the easy way out. Let's balance the books look where money is being wasted unnecessarily and start running like a business that doesn't have the option to increase its budget by exploiting students.

Any of the following increases will be sufficient in increasing tuition fees in a democracy where obtaining a degree is no longer improving the middle class citizenry life (thank you for asking). I also recommend to strengthen UBC relationship with construction companies, profiting from constructions projects across campus, so they too contribute. Shifting targets from students may build trust in our communities that the university is not a factory another corporation that is pocketing money from consumers; We are citizens of this place not its consumers. Thank you,

a 2% increase in tuition for new incoming international students in certificate programs.

a 2% to 3% increase in tuition for new incoming international graduate students in specified graduate programs.

a 2% to 3% increase for all continuing international students across all programs for the 2018/19 academic year.

I do not agree with these increases. I do not support these increases. I would like more information about what is included in the Ancillary Operations and Central Academic budgets. From the information that is available on the website, I do not understand why Ancillary Operations require so much money, as they are already being payed for by users.

Increasing tuition means you are putting pressure on the poorest members of your community and making education less accessible for low income families. I have been at UBC for only [...] as a Master's student, and in that time there has been two proposals to increase tuition. This is shocking. Tuition is rising faster than inflation, and if you continue on this path, you will become like American universities - only accessible to the rich, or forcing huge debt on young adults as they begin their lives. Is that the kind of society you want to contribute to?

What more, I know these "Feedback" processes do nothing to change your decisions. The majority of your feedback will be opposed to these increases, but that will do nothing to change your decision to increase tuition. I hope you have a good conscious about this.

My tuition is already ridiculously expensive, and I feel as though my money is going to waste: being spent on things that do not benefit me or my education in any way whatsoever. I also find it absurd to be raising prices for international students more than for domestic students, since they are already paying many times the amount of domestic students, and have to battle the currency exchange markets.

Please increase the fees for international students.

Moreover, the increase in fees should occur for the new students. Not the one's that are already enrolled in the program. Existing students already have a budget and loan allocated for the studies. Please don't disrupt this by increasing our fees.

I agree!

I am in support, however I would like to see a 2:1 increase in international to domestic student tuition.

I think it's valuable for tuition rates to stay the same for domestic students, although I might be extremely biased. I am barely able to afford my education as it is. Above and beyond the scholarship money, I am putting myself into debt with the government to be here. I think that it's imperative that we take care of our own country's issues first- sort of like the whole 'please apply your own mask first' thing on the airplane. Please don't make me wait tables longer than I have to.

Your percentage points are higher than inflation.

Just because you can increase fees to rip students off, doesn't mean you should.

Let's do it!

What about curbing some of the expenses that students cannot opt out of in the student fees and restructuring what is an existing part of the student tuition towards fulfilling the 2% hike? Surely there are areas of the fees that can be repurposed?

The subtle increase in international tuition fee is hefty in the long run and it is a hindrance for a lot of students.

This increase, if not balanced with more international scholarships and grants, will create a barrier for students whom this education at UBC might create a social change in another part of the world.

No.

Just please don't.



The tuition increase is unexplained. For what means will the extra cost be implemented, other than to limit access to students? We cannot agree to an increase without knowing how this will benefit us.

I think you should try decreasing the tuition, it'd be very nice so we don'y have to pay as much. Sooner or later increasing the tuition by 2% might make us have to pay an extra \$10,000 and that wouldn't be nice. No matter how much you raise the tuition, UBC will never be as prestigious as universities down south.

Tuition rates are already high especially for international students. I don't support this increase in student fees.

I feel like this feedback is requested every year and quite frankly I don't understand why. Are you expecting any one of us to be positive about a rise? If you want to raise the tuition, do it, but don't give us the illusion that we get a say in this.

It'd be great if the tuition fees are not increased. Its already a lot of money I'm paying to be here.

UBC prides itself on being "the most international school in North America" and yet UBC constantly increases the price of tuition for international students. I understand inflation and trying to keep up with the newest and best facilities, but still. A 2-3% increase on \$2500 is a lot more total money than a 2% increase on \$500.

This seems to focus mainly on returning students, but I'm curious about the effects on new international students. One year, you UBC proposed a 10% increase in tuition for new international students, I believe it passed. This constant increases will definitely hurt UBC's reputation of "most international school in North America".

Now, I personally do not care about a tuition increase because I am graduating this May. However, if I was in high school now looking at which university to go to, I would not have chosen to come to UBC. The price just is not worth it anymore. I came here from the US and coming here was only a few thousand more (due to scholarships offered by the American schools). Today, the price difference would be significantly more and just not worth it in my opinion.

Simply put, if UBC wants to continue with the reputation of the most international school, think about the financial burden you are putting on some of the "less well off" international students.

To whom it may concern,

The tuition fee for International students is already very expensive, many more times higher than domestic students. Therefore I believe the percentage growth of tuition should be lower than domestic students.

I vote against raising tuition fees, being an international student , it's hard to cover costs. However , maybe look into raising in some other areas..or perhaps raising money through events..if fees do increase, increase awerness on the S color ship programs:)

considering that the federal government took away tax credits and book credits this last year, this has an effect on how expensive it is for domestic students. International students from many countries get a larger tax break and write-off for either individuals or their parents. Therefore, I don't believe that domestic students should have the same increase as international students. I think that as Vancouver is already becoming a city too expensive, we cannot increase the tuition for domestic students. In order to fulfill the financial obligations of the university, international students should have a larger increase than domestic students.

I recognize that you are only increasing tuition by 2%, but you have been increasing it by 2% each year for the past few years and, when you look at it from a different perspective, my tuition has increased by 10% from when I first started university.

I will support school's action, because we prove money for A better enrolment to study.

PLEASE, dear god, OFFER MORE TUITION SUPPORT.

Cheers,

An[international] student who is suffering immensely.

I don't think it's acceptable to raise our tuition fee OVER AND OVER AGAIN. I understand what money can do. But UBC already admitted so many UNQUALIFIED international student in order to get more money from international tuition fee, which is directly resulting in the drop of international rank, I don't get it why we need any more than that. An university is based on academic reputation and overall academic ability. All the money should contribute to academic career! Not the endless CONSTRUCTIONS and unnecessary "service". Most student won't benefit for that and their academic skills won't be approved from that.

I love UBC. I learn A LOT from so many amazing professors and get so many support from many staffs. I really wish UBC can become better and better, sincerely. I wish money could be well distributed to those amazing professors and helpful staffs. But I don't see getting that 2% from us student can really make a "change"?

sauder students already pay enough. why do we have a Sauder Building Fee when other facilities use the building too. It's upsetting how Sauder students have to pay a couple hundred dollars more for the exact same course a student from a different facility takes. please stop increasing tuition.

For myself, as a domestic student I think that this is acceptable and fair, compared to other top schools in Canada, UBC has a very low tuition rate.

I am against increasing the amount of tuition fee. I understand the significance of doing that but it will be more difficult for us as students to have to pay more money for tuition.

Maybe make it something voluntary where students who come from rich families may pay more and students who take loans don't have to pay for the increased amount.

Thank you

The tuition fee is increasing annually and my friends are complaining.

a 9.2% increase for international per credit tuition for unclassified, qualifying, visiting, access studies, and auditing students.

I believe that the student union needs to be defunded and all assets sold off. I think this as they ran a deficit again in the past fiscal year and the year prior. They need to sell off as many assets as required and the executives need to take pay cuts until the deficit is eliminated. Any surplus in the student union should be given back to the students. My tuition should solely pay for instructional time and laboratory time with my professors and other academic support offered through the school, and should not fund ridiculous ventures such as the useless student union which is used by the executive as something to put on their resume. Also, we pay for bus passes which is ridiculous because I already pay for a parking pass and maintenance on my vehicle; yet the school doesn't subsidize my oil or parking pass. I don't want to take the bus because frankly it is gross and the commute takes more time than merely driving to campus. It should be offered to students who wish to take the bus that they can purchase a bus pass; however, a student like myself who has lived in Kelowna for my entire life (20 years) and has yet to take a single bus for commuting in Kelowna because our transportation system is more of a joke than the student union (not by much). **DEFUND THE STUDENT UNION, AND MAKE OUT TUITION ABOUT PURCHASING ACADEMIC INSTRUCTION ONLY, NOT BUYING BUS PASSES THAT WE DON'T USE OR FUNDING FOR EVENTS SUCH AS FROSH AND/OR OTHER EVENTS. SCHOOL IS SCHOOL, AND DRINKING/PARTYING IS DRINKING/PARTYING.**

Stop increasing our tuition. They keep on raising every year, it is frustrating to see that we are giving money for primarily things like construction, please stop.

I feel honoured to get the opportunity to study for one semester at UBC - a very prestigious school with a broad variety of disciplines. I really enjoy my time here and try to make the most out of it.

But I only can do this because my parents gave me the financial backing for this venture. So I am lucky for coming out of higher middle class family that can afford such investments. No I am aware that all the resources UBC provides come at a certain costs but these costs are way to high for a lot of people dreaming about studying at UBC for at least one term. And increasing these costs especially with a high rate for exchange students makes it even more impossible for a lot of people to come here.

I am proud to be here but speaking for those who can't afford it already an increase of the fees moves them even further away from their dream of studying here.

While the proposed allocation of funds seems more than reasonable, the fees being charged for not only tuition and other student fees but also for accommodation is already very high. Surely there is an alternative means of generating additional income for the university as opposed to taking the simple route of charging more.

The increases in tuition for all students currently attending or planning to attend UBC is unfair as a 2 to 3% increase represents vastly different amounts depending on one's student status. For domestic students, this may not amount to much but for international students this increase can mean the difference between attending this university or not. Furthermore, UBC has consistently increased tuition fees over the past years under the pretense of inflationary pressure. This is not related to students in any way whatsoever and as such should not impact us or our capacity to attend this school. It would be more understandable if the increased tuition was used to further research or accommodate more students in our day-to-day lives on campus.

Do not agree.

I'm sorry but I definitely don't want to pay extra money. I am very pleased about going to UBC and do not require anything more.

The international undergraduate tuition fee is ALWAYS INCREASING. It is WAY HIGHER than the domestic undergraduate student's. I understand that international students' tuition must be higher than domestic but this is way too high. And the rate is non-stop increasing.

On the other hand, we should know the reason for increasing the tuition fee, and where did those money go. To be honest, I feel that even our tuition is increasing, I hardly see any improvement on increasing numbers of well-chosen prof and course sections. The situation of a class of 150 having over 150 students on waiting list is not unusual these semesters. Probably we should considering solving more of these problems to make our university better instead of trying to build more buildings in order to have more "potential -international- undergraduate".

Thanks and best wishes ;)

I understand the need to increase tuition to better the campus but I believe it should not be put in domestic students, but internationals

I cannot afford tuition as is. UBC does not offer nearly as much as it could in terms of financial aid to those who need it. Similarly, Student Aid BC does not support students, giving them thousands less than what they need for the year (studentaidbc gave me only 1/2 of what I needed), so the students who need support the most do not get it. Combine this with tuition INCREASES-- I don't know what I'm going to do.

Please don't, it would be okay if my employer during the summer increased my wage by 2%, but that's not going to happen. We are students, most of whom can't afford to live here in vancouver. Please keep tuition as is, no 2% inflation.

I studied in [...] department for 2 months during the summer vacation. I think the tuition and fee proposal are good.

I don't understand why there is a hike in the tuition fees for continuing international students. Even though we have the same merits as the domestic students, most of us already pay more than five times what the domestic students pay. On top of that, we have to manage international flights and adjust to a new lifestyle. UBC is a university that embraces diversity, but the disparity between its treatment of domestic and international students is going to be detrimental to this stance. Not only are more international students going to turn away from UBC because of its ever-increasing tuition fees, but even the current batch of undergraduate students will start to feel displeased and this might eventually cause friction. I can live with the fact that I end up paying nine times more than what domestic engineering students pay, but even after this I will continue to have my fees increase every year? What if an international student wants to take part in a co-op program? By continuing to increase the tuition fees, you will be stripping many of us international students of the option to extend our degrees and take part in co-op, which was one of the biggest draws for me coming to UBC. To me, the hike in prices for continuing international students seems unfair, especially since the domestic students are being treated in a fairer manner.

I really don't think tuition fees should increase annually at 2%. The committee is making education harder and harder to be affordable, putting stress on working students and family members. Please consider revising the tuition increase proposal, thank you.

Please don't increase tuition fees. I don't see the point when all you guys do is spend it on construction anyways.

As an international student, I understand the experience of having domestic fees because I'm experiencing the overinflated international ones. I do not want to bring personal emotion into this problem, however the suggestions of having the international fees re-inflated seems disgraceful.

International students are paying almost tenfold of the domestic fees. The initial raise of tuition cost because of tax purposes is understandable, quite cruel, but still understandable. The decision of having the cost go up by 100% again because of financial profit for the University is childish, and not to mention, very backwards thinking.

That's just my opinion though. I hope most international students are actually happy and don't have to carry the weight of the world that this financial burden brings.

I have much more to say, although if there's anyone who cares enough to read this message and maybe act upon it, than this is quite enough.

Don't raise it. Cut administration instead.

I am absolutely against all tuition increases. I am an international student that has been forced to take private loans in order to attend due to the ridiculously high cost of international tuition.

Coming from a low-income family, I literally have to pay off my tuition by getting student loans. This doesn't help if you keep increasing the tuition?!

I don't think there should be an increase in tuition for domestic students, as the tuition is already high enough. More domestic students should be encouraged to attend UBC, as it educates Canadian students, which benefits the whole country. The increases in tuition for international students could be increased, as it is cheaper for them here as international rather than being domestic in their own countries. That doesn't seem fair. International students often get funding through their own countries to attend or they are dual citizens or from wealthy families and can afford to pay more. The tuition for all international students could be increased at least 2 to 3% this upcoming year. (maybe even more such as 5%)

As a graduate student, I'm not sure what my tuition really covers. Most of the courses I take are small seminars taught by professors in our department. If the increase in tuition means that my department, specifically, gets more money - I am neutral on this. If it doesn't, I am against this. Our department could use more money to fund student research. Amping up tuition is not going to help this.

I don't think that fees should be raised as students are already drowning in debt and financial issues. Increasing tuition fees as well as non-academic fees will not only put pressure on students, but create a negative attitude towards the societies and resources that run on student fees. It is not fair to incoming students as well as existing students to have to pay more when prices for food, housing, transportation, gas, textbooks, and all other essential student items are also increasing!

I am disappointed to learn that tuition will yet again be increasing. Although inflation is a reality, it is incredibly disheartening that UBC charges so much for tuition. Education should not cost this much.

The school already makes money off not only our tuition but also fees that we as students, and me in specific cannot opt out of but will never benefit from. For example each course is around a little over \$500 \$217.50 for "Athletics and Recreation Fee". I don't even know where i would go to be a part of any athletic past time. I have not and will not ever use a building dedicated to recreation on campus ever yet i still have to pay a fee for the building. Little fees here and there when I already pay so much in tuition. Not to mention I have a lot of international friends and it's is extremely unfair and unethical in my opinion to make a profit and drain students who are from another country, don't have any family here, are new to the area and just becoming situated with the ridiculous fees for international students. I know that you have to make your money off of tuition and building fees and things we'll never use but its unfair. They pay also twice of what I pay and its ridiculous. People want an education but at what cost? What's the point if you're crushed under a crippling debt. I wouldn't mind but its become very obvious to me through personal experience that all we are is some student numbers unattached to actual people who may be going through immensely hard times and personal matters but still want an education that line someones pockets. I'm fine with having to make the campus more enjoyable and functional, but stop charging so much for a four year degree that you can get anywhere and that is useless anyways. And universities know that which is why they charge so much for masters and later programmes.

UBC has enough money. We can't afford tuition increases.

As a young student from a low income family who is paying for my own tuition, any increase in cost is extremely difficult to me. I understand that UBC may be pushed for financial reasons to increase the tuition costs, but I truly hope they can avoid this. I am working extremely hard to be here, and any added pressure would be very challenging. I turned down scholarships to other institutions to be here, because I found that the values of UBC hold closely to mine. It would be upsetting to have my tuition increased.

I think the tuition is really too expensive and it increases too fast.

I understand the tuition increases and assume that the increases accurately compensate for the inflationary pressures and these pressures alone.

However, I would like to raise the point that many full-time students whose parents are giving it their everything to get their kids through college do not always have inflation taken into account in their salaries, especially when said parents work from overseas like mine.

I feel it unfair that my family's costs are increasing and am not compensated accordingly income-wise as both my parents work full-time jobs in China (as foreign staff) where salaries are rarely made to adjust for inflation.

I understand, in the grand scheme of things, I'll be paying around 800 more dollars per semester, but for a student that runs on a strict 200\$ weekly budget for living expenses, lodging, heat, hydro, and food, 800 dollars can go a long way.

The tuition increase occurs every year with rarely any wage increases in BC which seems absurd. We clearly do not actually have a say in things but if we did I would recommend paying the staff from the old Okanagan college university less. The ones that received tenure even though they clearly do their jobs to the poorest extent they can be performed and they treat students like shit. Balance out the excessive amounts that profs are paid, stop trying to be in the big leagues like UBC Vancouver and start acting like the small campus we are. We shouldn't have to pay for every head of department's raises, the government should be covering all post-secondary schooling so why don't you take a step in proposing that to the government and try to make some greater change rather than sucking the life and money out of students who work 2 jobs while in 4 courses a semester just to get by like myself.

I do not support this tuition increase.

Tuition should not be raised for domestic students.

1. Costs already limit access

Cost of post secondary education already exclude too many working/ lower middle class students. Add to that the cost of living (esp. housing) in lower mainland is incredibly high - domestic students can't afford to pay higher tuition.

2. Does UBC need more money/ if so, what for?

- any additional gained through tuition increases should fund UBC education. Education DOES NOT equal luxury buildings, restaurants, residencies. Honestly, parts of UBC look like a resort for rich people, rather than a University. I would support extra money being used to increase faculty salaries/ compensation, including post docs and adjunct professors.

I think that if any kind of increase is to happen there needs to be something that gets decreased. Because if there is no give and take the university just appears to be a business. Which we all know it is. but it will just confirm my thoughts and opinions. My largest problem is not with tuition, but with parking rates and parking pass costs and how ridiculous they are.

I believe such a drastic increase in international tuition is a poor decision as the tuition is high enough as it is and much of the draw to UBC for international students is the tuition prices compared to other countries. Raising it will detract from future students' interest in the university, so I highly implore you to reconsider the tuition increases.

No need to increase the tuition for international students. The fees are already high. We will appreciate it if UBC learns how to freeze the fees like Univ of Illinois does.

As a student in the [...], a professional Master's program, I already pay large amounts in tuition and student fees, in addition to the high living expenses of living in Vancouver, UBC also does not offer scholarships or bursaries for students in my situation which makes affording the program and life in Vancouver quite difficult as it is. A further increase in tuition can force me to discontinue my studies and seek alternative, more affordable universities or degrees. If UBC is going to raise tuition fees, this has to be accompanied by a system that takes into account the individual cases of financial needs of the students and assess their fees accordingly, especially for professional programs with excessively high fees.

Stop raising tuition prices. Education is necessary for a well paid job, and it's being treated like a privilege. UBC makes enough money to stop raising tuition. Stop re-modelling buildings and doing lots of construction when you could be trying to keep students being able to afford to come here.

I am against tuition fees increase and think UBC shall look into using other sources of revenue.

I do not endorse the increase in costs. I am particularly against the increase in co-op fees. I am proud that here in Canada school fees are somewhat manageable at the moment but I am fearful that this will not be the case in the future. The choice to go to university is often made at a relatively young age with great consequences both good and bad. I am fearful that in the future if the costs go up and continue to increase that young adult will be left with large debilitating debts after making weighty decisions before they fully comprehend the consequences.

There are some things that I do believe would justify the costs of increased fees. An increase in research spending for labs and student research grants. Research is beneficial to students, faculty members, and the University's profile. The increased budget would help researchers acquire tools to help become world leaders in their fields of study, and the grants would help undergrad students who want to do research but must work during summer/school terms to pay for schooling and the costs of living.

An increase in spending on recreational equipment and facilities. I would like a larger workout gym, table tennis, and a swimming pool. These facilities would help me and many other students stay healthy in body and mind. The current facilities are lacking in variety, and size for the growing Okanagan campus.

Working on reducing the cost of student resources. The price of textbooks has continuously increased much faster than inflation and as costs to produce textbooks has decreased due to new technology. Here are some sources that show just how much the price has increased over time:

<https://www.lib.umich.edu/files/SPOTextbookBackground.pdf>

[http://www.huffingtonpost.ca/entry/college-textbook-prices-increase\\_n\\_2409153](http://www.huffingtonpost.ca/entry/college-textbook-prices-increase_n_2409153)

<https://www.nbcnews.com/feature/freshman-year/college-textbook-prices-have-risen-812-percent-1978-n399926>

<https://www.nbcnews.com/business/business-news/students-are-still-saddled-soaring-textbook-costs-report-says-n516011>

New, free options are becoming available such as MIT's course materials and openintro's course materials/textbooks. One of my professors switched to using one of openintro's course resources and textbook this year and it has proven not only to be cost-effective but a superior resource to previous textbooks. I would like the university to help students by either pushing professors to use new technology-based cheaper resources or to help students by heavily subsidizing textbooks and help put a stop to anti-student practices such as: semi-annual edition updates regardless of need, custom course/university specific textbooks, and online one-time-use access codes for mandatory course materials provided only on textbook purchase.

Reducing the cost of food on campus. The food on campus is expensive. This is partly due to the fact that currently there are few options on campus and only a limited number of students have the opportunity to buy food off campus and prepare meals. The limited stores know this and have adjusted their prices accordingly. I would like to see more variety and competition with new stores to help lower prices and keep up with the demand of the growing campus.

Thank you for considering my opinions and have a good day.

I understand that the university requires a lot of money to function, but, to be honest even the slightest increase in fees would increase a lot of pressure financially. Therefore it'd be great if the fees increased more slowly and the revenue was made from some other place. That said, 2% is a decent enough increase, but it'd be easier if it is done in 2 years than 1.

I am not really expert in economics but I believe inflation is double-sided. So if you increase the tuition fees, I think my Research Assistantship/Teaching Assistantship and my scholarships should increase as well.

As someone who works five and if need be, sometimes 6 days a week for typically 9-10 hours so I can meet tuition payments, do not raise the tuition rates as its already difficult to meet them.

What will happen if the tuition costs remain as they are? Will the University's financial security destabilize? Will its reputation be greatly diminished? Will academic quality be lessened too? I genuinely would like to know what the detriments will be if the current rates stand, instead of having a higher rate implemented. UBC is among the top 50 academic facilities in the world according to Times Higher Education, thus I highly doubt that reputation will be affected. If rates are not risen, then will the University go bankrupt?

I'm aware where its being allocated and what the costs are thanks to the information provided, by the way ( and to be clear). Again, inquiring what damage will the University suffers if it maintains its current rates.

No student is attracted to an academic facility for its rates. When people are looking to enroll, they do not immediately look at the prices and see a high one and think "Oh my! Those tuition costs are higher than others. I'm strapped for money, but, I think I will I choose this one simply because the rates are higher!" People look in the quality of academia, and you, the reader, and I, can confidently assert that UBC has a very high academic quality.

Raising the rates will make the gap to meet payments even larger. It likely could even be the determining factor of whether someone will attend or not. 2% or 3% may sound minimal, but it can really make a difference (as evidenced by your own reasoning for wanting to raise the rates) and will, if not raised and maintained, reduce the strain on students to make payments -- and attract prospective students to a high-quality-education and fair pricing.

2% may seem like a small amount but it has hidden implications. Student earnings must provide for living expenses which also increase. Student income has not increased to provide for these additional expenses. This results in student debt being increased with all it accumulating interest. Knowing this, tuition increases should never exceed the rate of increase given Canada's CPP recipients. I believe 1% was this year's increase. Better yet, have a fixed tuition for four years for each student. Each year new students would have a fixed tuition rate plus the % increase for another four years. This would at least take the debt's accumulating interest off tuition % increases.

This is horrible. Already paying extensive amounts of money on tution. How are we supposed to keep up with these accelerating prices?

I'm already paying 60,000 a year in tuition and fees (plus additional fees the school just happens to leave out and including printing fees that will not be fully utilized), and the faculty and administration are falling over themselves to the point that our schedule changes daily. Passing the burden onto the students to adapt rapidly to emails regarding changes that come to us after 5PM or later on most weekdays as well as on Sunday nights. The situation will not improve simply by throwing money at it. Instead the administration and faculty must properly organize themselves and be prepared in advance just as we are expected to.

I thought the NDP government was putting a halt on tuition increases. Clearly I am against this proposal. My program of study already doesn't allow awards or bursaries.

Could increase of intuition be as low as possible? Also it is fairer if the increase percentage is the same for everybody, domestic and international students. Thanks

I disagree to the increase in tuition for domestic students. Part of the reason we attend UBC is that it is close and affordable compared to other universities, but if you were to raise our tuition by 2%, it would be inefficient attending UBC when I live next to SFU.

Compare to the subjects and the facilities of the department of [...] the fee is expensive and onerous.

- No computer labs in the department of [...] paper is expensive in Campus.

I am not in favour of the proposed tuition increases.

I've said it before and i'll say it again, maybe instead of loading more and more debt onto your students you should stop spending money on more and more unnecessary buildings, and fancy stadiums. It's ridiculous that we have to pay for university at all to be honest.

I think domestic students should not have their tuition increased. A lot of us are paying for a lot of things already and part of the reason we chose UBC in the first place is because it is closer and more affordable. If we continue to increase the tuition fees for UBC students, then our living standards will just decrease. A lot of my friends are trying all they can to balance out work and study schedules in order to pay for our expensive food, housing, and tuition fees. For myself, I am trying really hard to save to pay for my student loans. I work 10 hours a week for minimum wage as well as tutor all day on Saturday, so that I can pay off my debt as soon as possible and have a bright future. Please. Do not raise the tuition fees on us. If we need more funds, try other ways. Maybe raise the fees for international students since they have plenty of money to spare if they can afford to buy expensive cars and fly planes.

I think that the tuition proposals are very reasonable. The % increase has been kept low. For students who have the money to attend UBC internationally, this 2% should be of minimal concern. As for domestic students, it can easily weight out with benefits of the Compass Card, the education quality, and ability to attend a top tier university. For students who are attending that are on financial aid or are currently being effected by poverty should receive an opportunity to become exempt from the extra payment by scholarship.

My undergraduate experience at UBC Okanagan has been extremely dissapointing.

One of several reasons why I've had such a negative experience studying at UBCO is due to the cost of tuition, the cost of textbooks, the cost of parking, and cost of putting up with rude, selfish, impersonal, and unhelpful staff members who are unwilling to accommodate to student needs.

This institution expects young people to take highly-demanding course loads for outrageous prices, when many of these students are relying only on part-time work that they have to balance with heavy academic timetables. There are only so many scholarships that can accommodate those whoa are less financially fortunate. In reality, the majority of the student body is unable to pay for the cost of education at UBCO on their own. A 2% rise in tuition for all programs is criminal.

An academic adviser prompted me to take a fifth year instead of graduating this year because she believed it would be too difficult to manage six courses in each semester, on top of a job and volunteering. She's right, but the alternative is paying for a fifth year. This is not an option you can honestly expect most of us to actually have in our positions.

I purchased my textbooks from Chapters this year because their prices for NEW books were less expensive than the prices for USED books at the UBCO bookstore.

Please consider this sincere response from a concerned student. If you value feedback from your customers, then don't take this complaint lightly.

Cheers

Do not increase tuition for domestic students. The primary reason many domestic students attend UBC is due to the costs avoided from going to school further away. For example, my goal university was originally the University of Toronto, however, I did not want to pay several hundred dollars a year to go back and forth between Toronto and Vancouver during holidays and semester breaks. However with this increase in tuition I could use the money to make this commute instead and will promptly transfer schools.

I mean I know that this is the max you can legally raise it and that you have to consult us and that none of what we say matters anyway cause you don't care and are going to raise it anyway, but like, can you not? Or at least be more clear about where the money is going? Or maybe not spend nearly \$30000 on advertising for the football team and instead give someone a scholarship with the money instead? Or just use the saved money to not raise tuition.

Please make sure graduate funding including the international partial tuition scholarship increase to keep pace with tuition increases. Graduate students are far more likely than undergraduates to be without support from parents or other family members. Adding a few hundred dollars to tuition/fees does make a difference when you are just barely breaking even each month.

This raise in tuition is a major inconvenience to me. I come from a family that earns less than \$50,000 a year, so we are struggling very much to handle the expenses right now. A raise of even 2% would put is in an even worse situation. I hope this does not go through.

I do not believe that tuition should increase, as university should be treated as a form for education and not a business. With the constant tuition increases students are not getting the chance to concentrate on school as much because majority are worried about debt.

My tuition is already super high. Please no increase.

International students are already paying a lot of money to attend UBC. Increase in tuition will not only make some students struggle very much and eventually have to take a break from the university in order to work and accumulate money. However, it will also make it less desirable for all the incoming international students due to the increase in tuition fees.

N O WAY



By increasing both tuition and student fees by 2% annually, students will be out by over an extra \$600 for a 4 year degree. Although that is an inconvenience to pay, since I am already paying so much for student loans, working another 2 weeks isn't going to bother me that much. What does bother me is the fact that our current generation is struggling so much to pay for our education. If fees continue to be raised by 2% annually (or possibly more), I can only imagine the prices my younger siblings will have to pay and my children will have to pay when the time comes. I think it is kind of selfish that I am asking for less fees, but I am also thinking about others. I have been blessed enough to have gotten students loans, a part time job, and some help from my parents. Others aren't as fortunate as me. I realize that even decreasing to 1.9% would make the university lose thousands of dollars, but that would honestly make a huge difference for all of the students, many of whom are giving up so much just to get an education. I hope that after reading my feedback and others, you are able to make the smallest increase that you can. Thank you so much for asking for our feedback

Seriously, stop with the inflation

For myself and others, it is hard to see new construction happen all over campus when older or existing buildings, especially for arts classes, go un-renovated when they clearly need upkeep. Hopefully some of the plans for infrastructure in this budget will go towards that.

The tuition fee for international students increases each year, and the gap between the fee for domestic students and international students becomes wider and wider, which is very unfair for international students. We are not that rich please have mercy.

Personally, I would hate to see increases in tuition. However, I have faith that the proposed increases aren't made for superfluous, or even worse greedy, reasons, but are made with the students and their faculty in mind (mostly the students, preferably).

Increase every year, but students don't benefit from it. Quit building so much stuff and maybe there wouldn't be a need to do an increase. Most students don't even use/need those buildings you build. I doubt there is always inflation pressure each year, quit grabbing money from poor students.

Why are you increasing tuition? What is wrong with you? Is the thousands of dollars I give you not enough? Why do you keep screwing international students over and over. They might be rich in their country, but once they come here you suck the life out of them. In conclusion, do not increase the tuition you greedy bastards.

If this consultation is approved at last, then this feedback does not work at all and is meaningless. Because I guess all international students are strongly against to the proposal of increasing the tuition every year!!! It's not affordable for most of the international students in UBC.

THIS IS RIDICULOUS, even for a local student this frequency of increasing tuition is unacceptable. While I don't really see how inflationary pressure is affecting my other daily aspects, we definitely demand a full explanation on HOW the costs of providing a university education increase as all we students see is endless construction on campus, which is also very disturbing. Education is not for everyone but there's no need to make it even harder. Also if UBC is gonna run some sort of "non-profit" full service community for the sake of the student body, for example the bike kitchen, DON'T CHARGE EVERY STUDENT money for it since not everyone can benefit from it, not to mention IT ALSO CHARGES PER SERVICE, then what's the meaning of the whole thing. PLEASE do a survey and investigate how many students will be benefited before each project, because from what I observe 3/10 projects are failure in terms of their practical value. SINCERELY ONE BROKE DOMESTIC STUDENT.

I'm already paying 50,000 a year. I don't understand why coming from another country automatically makes me have to pay 5 times domestic tuition. I get that you guys need to make money, but essentially, you're only allowing a certain International class of society to enter UBC; only those lucky enough to be born into middle/upper class families. Scholarships exist, but they're not sufficient. It's not easy for my father to have to pay that amount of money to put me through education, he has to make sacrifices. Find another way to raise your money and stop fucking over the international students all the time. We need more people from other sectors of society to be part of UBC diversity.

You should try to cut back on unnecessary things. For example you don't have to provide free access for everyone.

While I understand that University is expensive and that the raising of costs is often necessary, I am still upset about the fact that I will have to put yet more money that I don't have towards my education. Four years of schooling is expensive enough as it is, and that includes money I have saved over the past 5 years and money my parents put aside for me on top of scholarships. If I already am struggling to pay for four years of education, I can only imagine how bad it is for students less fortunate than me. I wish there was a more widespread way to receive help for years beyond first year other than scholarships. Most of the money I am using to pay for UBC comes from local scholarships from home that I will be unable to apply to for second year. It leaves me in a rather tight spot.

It's Already super expensive for international students and for [...] the tuition already doubled in two years. and surprisingly in [...] we don't even have a computer lab which is one of the basic things. I'm extremely disappointed in UBC. I'm charged 30000 \$ a year and the level of education and facilities I get it's nothing compared to the amount of money I'm paying. Not to mention they don't give TA position to incoming students. and scholarships they are not given to all international students. I was given advanced standing into program and I already waived more credits than I could since everything is the same as other materials I studied in my undergrad. So it should mean that my application was strong enough and surprisingly no scholarships to help me financially.

I want part of my tuition to be going toward paying rent to the Musqueam Band.
The same increased percentages of tuition for domestic and international students are unfair due to the extremely expensive tuition international students are paying now to UBC. Meanwhile, it may not be affordable to me or to some international students, if the tuition continues increasing every year. UBC should give more international students and a larger amount of scholarship, and give the availability to international students to apply for funds as most of the American universities.
I know students that are literally living paycheque to paycheque, starving days at a time so that they can pay for their tuition and living expenses. Why are we raising tuition fees, and consequently making their lives harder, when there are administrators at UBC making well over 200k annually?
absolutely against
I would prefer lower tuition, as it would lessen the cost of my education. The lower rates of tuition were a part of why I chose to attend UBC. Thanks :)
Do not increase tuition
Much rather have an increase in international tuition than domestic.
I know little about how a university should be or is run, but I can point out one source of excess spending UBC could cut. UBC has countless ongoing construction projects throughout the campus, and I don't think all of them are needed. The fountain upgrade that's going on right now, for instance, is no more than aesthetic and seems a relative waste of money if UBC is truly in need of more funds.
I think that if UBC stops building new buildings and cutting down trees, the school will have more money to support and assist with student's learning. There are so many buildings already which cause confusion as well as financial burdens. I have financial difficulty so if UBC increases its tuition, it will be very hard for my family and self. The tuition fee, book fee, food fee, etc. are already burdening. I am against this increase in fees.
Keep domestic tuition fees as is. They are already way too high. Charge international students 4% increase (or 6) whatever is needed. Domestic students have to give up an arm and a leg to be able to afford school in BC.
I believe the increase tuition will not only create backlash from domestic and international students, but also cause students to drop out. With the cost of living in Vancouver continuously rising, it's difficult enough to have enough funds to live here. I am strongly against increasing tuition and I believe you should do something about it.
Please don't increase international tuition fees , it's already heavy enough
I believe another tuition increase will harm with the school and students because many students pay for their own tuition through working and student loans. It is hard to maintain a social, school and work life. For full time students it is hard enough to manage working 1-2 times a week and stay on top of school homework, so increasing tuition will force students to work more.
The cost of living in this city is already astronomical and the increasing burden of student debt is crippling the most intelligent and productive group of our society. I am in no way in agreement with these tuition increases and UBC should be ashamed that they continue to increase student tuition and debt every year instead of looking at ways to decrease the student financial burden of educating its best and brightest.
NO. The answer is NO. Stop. Maybe for new incoming students since they can choose if they want to accept the high tuition, but for us current students we didn't sign up for this. It has been increasing every year I've been here and its unfair. If it was known that UBC would ask for 2% more each year, I wouldn't have chosen this overpriced paper.
You guys are smart. oh its only 2 percent increase. NO. I see your game. 2% sounds little, but its over 5 years. for every \$1000 original tuition cost, compounded over 5 years of 2% increase each year amounts to 80 extra in the 5th year, and a total of ~\$200 from the initial cost. NO. This is insane. By our 5th year, we are paying 20% of another year's tuition for nothing in return.
I'm a self sustaining student working to pay my tuition and bills. It's not fair to rope students into paying more when they just want to finish their existing degree and get the hell out of this money sucking hole. Do things with more clarity and honesty to your students. RIP off rich people if you will, but not your hardworking students who are solely here for their education. That 2% is better spent on my rent or feeding my cat. If you really want money, ask for it from new/prospective students, because at least they will have a choice. Give us(current students) that same choice.
do not agree or think that tuition costs need to increase for any type of student, its already high enough especially for graduate and phd programs
Please don't increase the tuition rates, it is expensive enough already to make ends meet in the Vancouver housing and general living markets. The increase is making UBC education a segregated class issue, and making education an exclusive club for the wealthy.

<p>The tuition spikes too much. The living cost in the city is already high. A increase tuition will make graduate students' life even harder, consider our stipend is lower than the minimum wage of BC. The increase of tuition will really hinder already rock-bottom life quality of graduate students, especially graduate students' stipend has not been increased at all.</p>
<p>I oppose tuition increases.</p>
<p>I don't think increasing the tuition will be helpful to many students both domestic and international. This will create burden on their financial state, and thus, stop them from chasing their dream.</p>
<p>My program's total cost is ~\$240,000 ([...]), and this increase will make it even more difficult to afford tuition. Government loans only provide around \$15,000 annually, and our academic schedule makes it extremely difficult to work in order to help pay for living expenses.</p>
<p>I do not appreciate the increase in tuition. It is already expensive enough as an international student to study aboard. The tuition now is already not cheap. The living expenses in Vancouver are not cheap either. Think about all the money that students also need for living expenses.</p>
<p>"A 2% increase"</p> <p>Why would you make it 2% when the highest inflation rate for Canada was at 1.61% in 2015? Not to mention 2016 going down to 1.50% percent? This shows- no, confirms the greed that UBC, Santa, and all those other animals on the board have. Years ago my relative was paying less than 40 for FULL course loads in Sauder. Now me, in 2017, with TWO dropped courses is paying 43 minimum WITHOUT housing included and a full course load. What happened?</p> <p>To add on to the greed from a 2% increase as opposed to 1.5% (what it should be), don't you recall the canadian dollar getting stronger? Do you know how many students, especially those from the [...], experience weaker currency? This is a double-whammy. My money is worth less and the money I need to pay is WORTH MORE. If UBC, a PUBLIC school, not even PRIVATE, cared about international students, you wouldn't increase the price by 12% a YEAR the past few years. Not to mention the useless fees we are required to pay for, but too troublesome to even drop, you guys don't even provide bursaries to international students? SFU does so, McGill does so, UofT does so, yet you guys are too stingy with your money that every single cent has to go to the board members or whoever's profit-minded pockets go to.</p> <p>I'll do the math for you since my [...] prof is so bad (I assume the rest of UBC is lackluster as people go to Waterloo for math). A 2% increase for a domestic student is like 200 dollars while for an international student is \$1000 dollars? How can you justify that increase while not offering bursaries like your competitors, while their tuitions bar UofT is so much cheaper?</p> <p>Not just tuition, but fees that don't even come into fruition with remotely being used by most students, by 2%? I mean genius, most kids wouldn't think this up working for the most unethical businesses, but education? A PUBLIC school? A uni falling out of grace that overcompensates the vaguely worded "inflationary pressures" by an overcompensated increase?</p> <p>We know housing for first-years took much longer because UBC is getting much more students and therefore more population. But as long as Santa tells us we're 41st best in the world (wrong again, 45) students forget about that, right? Well I'm looking for actual sense and not a money-grab from the clever board.</p> <p>Honestly, I don't mind you increasing the fees as long as you invest in your counseling and suicide-prevention, because that'll be very useful for me If I can transfer to SFU or if I fail one of my courses.</p> <p>Lion's gate is it?</p>
<p>Absolutely not. The tuition increase is too high and with all the reports of UBC's reckless spending, I'd rather see solutions and amendments to the budget before I can agree to any sort of proposal. I understand that inflationary increases can drive up costs but remember you are asking thousands of students, many with student loans they won't be able to pay off until who knows when for a lot of money. If the university can prove that our money is going to places where students and faculty can directly benefit, then perhaps it is justified in asking for an increase.</p>
<p>I believe that there shouldn't be an increase in tuition because students already pay a lot of money using loans that create debts that take years to pay off. On top of our tuition, we also have textbook costs and living costs so even a small increase would not be beneficial for students who are already struggling to pay for school.</p>
<p>I think the fee increase is fair, except for that of unclassified, qualifying, visiting, access studies, and auditing students. I think that that will be quite a substantial jump for them</p>
<p>We pay so much already...</p>

<p>With the extremely difficult living costs in Vancouver it is not fair for Domestic Students to pay even more for their tuition. All of us who attend UBC have worked hard to earn our place at this institution (who are Domestic). I am a transfer student from [...] and they did not have the degree I wanted to pursue which is why I am here. UBC has no need to increase the tuition for Domestic students because most of us are average students who need to take out student loans to pay for the current tuition.</p>
<p>I am strongly against the tuition increase.</p>
<p>I think that the increase of 2% is still quite a lot per year, the inflation rates are no where near that much.</p>
<p>I would rather the fees did not go up.</p>
<p>The costs right now are extremely high and I am already having difficulty paying my tuition. Going up more would add even more stress.</p>
<p>While a 2% increase seems reasonable, there isn't any information about how UBC is trying to better manage costs. A top two cost centres facility costs and central costs should have an explanation about the cost containment and future strategies for the delivery of the services. A number of leading universities are being more creative in the provision of courses reducing both of these categories without sacrificing the quality of the programs. While it can't be done across all faculties our even within disciplines within departments UBC has failed ot be progressive in alternate delivery of courses. This has lead to step wise increases in both of the major cost centres. Before an increase is allowed a commitment to a service delivery review should be undertaken.</p>
<p>This is so bad we are already spending a lot. Maybe we should stop spending so much of our budget on things that we don't really need.</p>
<p>This shouldn't be happening again.</p>
<p>I don't understand why our tuition counts toward student financial aid, we barely are able to pay our own tuition, but we should pay for other students as well? You should be giving out more loans, but have those student pay you back once they get a job.</p>
<p>The tuition is very expensive for international students it's like as 3 or more times more expensive than local studnets and this is unreasonable. School use the money to rebuild or construct and we are not going to have any benefit from it as construction won't finish even after we graduate. There should be less increase on tuition fee.</p>
<p>Please stop tuition fee increases!!! :(</p>
<p>As an international [...] student, I already have to pay almost 5 and 1/2 times what the domestic students pay, and my understanding is that I am not eligible for financial aid. I am very happy to be studying at UBC, but I feel the financial burden is already a little unfair, so I am completely opposed to a fee increase.</p>
<p>Even if though the tuition rates are going up there should be more scholarships or funds to support students. I am speaking from the light of my view. Consideration should be given to this</p>
<p>Tuition is already too expensive. We have too many fees on top of course fees such as paying for the sub renewal, rec sports and the gym when as an unclassified student I don't use any of these amenities. I pay over 1000\$/ senester just to take one course as an unclassified student. Bursaries and student loans are extremely limited. If you are going increase tuition then we should be able to opt out of all the extra fees such as ubc rec, bike kitchen, etc. In my opinion all education fees should be reduced and more heavily subsidized my government funding.</p>
<p>Thank you very much for providing a portal for students to supply their feedback on matters like this - I really appreciate it. I am very much against the raising of tuition fees for all the students, domestic and other. Education is a Basic Human Right and paying as much as I do right now as a domestic student already does not make sense, not to mention the fees for international students. I think it is appalling and am extremely against the raising of tuition. UBC spends millions of dollars on new buildings when I think it's priority should be working on making education more accessible.</p>
<p>While no one likes paying more--especially poor students--increases to account for inflation seem fair enough. Thanks for the heads up.</p>
<p>Just remember that you're denying access to students that need it the most.</p>
<p>It's not a simple thing for someone like me to afford to go to university. Cost is a significant factor, and keeps many bright people from getting a university education...</p>
<p>I know that a 2% tuition increase sounds insignificant on the surface, but I honestly can barely scrape together the money to pay to attend UBC as is. I simply cannot afford an increase. Please, do not do this.</p>
<p>Too expensive to afford</p>
<p>I can't believe UBC is thinking of raising tuition by another two percent.</p>
<p>This happened in 2016 when I joined, and now it's going to happen again in 2018.</p>
<p>You must realize that working-class students also attend this ivy league school.</p>

I come from [...], which is a third world country. The educational opportunities for me are limited in my country and I am so grateful to be able to pursue a higher education at the University of British Columbia. When I first got accepted to UBC, I was very excited to be able to study in a country that would allow me to strive for a better way of life. For me, and most of my international peers, the currency exchange makes the tuition very expensive. With the tuition already high, the 9.2% increase will be a lot for me and my family and I am worried that I will have to switch to another university or worse, go back to [...]. UBC has already felt like home and I would greatly appreciate it if I can stay here and thrive. Thank you so much for considering my view on this.

...prefer not to increase tuition

Please do not increase tuition costs. I'm struggling at times to make ends meet already and I'm sure a lot of students feel the same way. I really enjoy being at UBC, but living at Vancouver costs so much, and I'm not sure how I'll ever be able to pay off student loans. Maybe you should create some resources and workshops on paying back student loans, and also increase the amount of bursaries you give out significantly, but please don't increase tuition costs.

a 2% increase in tuition for all domestic students across all programs for the 2018/19 academic year.

a 2% increase in tuition for new incoming international students in graduate programs with standard rates.1

a 2% increase in tuition for new incoming international students in certificate programs.

a 2% to 3% increase in tuition for new incoming international graduate students in specified graduate programs1

a 2% to 3% increase for all continuing international students across all programs for the 2018/19 academic year.

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

No please.

As an international student who was able to come to UBC as a result of the [...] Scholarship. I have a negative opinion of fee increases as it makes life difficult for me and my family, and will bring my continued studies at UBC into question.

However I do understand that fee increases are necessary to keep up with inflation, so I would suggest that finding a way to reduce fees, and possibly having more scholarships for international students.

Thanks for putting out this survey to get input.

This is outrageous, tuition fees are already out the roof and barely affordable as it is. Is this going to happen every single year? Last year I received an email about proposed tuition increases as well. Though I understand very well that prices are increasing and everything is becoming more expensive, I do not believe in this increase. I am very happy with the way things are currently running at this school and do not feel the need to pay more because I do not think I will be better off with extra services. If tuition is increasing, UBC must do a better job of providing scholarships to not just students in financial need, but to students with outstanding academics and extracurriculars.

Every year tuition goes up and people in upper management still make huge salaries. I do not agree with this raise in tuition as the result is pricing students out of an education.

Tuition needs to be kept low enough so that all students can afford it and should be a last measure. There needs to be a commensurate rise in scholarship and bursary money and availability as well. Given the very high costs of living in Vancouver, UBC students are already adversely affected by inflation, and a tuition increase will only exacerbate this.

TUITION SHOULD NOT BE RAISED!

Firstly, students have a tough enough time paying for their post-secondary education without fees increasing on a regular basis. Wages for working students (i.e. often minimum wage jobs) have not increased significantly since 2010, with the latest increase in 2016 only bringing minimum wage to 11.35/hr, they do not increase on par with inflation rates (esp. not inflated university prices) and it is very hard to pursue a post-secondary degree without incurring massive student debt.

Secondly, rising housing prices in Kelowna, and the lack of affordable student housing for UBCO students puts added pressure on students at this University. Raising tuition and affiliated costs will simply increase the financial pressure on students, impacting overall student health and success at this institution. As it is, many students struggle with balancing their finances and stress levels associated with school commitments, work commitments, family commitments and attempting to maintain a healthy lifestyle, while working towards their degree. Increased tuition would compound this issue and be an added pressure to students already struggling to maintain balance. If this institution strives for a healthy and successful student body, it should be creating more flexible financing, bursaries, and varied scholarships to encourage and support student success.

Lastly, proposed increases in 'non-instructional fees' will likely be an added frustration as well as an added financial burden for students. We understand that we pay set fees like transportation and library fees to the benefit of the entire student body, and mostly these fees are taken in stride. However, when we don't see our student fees reflected in the services we have access to (i.e. paying a significant fee for sports & athletics and then having to pay an additional 'membership' fee to actually have access to the facility) frustration is common. Increasing these types of fees may seem trivial, and I understand the desire (and recent projects) to update and ameliorate our campus, however this increase would be felt as a significant blow to many students, especially if compounded with increased tuition prices. Increases in 'non-instructional fees' for specific projects and/or changes to campus should be put to the student body as a vote, with the financial impact to students clearly laid out, and the student body should be able to use their democratic voice to decide whether this is a project which they desire and are willing to pay for.

Thank you for taking the time to consider my thoughts.

Please don't put added financial stress onto already-stressed students who are simply working hard to create a positive impact and a good future.

Hope not increase the continuing international student's tuition due to financial pressure (personal). However, it could be acceptable to raise the new coming students' tuitions.

Hey,

Honestly the increase in tuition is very unfair to international students as we are all struggling to pay to get a better education here in Canada. I feel that instead of increasing the tuition, how about finding a way to reduce our tuition a little as well as make us internationals feel more welcome on campus. All this construction and increase in tuition isn't the problem with ubco right now, internationals suffering while the school thinks of new ways to make us pay more is the problem.

The proposal is quite unfair based on the fact that international students have already paid so much more tuition than domestic students, and there is more increase to our tuition.

Students should have the option to opt out of fees. Why do I have to help pay for the following:

Athletics and Recreation Fee \$217.50 (I don't even use any facilities and the facilities aren't even free for students)

AMS Membership Fee \$40.22

AMS Athletics and Intramurals \$21.00 (Why do I have to pay for other people to play intramurals?)

Bike Kitchen \$1.05

Student Clubs Benefit Fund \$1.64

Childcare Bursary Fund \$1.09

Campus Culture & Performance \$1.75

CiTR Radio \$5.46

Student Spaces Fund \$7.79

International Projects Fund \$0.27

Ombudperson \$1.06 (treated fairly how???)

AMS Resource Groups \$1.64

AMS Financial Assistance Fund \$12.00

Student Legal Fund \$1.00

Ubysey Publication Fee \$6.56 (Does anyone even read this?)

I do not agree with the increase in tuition. Many students are already having a difficult time paying tuition all while living in Vancouver or on campus ( which are both extremely expensive). Yes the economic pressures are going up, but UBC should find a way to maintain or lower the tuition.

I do not agree with a raise in tuition.

I think that tuition is already too expensive for the average student who is also trying to survive on a student budget in Vancouver. Living costs are continually rising and UBC is becoming a school where only privileged people can attend. Education should be a right not a privilege. The construction around UBC is NOT as important as education is so please consider this when you make a decision that could potentially take UBC off the table for aspiring students because it is no longer in their budget.

please stop raising my tuition i'm too poor for this

I am thoroughly against this proposal.

The increase of tuition limit the diversity of this campus. Although we have a lot of nationality, most of them are from high-income family. I always feel most of my friends, who are international students, have narrow vision to the world. I don't like the increase of the tuition as the purpose of making this university better. You can find another way to use the money efficiently (the current way is not enough efficient) and save our money. Thank you.

The tuition fee for international students is far more expensive. And it is so unfair that we have to pay nearly one-tenth of the tuition that the domestic students should pay. For each credit it is over 1000 CAD and for one course we have to pay around 3500 while the tuition is increasing every year. If you increase every year, the fees might be out of our budget. Our families will be stressed because of being afraid of not able to pay the tuition for their children. THIS IS NOT FAIR FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS. Stop increase the tuition fee for international students. Please.

Please do it in a way that can protect those who take the loan as the largest proportion of their funding tuition.

Hello, the Board and the administration, I am an international undergraduate student in engineering, I think the tuition for international students is already so expensive and should not be increased so much. For me, my tuition is 1100 Canadian dollars per credit, and this year I have 48 required credits, it costs me more than 50 thousand dollars one year, it is really a burden for some of the students, which might due to the result that the university enrolls more and more rich-family students instead of excellent students. And the tuition for international students is more than 10 times of domestic students, however, we do not occupy more resources than them( sometimes even less), so I think it is unfair and so expensive to increase the tuition. Thank you.

If we are going to have another tuition increase, even due to inflationary pressures, I'd like to see UBC construct less flashy structures for alumni relations (hebb building light display, nest building quad lights, canoe in forestry building, alumni monuments outside alumni centre, fountain resurfacing) and more affordable housing (on campus, accessible options-- Wesbrook Village is not even remotely attainable for most students, and on campus housing after first year starts at around \$800 a month for Thunderbird), environmental initiatives, better (mental) health support, healthier (and affordable) cafeteria food, or even evaluate hiring standards for professors. Since coming to UBC, it has seemed to me that there is a disproportionate value placed upon campus aesthetics and true sustainability is overlooked...Yes, BC is beautiful, but I came here to learn and grow as an intellectual and adult.

Please do not increase the tuition fees. We, the students, are already under much financial distress. Please do not increase it any more. Please. I beg of you. Please.

I would highly suggest against any raises in tuition.

UBC tuition is already prohibitively expensive. It is unacceptable to continue to raise fees, particularly for a graduate program classified as a "professional degree" by the university and therefore ineligible for any funding through the university. The program I am enrolled in required me to pay for specific prerequisite courses at UBC, and unbelievably, after paying for 2 years of campus based study it also requires me to do 8 months of unpaid work in the community, during which time I will continue to pay tuition to the university. This is absolutely exploitative. And while we're on the subject of the astronomical cost of education, the additional fees tacked on to the cost of tuition are absurd. There is constant unnecessary construction on campus. I am being forced to pay for buildings I will never step foot in. Honestly, just stop.

I'd rather a compromise with a lesser increase in tuition. I don't feel like there is an immediate need to improve anything.

This response is written in hopes to acknowledge how little of an impact that can be made from a student's voice. Unnecessary renovations of Martha Piper Fountain, new public structure in place of the carbon filter box between Saulder and Scarf building, repaving of bricks on main mall. Yet most buildings in the engineering faculty are old and outdated, with the increase in tuition every year. What're the odds that voices of students are going to change the board's decision? Too much is forcefully taken and too little can be offered.

Seeing how such a small amount of your total funds are from students, raising student tuition will contribute a small, and negligible amount to your overall 2.4 billion in cost. At the same time, it will cause wide dissatisfaction among students. I recommended (especially under the current political conditions) to try to apply more more government grants (or other places) for the \$30mil. Any remainder can be placed on the students, at a smaller, harder to notice percentage.

too much money is being charged.

After reviewing the details, I am confident that increases in tuition are necessary and will be allocated to important pieces of the budget, but as a person living on a low income it worries me because it increases the barriers to obtaining postsecondary education for those in a position similar to mine. Money was the only factor that gave me pause about returning to UBC to further my education, and I am still worried that it will be difficult to complete this year while avoiding financial distress. As long as some of the tuition increases are put toward student financial aid (specifically need-based), I support it.

FUCK OFF

After my first year of University, I struggled to pay for my tuition fees every single semester. Every year I also notice this increase in tuition fees which worries me about my finances for the upcoming year or even semester. After I pay for each semester there are two things that strike me the most: I am paying for so many things that I don't even use, and if I decided to use these amenities I would consult a UBC staff and stay in line to even pay for it, and the second thing that worries me are the fees I have to pay for the next semester. I also don't understand why after paying so much money for tuition and all the different things it is used for, we aren't able to get access to pay an extra \$30 every semester. Why do we have only one small gym for thousands of students to use? Why hasn't the university invested in a larger gym that is not so cramped and also used our tuition fees to provide for such necessities.

I also have another concern about my international friends, who pay thousands of dollars more than domestic students, well where is that money going exactly? There are thousands of students who come to UBC and who pay thousands of dollars but are still not given access to a campus with a friendly gym and overall less stress when it comes to paying for tuition fees.

I am not trying to attack UBC or anything. I love this institute because it provides top class education to students of all colours races and sexes. I have been provided with an awesome opportunity to attend this amazing university and I am here to make the most of it and make my family proud of their daughter, sister, niece, & cousin get a degree from UBC.

It's hard enough to keep up with grades with 5 courses without a job and I really don't want to rely on my parents for money so like many students i'm taking student loans. By keeping the tuition the same or even lowering it would be more beneficial for students by lowering financial stress. However By raising it by 2% one year, how will we know if UBC won't raise it by another 2% the following year? If we are the youth that shape our world while the working generation is retired, how can we help them if we can't even pay off our loans after we graduate.

-I do not feel that UBC is doing enough to reduce costs, considering frivolous items such as the totem pole on Main Mall

-International students are driving around Lamborghinis; i see no reason why a greater tuition increase is not in order



I am highly against the proposal of a fee increase as university is very expensive already and any increases in fees will be detrimental to most if not all students as well as provide an increasing amount of burden on families.

Uncertain if the university is aware of the amount of difficulty students face in order to be able to pay university fees: the government is very stingy when it comes to giving out bursaries and scholarships are very difficult to obtain as they are only given to a very minuscule number of students.

To increase student fees is to put more financial stress on students.

It is not the student's responsibility to carry the burden of the financial pressures felt by the university. With better budgeting, it is possible to reduce costs. The proposal of an increase means the realization of a problem and not trying to resolve it themselves. Rather, getting someone else (in this case the students) to pick up the pieces of the mess and carry the weight. This behaviour is not justifiable.

Yes, there is an increase in financial pressures for the university as the years have passed. However, look at the rest of the city/province, there has been a price hike and thus increase in financial pressures for everything. To jump on the bandwagon and increase fees, especially those that cannot be opted out of and are essentially not used by many students is highly unreasonable. This should be considered a form of theft.

I disagree with this proposal since it is already hard for me to pay for the next year. At least, if there is an increase in tuition fees, there should be more scholarships available.

Please do not further increase international tuition fees. I am a co-op student and my salary is way above the co-op average. However, after 8 months of work terms, even if I save 100%, which is impossible, I can barely earn a year of my tuition fee. From the international student point of view, the tuition fee is already too high. Please do not further increase tuition fees.

I strongly believe that the increase in tuition is unnecessary, and I do not support it. Lots of students are already struggling to pay their tuition, and so increasing it is only going to add to their financial stress.

This is my fourth year. And the third time I receive proposal for increasing tuition fees

Why is it fair that wages have not increased but cost of education and living have all increased? Many of us are working students and we cannot afford to attend the school we worked so hard to get into. Please reconsider this increase.

I am against the tuition increase.

Tuition fee is too high

As a student who is financing my education on my own, this is an extremely painful notice to receive. I have a strict budget and have to make difficult decisions on the things I am able to spend money on based on the amount I have in my bank account. On a daily basis this means sacrificing things I would like to spend money on - including food and housing. What I don't understand is how the university cannot operate on the budget that it estimated for the next two years of my program. I am not as offended about increasing the fees for incoming students as I am that UBC would see it necessary to renege on the agreement sent to me in my letter of admission.

I don't really know why you are collecting this feedback, because I assume most students will have similar reactions and that the university will simply do what it likes, since technically our letter of admission includes a disclaimer that program fees could change. I just think it looks very poorly on the university that just a few months ago it sent me a letter of admission with a certain price tag that I budgeted for and now that I cannot go back and change which school I chose, it is increasing the fees I have to pay.

I believe the increase in tuition should not take place. I am a student who is back to UBC for my second degree. I am a single mother student who has no financial support from the family. Hence, I work throughout the year in order to pay for my tuition while studying to maintain a good academic standing. It is difficult. I am aware about student loans, but I don't like the stress of loans which may be even difficult to pay off than working while studying. Also, I know other students who are in the same boat as myself. Thus, I strongly feel there should not be an increase in tuition.

I would like to vote for a 2% to 3% increase for all continuing international students across all programs for the 2018/19 academic year. Thanks!

I think increasing the international student tuition fee by 2-3% year over year is not justifiable, even with the inflation costs in Canada. It should be capped at 1% at most. I've come to Canada for getting the best education possible but with rising costs, I'm not sure how long would it be until I'm unable to afford it.

Increasing tuition for domestic students is regulated by the Provincial Government to a maximum of 2%/year, while tuition increases for international students are unregulated. As such, this survey really only has any bearing on international students. Unless of course, UBC decided to increase domestic student tuition less than the 2% maximum.

Thank you for allowing domestic students to participate in a survey that otherwise checks the "student consultation complete" box in the checklist of UBC Budget deliberations.

As a UBC [...] student I am very opposed to the proposed tuition increase for the upcoming years. This is specific to my program, because as [...] students we are paying one of the highest tuitions in all of Canada for our education. At the UBC [...] our tuition is already \$20,000 higher per year than other [...] programs in our own country! This is an absurd amount to already try and justify, when other programs giving the same education costs much less. In addition, as [...] students a 2% increase for us is a much larger dollar value than any other undergraduate programs. We would be paying a lot more extra than the average student at UBC, so this would be affecting us much more. I thank you for your time and consideration, but I feel like this proposal is very unfair to try to apply to all faculties that are in different circumstances than most.

I oppose all tuition increases, particularly for domestic students. UBC is a wealthy university with sky-high enrollment. I am happy to see all the ongoing developments on campus, which I interpreted as a sign of UBC reinvesting profit toward better infrastructures. However, I oppose these developments if having a new building versus an old one in working condition means hiking tuition. The money is better spent in maintaining tuition levels and protecting students.

UBC tuition has been increasing every year, and it's quite ridiculous how expensive it gets. Yes, UBC is a prestigious post-secondary institution, but it seems like they are not making it easily accessible for those who wish to have quality education.

The proposed ideas make intuitive sense, however, as per the 3% increase, I wonder if we could explore methods of reducing textbook costs, or removing the costs altogether? This would help others to understand, and consent with the proposed ideas.

Graduate students take a smaller number of classes relative to undergraduate students. Considering the allocation plan is designed to ensure the bulk of tuition flows directly to the Faculties to support direct teaching costs, I do not see this increase benefiting graduate students to the same extent as undergraduate students despite their tuition increase by the same percentage. As a graduate student, I do not support this increase in tuition.

I understand the tuition could increase, but the speed is a little quicker.

I am pro-tuition increase.

I object to the fee increase as international student fees places increasing pressure on my peers and I. Ever year I see my tuition jump by the thousands and I am enraged. The fee increase skews the population of international students at UBC even more towards the economic elites of the world, pushing out valuable contributions from a diversity of non-Canadian voices. For a number of international students continuing their studies at UBC, our studies will be even more affected by increasing number of hours that we have to work to compensate for the fee increase. How can UBC remain a leading global institution when it puts up barriers to the world?

I vehemently object to the increase in tuition you greedy no good demons

2% seems appropriate for an increase this year. That said, I would prefer to see it at or below the rate of inflation over the next decade, seeing as minimum wage has not kept pace with inflation, and while some students are lucky enough to receive help from family, those who need to take on debt are going to struggle as their wages stay low but their costs increase.

Where can we see the breakdown in how the tuition is spent and which costs are increasing?

Please no more increases in tuition!

The fees that international students are subject to is unprecedented. It is impossible for students from a variety of socioeconomic backgrounds to attend UBC. I'm not in support of these proposals.

No, don't raise tuition. We already pay enough as it is, and a lot of it goes towards things that don't directly affect education itself at UBC.

Not agree

It was interesting to see UBC's budget breakdown, and it was not as I had anticipated. I have three major critiques.

1. There is far less money allotted to student financial aid than I imagined, especially considering the amount spent on "Alumni and Donor Relations". This tuition increase is supposedly due to inflation, but this tuition increase is in addition to an increasing student load, and an increasing number of paid masters programs, and likely increasing costs of professional programs as well. Therefore, there is an increase in the total student expenditure that is not related to inflation. In my opinion, financial aid should be relative to this number, and I don't know if a tuition increase of only this amount will be enough to balance this.

2. The 28m spent on "Alumni and Donor Relations" doesn't quite make sense. It says it is for fundraising, but the numbers don't quite add up on the charts given. Where is this fundraising coming in? From government grants? Hopefully not business revenue, which only makes 24 m. Furthermore, the total private revenue for scholarships is only 45m (which doesn't appear on the first total income chart), which isn't much more than the running budget for fundraising and is just under the 40% overhead of a normal charity. Considering how much is spent in this department, it seems like this money should be better allocated, as it is approximately the same amount as what will be received from the 2% tuition increase.

3. I realize that a significant amount of this will go towards faculty, however I am not content paying the UBC more just to keep current trends in this area. Like many universities around the world, UBC is heading in the direction of more online teaching and less interactive (lab work or field trips), which I think is not the direction of good quality education. Furthermore, UBC is also following the trend of hiring less faculty, and instead relying on the same number of faculty to teach more students each year, or hiring "contract professors", on less than a year contracts and making not much more than a PhD student. I think that if this trend continues, the quality of student education in the classroom will decrease, not to mention the impacts on research, or on professor mental health.

To sum up, I would agree to an increase in tuition if it made more sense financially, and if I knew that the extra money I will be paying will be spent wisely, or will have a significant impact. However, based on this proposal alone it doesn't appear that this tuition increase will change many of the concerns I have. Even worse is it appears that some of this budget could come from elsewhere.

Thank you for considering student responses!

Sorry but can't see meaning to increase fees. It's already ranking high in Canada especially for us international students and it could already be a heavy burden.

NO, tuition is high enough as it is. We just had an increase recently.

I think that this school is expensive as of now and not really accessible for low income families or students putting themselves through school. It is already much more expensive than some other schools in Canada and I don't see why this is something that should be increased. From what I have seen and what is available (news articles, etc) it can be seen that professors in BC make among the largest amounts in the world. While I do see great value in professors and I believe that teaching is one of the most important professions in the world, I do not see the need for professors to be making a quarter of a million to half a million dollars a year (nearly as much or more than the annual salary of the prime minister of Canada or members of parliament). Professors are incredibly important but so is an accessible education and by steadily increasing tuition it will become less and less accessible. Professors should not be being paid \$500,000 dollars a year while students are being put into hundreds of thousand of dollars worth of debt in the process of obtaining an education which is a right that everyone should therefore have access to.

As the only first generation Canadian in my family, it has been very difficult to pay to school. I have three older siblings, two of which attended and graduated from UBC and we all had to use government and provincial student loans in order to get us through school. In times like these, it's difficult to keep up with student loan payments, growing interest rates, and overall health. The increase in tuition fees would greatly impact all students at UBC and, as a school of diversity and inclusion, this would impact many students like me in a negative way

I do not understand why tuition needs to be raised across the board, it was raised last year and I have neither seen nor heard of any real improvements or tangible changes. One of the main reasons I and many other international students chose UBC was the affordability, if you take this away I can guarantee that UBC's number of international students will dramatically decrease. For example, I myself and several other students I know did not even bother applying to UToronto due to the extraordinary international tuition costs. As the Canadian dollar gets stronger this would be a disastrous move and would deter many students from even applying, nevermind considering coming. UBC claims they offer plenty of financial assistance to international students, but I have not found this to be the case at all.

Fuck you. We already pay enough for tuition. This is insane. We are going broke trying to get an education. Charge the rich International students more but leave the domestic students alone. We pay enough as is.

Fees are rising too substantially. From my 4 years at UBC, they have risen about 20%. Fees are difficult to pay for students who are responsible for their own tuition. I would suggest providing MORE opportunities for working students to receive cuts, or more bursaries. It is already very difficult to focus on school and a job simultaneously. Rising fees do not help the well-being and academic performance of working individuals such as myself. I strongly urge UBC to consider contacting working students in order to reach out and help make their lives easier.

y'all are sucking us dry

There's really no reason to increase the fees.

Costs already so high, especially for international students, it seems too much.

Please stop raising the tuition every year... My family's financial situation is not doing well. Thank you.

Do not increase tuition, surely there are other areas you can find resources from.

I do not agree with the tuition increases that are being proposed for the 2018/2019 academic school year. It is very difficult for myself to continue paying for university without going into debt. I am currently working full time in order to pay for my tuition and it has become so difficult that I have had to reduce the amount of classes I take. I think the increase in our tuition is extremely unfair and unnecessary. The increase should not occur every single year which is exactly what has been occurring since I have been attending UBC.

PLZ NO

I understand that from time to time the university needs to increase their tuition in order to keep up with development and improvements etc. But I think increases are happening too often. Within my 3 years undergrad at UBC, I feel like I've received emails for tuition increase twice or so.

Considering that the current tuition fees have already posed as issues for current students who come from low to middle income families, it would be considerate to with-hold the tuition increase. In return, our facilities could undergo a very small budget decrease as UBC infrastructure development is exceptional.

With understanding the financial pressures caused by increases in inflation throughout society I hold strong that I do not agree with the proposed total operating expenses. My main concern arising in the gross amount of funds being allotted to the faculties. Although I see the value and necessity in providing a generous salary to the faculty I do not see an increase in said funding necessary. The students of UBC have been paying more and more every year for tuition I believe it is high time for the necessary funds to be found by another means. I believe education is a right for everyone regardless of their financial standing and each year this becomes less and less in reach of prospective students. Increasing tuition for students and especially domestic students who are trying to prosper in their hometown is far from beneficial to our society as a whole. In conclusion, as a fourth year student of UBCO I am completely opposed to the increase in tuition for the reason of future students I believe the resources of education should be becoming more accessible. We as a society should be seeing the benefits of having an educated community not making it more and more out of reach.

I feel increasing the tuition is unacceptable for domestic students. Education should reflect the needs of the population who require it not just the wealthy. The action of increasing tuition further marginalizes students without financial means thus effecting their quality of health and wellness as it relates to debt load and the mental stressors associated with it. I do not support tuition increases for domestic students nor should UBC.

I think the fees for international students are already extremely high, as they are higher than those of domestic students. So I don't understand the idea to increase those by far the most (almost 5 times as much)

Assuming we follow the projected costs of our 4 year [...] program, which is \$240,788, a 2% increase would mean an extra \$4815 a substantial increase to our already expensive program. Please reconsider the proposal!

Increase tuition and fees will give students more burden in their pursuit of academic success, it is a distraction for all students.

I am all for a 2% increase IF it goes to the right places. This may not be the right place to voice my concerns, but I believe we should pay less to the Athletics and Recreation as such a small amount of students are involved in that. Or a free gym pass included in the tuition seems fit for that category since other schools have that included. The UPass should not be mandatory, because although it was made clear that it makes it cheaper for other students the parking pass is already really expensive. I understand that if we had not voted for the upass price increase that we would not have had a new bus terminal or a bus terminal at all. Now that we have it, it should not be mandatory. As well, the student union fees were spent questionably in the past two years, and since the new student union claims they will be accountable then they do not need the same amount as the past years, or the old student union should be held accountable to the deficit they ran so we do not cushion it with our fees. An increase in tuition must come with some benefit to the students.

I do not think it is fair to be raising tuition 2-3% for domestic or international students. I understand our tuition is to fund research, pay salaries and provide better infrastructure but I think education should be an affordable and public resource as it promotes the greater good of society. My boyfriend is currently an international student at the university trying to obtain Canadian residency and the fees for international students are already outrageously inflated as it is. He has to take a

<p>year off during his degree to try and pay for his education. High tuition rates take the livelihood and motivation out of students who leave university in a ton of debt.</p>
<p>Tuition at UBC is already too high. I am strongly opposed to increasing tuition.</p>
<p>Too much tuition for international students, and still put the tuition higher and higher???</p>
<p>Do not increase.</p>
<p>Just no. Thank you very much. Unacceptable. I'm going in for 175000\$CAD in debt because of UBC tuition. Increase of even 1% would be drastic for most students so no just no.</p>
<p>Stop increasing student tuition! Thanks.</p>
<p>please don't do this it's already so high. Cost of living, food, rent and then this tuition increase is good game for most of us</p> <p>[...]</p>
<p>The tuition fee is already insanely high, do not increase it ANYONE!!!</p>
<p>It would be nice to know in more detail where the extra money will be going to. I'm a student on maximum student loans with my parents being unable to help so I'd like to know where the money is going. More transparency would be appreciated.</p>
<p>Raising tuition every year puts strain on students paying for their own education. UBC is already expensive as is and continually increasing tuition from how expensive it already is makes people want to move to other post secondary institutions where tuition is a bit more affordable. Stop raising tuition then asking what everyone's thoughts on it are [...] you ask for the input but go against the majority of the student body's opinion on it regardless. It's unlikely our restraint will be listened to, and tuition will go up continually.</p>
<p>Seriously???</p> <p>I've been a UBC student for 6 years now, I did my undergrad at UBC and I just finished my [...] and I get emails about this almost every year and until now I have not provided any "Feedback" regarding the tuition increase. It's seriously messed up that UBC is constantly raising our tuition and then hounding us with emails about giving "feedback". Really? Why is UBC even bothering to send us these emails? It's obvious they are going to do whatever they want anyway regardless of what students say. Do you really think there are going to be any students who SUPPORT this???</p> <p>No. I have given literally thousands of dollars to UBC over the course of my two degrees. I was practically a slave to UBC during grad school and STILL had to pay well over \$15 000 in tuition fees REGARDLESS of how many classes I was taking at the time. Now UBC has the audacity to "propose" raising tuition by another 2%? It's honestly a bit of a slap in the face that UBC even pretends to care about our opinion by getting us to send in these "feedback" forms when they obviously don't care about how we feel.</p>
<p>I don't think the price should go up.</p>
<p>Too expensive. At least include gym memberships, textbooks, iClickers, etc...</p>
<p>Disagree for the rise of tuition. Increased burden.</p>
<p>I feel that although the number '2%' seems small, depending on which program you are studying, it can add up to a lot. As a current [...] student at UBC, a 2% increase in tuition fees is an extra \$4815 and for myself, along with many other of my classmates, that is a lot of money. This is especially alarming when many of us, including myself, do not have any source of income during school. Please take my thoughts into consideration.</p>
<p>Please keep the continuing international students fee increase to only 2% not 3%</p>
<p>I think that there is no point in increasing the costs of tuition fees because the tuition fees are already so high. Compared to other countries like Germany which provide free tuition for Canadian students we need to make the tuition costs lower than before and not higher. We should be a good example rather than driving our students away to international universities.</p>
<p>I don't believe the tuition for any students should be raised.</p>
<p>I believe fees should not increase again this year by 2% as they have already increased last year, I understand that 2% of a student's overall total for tuition is not very much in the grand total of things but to a unemployed undergraduate student that 2% could mean the difference between having a warm meal or two for a day. I hope you will take my comments into consideration. Thank you for your time.</p>
<p>Tuition fees are expensive enough. Don't make them even more expensive!</p>
<p>As a transfer student, being in UBC is already over whelming. Some students already cant afford the current tuition fees therefore, they go on student loans or work part-time. Not all students can do that, I highly suggest not to increase the tuition fees.</p>

<p>I do not think it is fair to constantly increase the cost of tuition each year. I have been noticing there is a proposal to increase tuition by 2% each year. It is very hard to afford tuition costs as it is and a 2% increase each year does not make it any easier. Therefore, I disagree.</p>
<p>I understand that inflation occurs every year and is how our economy is designed to work but the constant exploitation of students makes pursuing academic dreams completely unfeasible. I work almost full time during the school year and then I work three jobs in the summer just to barely make ends meet to avoid going into an economic spiral as debt accumulates. I try and enjoy life and relax but the feeling of burnout and suicide creeps in when things start to go sideways. To work this hard just to struggle and miss out on opportunities is ridiculous.</p>
<p>I am absolutely opposed to the planned tuition increases!! UBC is unaffordable enough as it is, I can barely afford to eat and go to school. Please do not do this!!!!!!!!!!!!</p>
<p>I and everyone I know that does not have rich parents is absolutely struggling to pay the already expensive tuition cost. I would not condone any tuition cost increase.</p>
<p>[...] students would be disproportionately affected by the proposed changes, facing almost \$1200 increase in yearly fees as 2% of our ~\$60k tuition costs. As the most expensive [...] school in Canada by a wide margin (&gt;30% versus the next most expensive school), we already must go to great lengths to secure funding for our education, with most of us fully depleting our \$275 000 bank loan and additional savings just to get by. The proposed changes add insult to injury and further dissuade potential students from joining this school in this professional faculty. I would propose, instead, that the 2% increase be capped at a "typical undergraduate" rate of 2% of a full-year course load for bachelor-degree students.</p>
<p>I think the increasing of student fees is completely ridiculous. Yes, the cost of running a university are increasing due to inflationary pressures, but so are living costs. It's flat out ridiculous that you are proposing to increase fees by 2% when the university as an institution is more wealthy than most of its students. You need to take into consideration that not all students come from rich families, and that some are barely scraping by to pay the current fees.</p>
<p>While costs of management and operation are incremental every year undubidoubly, it is in any educator's interest to ensure education does not fall into the capitalist trap. For the last five years UBC added quite flashy addition to the campus when there are some buildings that are at the verge of demolition. I would like to suggest UBC returning to educator's mind and not falling into the trap where universities in North America compete with each other in who has a better campus. I also would like to argue that a better management team is not someone who increases fees for everyone. Rather it should be someone who could improve the system by getting rid of inefficient areas of services and loopholes.</p> <p>I valu'ED' UBC as a great academic institution for the above mentioned reasons. However I am about to lose my faith in them since the school management team is simply no different than any other capitalist MBA operating colleges across North America. Education should not be money generating business.</p> <p>UBC already have many channels through which other sources of income are generated apart from education services. I advise you on looking ingto that instead of looking at students like it's all money.</p> <p>I oppose the tuition increase for the reputation of UBC and for the quality of student life. Living in Vancouver is too expensive. UBC does not even have enough spaces in their student campus housing. From the Last increase in</p> <p>Tuition , I did not see any fruitful outcomes that address both of my concerns. My quality of life as as student at UBC was not improved. Services that are absolutely crucial for student's life on campus, housing, food, health services (gym and other facilities) and transportation -apart from that still very inefficient bus loop and claim to be world class water park- I have not seen any drastic improvement in the services UBC offer. Fine words butter no paranips.</p>
<p>Absolutely preposterous. Tuition is already unreasonable and unaffordable and I'm most likely dropping out due to the extreme costs. It's ludicrous that it is expected of me to pay off \$40k of student loans if I continue receiving them after graduating. That is not a life I want to lead that causes me to have anxiety, which takes away my energy from studying, enjoying the school, and doing well as a whole.</p>
<p>I propose to keep the domestic fees low to welcome more local students while increasing international tuition.</p>
<p>I don't prefer tuition increases. I think the last tuition increases have been 1-2% but this year it's slowly creeping up. While I understand that universities need money to be maintained, I do think the increasing costs may be deterring some potentially wonderful students from the university.</p>

It is frustrating to see the amount of student support contained within the expenses breakdown. Many of the programs do not receive enough student funding support, even though they are contributing to the research fields of their areas to great success. UBC seems to be willing to take the credit for their work, but without considering support for those smaller programs. A 2% increase may seem on the face of it a small amount, but coupled with the previous increase and the apparent lack of increase to student support, the weight continues to be shifted to the student body. I would highly encourage the UBC administration to bring these financial concerns to the attention to the Minister for Advanced Education in the province of BC, and press the current government to work to support post-secondary education without putting the pressure on current and incoming students.

Tuition for international students should be increased by 4.0%, and tuition for domestic students should be increased by 1.4%.

Hi, I am receiving the fellowship from my department and tuition is payed by this funding. I can use up to about 1500 dollars per month, but as the rent in Vancouver is getting higher and higher, I feel more pressure and stress that I have to buy less grosaries and go to less social meetings. I live like a social withdrawal and feeling really depressed some times. I heard the average rent in downtown has gotten up to \$2000 per month. Luckily, I don't live in downtown but my friends are doing extra work to keep up their room in downtown, although they are supposed to focus on their own research. I understood it is necessary to increase the tuition, but I would really appreciate if you consider increasing the scholarship accordingly. So that we can be free from this stressful situation.

Tuition costs should stop increasing for continuing studets of all types. It's unfair. Feels like we have no option as we want to finish our study and we're being pressured to pay more if we want to continue studying in the same school for the rest of out degree.

Fee increases should apply to incoming students only. Atleast then they have a chance to decide whether or not to come to UBC.

I do not like how UBC is increasing my fees more without transparency in spending. I have already watched my tuition increase by 2%/year since I've entered in 2016 from a board of governors vote. Furthermore, my program is required to pay ~415\$/credit instead of the normal undergraduate amount and the interest compounds (it started at 397\$/credit). My program also has some very nebulous fees (eg. a 1000\$ fee that was tacked on last year without any explanation) that have also grown with the 2%/year (eg. the 1000\$ fee will be 1040\$ this year). I don't see any improvements to my classes or buildings, all I see is UBC building more on-campus housing and charging exorbitantly for it. I have contacted my faculty about the fee and they have kept quite tight lipped about the whole thing. Will this 2% fee compound on the current 2% already voted in, thus being a 4.04% increase? I think the board of governors and UBC needs to make the finances of it's various faculties and facilities much more accessible and should be looking to cut inefficient spending and consolidating held debts instead of saddling incoming generations of budding academics with increasing amounts of student debt.

Being a university student, especially an international one is too hard!!!! Both local and international inflation will have bad effects on us.

I have been attending UBC for the past 5 years. Every single year there's one construction site or another around each bend. I don't see how milking students of all their money is in keeping with the core principles of a higher education institution. Instead of making school accessible for students, these tuition hikes are only increasing student debt and increasing socioeconomic disparity. I'm not one to speak up on electoral issues but enough is enough. I refuse to pay more money for school. These 2% hikes have been coming my way for too long. I keep paying fees and yet when I need access to a counsellor for the anxiety/depression I have to wait 2 weeks! When I'm having thoughts about killing myself and literally hold on because of the "investment" I have made in myself, there is nobody from the university to help. I'm fucked for life because of the lack of psychiatric support UBC offers. Start allocating tuition to issues that matter to your students and I'm sure UBC can do without another student residence.

I am in UBC DMD, and the projected costs for the 4 year DMD program is \$240,788.39. Two hundred thousand seven hundred eighty eight dollars. If there is a 2% increase in tuition, I would be paying an extra \$4815.77. This is unacceptable. Not only do I have to pay back this amount of money, I also have to pay off my undergrad debt, and save up money to purchase my practice and provide for my family.

NSERC [...] funding has increased \$800 over 27 years, from \$16700 in 1990 to \$17500 this year ([http://www.nserc-crsng.gc.ca/ase-oro/Results-Resultats\\_eng.asp](http://www.nserc-crsng.gc.ca/ase-oro/Results-Resultats_eng.asp)). Tuition has gone up by much more than \$800 since 1990. How are graduate students supposed to keep up with tuition that is rising faster than an award that only about 7% get? What about students that only receive minimum funding?

I am very disappointed with the continuous increase in tuition from this university. I understand that ubc likes to hold a prestige however this is prestige is negatively affecting it's fundamental values which is to provide education for it's students. I don't think ubc should be spending millions of student fees on new pools or other facilities just to achieve this socially constructed ideal of being innovative. Innovation and prestige should not come at the cost of being accessible to students.

Bullshit fees, the prices keep getting higher yet the education remains exactly the same.

<p>Please no more increases! I myself am barely scraping by and it should be of UBC's highest priority to make a quality education accessible for all.</p>
<p>I find it strange that the university claims to be looking at cost saving measures when its proposed increases are at above inflation. If the university was truly cutting costs, the increase would be at or below. Every year UBC wants more money, yet all I see for it is construction of more multi million dollar condos, which is not beneficial to its students. This is a cash grab and I do not support it. However, I am confident that this "consultation" process will be completed and my tuition fees will go up the proposed amounts. How disappointing.</p>
<p>no fee increase...I will not be able to afford post-secondary education.</p>
<p>tuition fees already unmanageable for me to afford and any increase (even 2%) will be quite costly for my \$60,000 annual tuition costs.</p>
<p>We don't need all these Renos and new buildings. The fountain was fine. Our tuition is already incredibly high and loans don't even cover half my tuition and fees. University is supposed to prepare us for life but as soon as we graduate UBC sends us out burried in a pile of debt. Increasing tuition just digs our hole even deeper.</p>
<p>This breaks my heart. Been a student for 6 years and am thankful for my education but can't say too many nice things about the institution. UBC is more concerned about it's national/international image rather than helping it's own students. Every student that goes here feels this and knows this. Students often feel 'tricked' after coming here and they realize the glorified image is not close to reality. This is the general atmosphere and behinds the scene talk. Yes the campus is beautiful. We have beautiful landscaping. Beautiful buildings. But does it offer the things it says it offers? Does the school have a great social atmosphere one would expect it to? I would argue very strongly, no.</p> <p>Raising tuition without raising the quality, services or support is unfathomable.</p> <p>Whenever I seek out face to face support, I'm told to go online and look at a website or send an email.</p> <p>Whenever I want to get some healthy food, ie a salad, please hand over 15\$ for the 1 item meal.</p> <p>Whenever we want to go to the gym, we can barely move or workout because the incredible amounts of overcrowding.</p> <p>Raising the tuition will only reinforce the already preexisitng message that this is school is only concerned about it's financial gains as business and not as an institution meant to inspire, support and educate the future leaders of society.</p> <p>Please help us.</p>
<p>I'd rather see some trimming of administrative fat. Tuition hikes are so cliché and, dare I say, gauche. Be the place of mind you claim to be, UBC, and get the higher ups to agree to a pay cut, even as a show of good faith. You're losing the optics battle as well as the faith of the student body. The latter won't be as big an issue if you keep filling the place with sessional lecturers who have neither the time nor means to build relationships with students so as to actually instil anything more than the bare bone course material.</p>
<p>Tuition has been raised every year and I have never seen any benefit in it. My teachers haven't gotten better (I even have 2 of the same from my 1st year) and I haven't seen any differences in the facilities that have changed my learning, not that I think they need any. So much of what is changed on campus A doesn't wffect my learning and B if anything makes my learning harder with all the construction blocking my way, making me late, not that those changes are even taken from my tuition money. If you are going to raise it, show the difference. I am a [...] student who DOES NOT approve these increases</p>
<p>I think you do not need to raise tuition at all, we are already paying a more than fair wage to (in most classes) teach ourselves, and/or take useless classes to get credits to graduate that have nothing to do with our careers. I appreciate UBC-O and think it is a beautiful campus, but you're all already making enough money from us.</p>
<p>A 2% increase in domestic tuition will be a huge burden to many students, especially those that are not eligible for financial aid. Let's not become the US where adults are living in their student debt for their entire lives.</p>
<p>Increasing tuition rates means that only people that are able afford tuition will be able to apply to and stay at UBC. As a student already struggling to pay my tuition, it is hard to believe that each year tuition increases by 2% because the university is struggling financially, while at the same time, continuously building brand new beautiful buildings. With the 2% increase in tuition that will inevitably happen due to the majority of the voting members not currently experiencing the hardships of paying tuition, I strongly recommend some of the funds be allocated to increasing UBC's Bursary Program so keep education at UBC affordable for our more financially vulnerable students.</p>
<p>I don't think the proposed tuition increases are onerous. My degree is affordable in terms of tuition, and the proposed 2% increase will not change that.</p>



There has been consistent concern during my stay at UBC regarding mental health services provided to students. The limited availability and unconcerned tone of communication makes it feel like UBC does not particularly care about students' mental health, despite continuous comments from our President and Vice-Chancellor. Perhaps more funding would allow students to get the help they need, without going to private sessions off campus.

As well, I would like to advocate for increased spending in student financial aid. Our generation is often characterized by our financial anxiety, and I find my finances are a source of great stress during the school year. It feels defeating that I will graduate with more than \$40 000 in student debt, despite an average well into the A category. Merit-based scholarships available before eligibility for the Premier scholarships could help younger students significantly, and an expansion of needs-based financial aid would be of general benefit to students, allowing us to focus on our studies, and reducing mental health issues associated with financial pressure.

In order to support these increased costs, I propose that new donors for scholarships be solicited and brought into the financial aid network. I don't presume to understand exactly how this process is undertaken, and I know that our representatives are working very hard to obtain donations; however, perhaps there are incentives we can give to local and international companies that could allow them to participate in student financial aid. As well, I would not be opposed to an additional fee, no more than \$100 a year, to go directly towards mental health services for students.

As a domestic student, I am thankful for being to attend UBC because of its low tuition costs. It is one of the major reasons why I chose this university over other Canadian schools. While I am enjoying my benefits as a domestic student, I feel that it is slightly unfair for international students who would like to study here but need to pay exorbitant tuition fees. I know that it is for the sake of keeping the educational institution running, but must tuition fees increase every year, making it harder for international students to come? In my opinion, I feel like domestic tuition should increase instead, as a way to balance the money from international tuition (Perhaps increase domestic tuition by a certain percentage while allowing the international tuition to remain the same). Thank you.

International students are already paying tuition fees worth five times more than domestic students. Most of the international students have budgeted a certain amount for school, and even a 2% increase could prevent access for many. Unlike domestic students who have access to governmental loans and bursaries, international students have to rely on finite funds from their home country (mostly their parents). While a sudden change in the employment status of domestic students or that of their parents could make students eligible for need-based scholarships, that is not the case for international students. Such unforeseen change in status mentioned above has no affect on international students' access to funds, thereby, preventing them from completing their degree. Most of the international students chose UBC for quality education, but if the university structure is preventing them that access, is the university really promoting higher education?

I am opposed to any increase in tuition to domestic or international students. I don't use enough of additional services provided by UBC to justify increasing it.

The increase in tuition payment rates is not reflected in the amount of financial benefits and support that students receive; Rate increase should lead to increased financial support and not more financial pressure for students. Hence I do not agree to the increase in tuition.

Personally I don't feel it is necessary to raise school tuition because us Domestic students are paying for taxes and some of us have to work to have enough money for school. Alongside this, we are paying for little school fees that add up to hundreds of dollars. For example AMS fees and other related school costs.

There is a need for funds to be allocated to upgrading parking and putting in student overpasses. It would be a shame for a student to have to be injured, or worse, in order for this issue to be addressed. It is a huge issue trying to drive over the student crosswalks; pedestrians do not give way.

I am aware that increases in tuition and other services are likely to occur at different times during a program of studies. However, UBC should present to all students, especially internationals, the possible percentages of increase when they apply for admission to the University. A sudden or unexpected increase could be disappointing to student. They budget for a certain amount each year, and if increases are not presented to student at the appropriate time, they might not be calculated in the budget. This could mean the students might not be able to finance their studies and might eventually have to withdraw.

It is very difficult for me to cope with paying the already absurdly high international tuition fees.

I understand the rising costs, but you should consider the fact that for distance learning, the cost is already fairly high considering the cost of running. It seems unnecessary to raise the fee for fully distance-learning courses considering the medium.

There is a 2% increase in tuition every year while students see no benefit. The services are no better. The buildings are largely the same. The teaching is of the same quality every year. 2% increases every year are ridiculous and unacceptable if no benefits are seen to the students actually paying you. You largely force the student body with these fees every year whereby if we do not pay we cannot take the courses and graduate.

<p>As a student who has to apply for financial support each year, I must say that such a report makes me anxious. How will the tuition increase affect the number of students who will have to apply for financial support but didn't have to in the past? Will this affect my ability of receiving aid?</p> <p>Also, the various increases in the graduate program give me doubts about continuing education at UBC. Experiencing my undergraduate years with annual increases, why would I continue my graduate studies here? I don't think I will apply or recommend others apply to UBC's graduate programs.</p>
<p>I feel that tuition is already high enough. As a student body, our concern is to lower the tuition fees... not to increase them. If countries around the world can provide free education, why can't Canada? Why can't UBC? I am not happy!</p>
<p>Given that I am contributing a significantly larger amount of money compared to domestic students for tuition, and that in my financial situation that I can barely afford to complete my undergraduate degree, I think it's safe to say that increasing international tuition fees is a redundant measure if you're keen on having students graduate with a significant debt and possibly ruining our parent's retirement fund. This year, the Okanagan campus has had its largest intake of international undergraduate students; based on previous numbers, the annual intake continues to grow. I plead that the tuition fees should not increase.</p>
<p>The international students' fees are too high compared to that of the domestic fees. The fees for domestic students should be raised further to reduce inequality.</p>
<p>As it stands, tuition is already outrageously high for any student. Please do not raise it!</p>
<p>Thank you!</p>
<p>No increase</p>
<p>In my humble opinion, International fees at UBC is already extremely high (The MBA program is as close to some of the ivy league schools in the US). Raising the cost of international students fee by 2 percent will only drive international students away to a higher rank schools that are costing the same or even less if they are given the scholarship.</p>
<p>Oppose to increasing domestic &amp; student fees for the academic year.</p>
<p>The 2% increase in tuition may "seem" little to some but for different faculties, this slight increase varies in cost for different students. It, at the same time, also widens the cost per course gap between different faculties and (not only for domestic but also for international) it's unfair as students with greater potential in one major are deterred from choosing the one they wish. Instead there should be a lower 2% increase for both domestic and international. Or there should be a staggered increase, increase by value (ie: 100\$) for a winter semester</p> <p>Many domestic students chose Ubc because of home reasons and cost reason while still wanting to go to their desired schools. As a result, they take more student loans. However with an increase in tuition, other non academic purposes each year, the financial pressure for students is becoming more burdensome.</p>
<p>Tuition should increase with minimum wage, since if it doesn't, the increase of tuition increases the financial cutoff point of those who can attend UBC, creating a class divide.</p> <p>UBC should look at utilizing its other resources to cover increasing costs that do not affect students, who very often lack sufficient funds, and turn to those who have the funding, such as wealthy homeowners/renters on UBC property.</p> <p>If UBC wants to increase tuition without immediately accommodating for the increase in the number of students who are no longer capable of attending UBC, it should be open with its long-term plans on how it's going to help out.</p>
<p>I think it is ridiculous how this fee just goes up every single year while many of our profs don't know how to teach, the facilities are old with molds and there is still so much more we have to pay for on top of the tuition. Also, some programs should not be charged as much. For example, pharmacy is charged a ridiculous amount when you look at how much pharmacists get paid in the future and how much dentists or physicians get paid in the future. Don't set students up for financial failure here. It is especially frustrating when students from different programs could be taking the exact same class but are charged differently. For me, UBC is just a business that wants more and more money.</p>
<p>If the tuition fee increase is not necessary, then it is not ethical to increase tuition fee in order to 'keep up' with other similar Canadian universities to have roughly similar tuition fees if UBC's is significantly lower. As long as the educational standards are met amongst UBC's competitors, then that's all that matters.</p>
<p>Rip my wallet</p>

Graduate students take very few classes and yet are still charged hefty tuition fees, essentially the university is already charging us for services we do not use; in fact most of our time is spent performing research that actively benefits the University of British Columbia. Considering for the vast majority of graduate students the only sources of income we have are our student stipends and any award money that we independently earn and that Vancouver is already one of the most expensive cities in North America an increase in our tuition fees would further strain our already slender resources and could negatively impact our studies, especially for graduate students who have dependents of their own to support.

I feel as though considering how much international tuition already costs, increasing the base international tuition for continuing and new students by 3% while only increasing domestic tuition by 2% is not really fair. Considering inflation, if 2% is sufficient for domestic students (and considering the provincial policy), 2% should also be sufficient for international students.

As an international student, I'm quite conflicted as to how I feel about this. Without scholarships I would not be able to attend this university at all. Which does lead me to firstly disagree with tuition increases (even though it is necessary), as it causes more students to opt out of coming to UBC due to affordability issues (in the cases where they just don't get the scholarship, etc.). However, since there will be many other students who will I guess pay their tuition fully (without need of scholarships), I guess there won't be that much harm to the overall revenue. It definitely will improve the campus overall, but I don't think it is really worth it for the students

the consumer price inflation rate in 2018 is projected to be a 2% increase on 2017 (Scotiabank Forecast).

the rationale given for for tuition fees increasing is that they must be pegged to inflation rates in order for the university to make enough revenue to cover costs.

the proposed 2-3% increase for international students fees is not in keeping with this rationale.

the increase should be capped at 2%, in keeping with the projected inflation rate.

The tuition fees have been going up every year if I recall correctly, and these increases pile up although it does not seem like much. Many students do not associate themselves with some of the activities that the fees go towards, and although I understand to a degree why all students still pay the same fees, I believe that this years tuition increase should not happen. Also, a system should be thought upon where students can choose to pay or not pay some of the fees associated with tuition, and if they do not pay, they simply will not have access to those resources.

I suggest increasing tuition cost more so for international students than for domestic students, since the former is more likely to be able to afford the increased cost. This may also serve to readjust the proportions of international and domestic students for the future.

it is already incredibly challenging for many people to pay tuition. Stop increasing it, especially for international students. We want to entice and encourage international students from around the world to come here and share their perspectives and that is becoming extremely difficult when international tuition costs \$25,000 a year. That is ludicrous

I am against the proposed tuition hike in all categories. The University of British Columbia, when proposing tuition hikes at the same time in 2015, did so with the explanation of "because other universities of the same caliber have higher tuition standards". Since that was the reason given to us in 2015, and since that hike was accepted, there is no reason to further raise tuition. I came to this university due to the price compared to universities in the USA (I'm American), but since those tuition hikes, I have convinced family members and friends to stay in the United States because UBC has become a big business and is no longer a "research institution" that cares for their people. Stop the tuition raises for "adjusted inflation"; UBC has the money and has been wasting the money. Use the money wisely.

Hi there

I am currently in year 3. Personally, I don't think it is reasonable to increase tuition fees for continuing students since we have already in this school and we don't have a choice like transfer to other universities with cheap tuition. If someone told me before I came to UBC, I would rather go to another university instead.

I am, by principle, against any increases in university cost beyond inflation (1.4% for the last year according to BoC). Beyond this, I must warn against increasing international tuition at a higher rate than domestic. This implies that UBC wants the world's richest, not brightest, students. I'll be blunt in saying that UBC's cost of attendance was the single largest reason I chose UBC over the other schools I was accepted into.

Stop raising the price. How are we suppose to pay up tuition fee plus feed myself and pay rent? While taking full course load with 4 labs. How do i work while going to school. Srsly stop. Make food cheap at school ffs. Kids in korea that go to uni pays 5 dollar meal plans per day

NO. I pay enough for my education as it is. If there is need for more money, perhaps take some of the money we pay for access to the pool and other housekeeping fees, though very few students actually use it.

I do not agree with the 2% increase. Education should be free. IT is already bad that I have to pay for education already....and increasing the fee every year is the worst.
I want to know how is it that Germany manages to have their education services provided to everyone free of any charges from elementary to graduate studies???????????
I don't want anything to change. If tuition fees continues increasing every year and currency in y country will fall, than I can't afford education.
This increased tuition fees will be a burden on my finances. I would strongly condemn this proposal.
I believe that the plan described as "a 2% to 3% increase for all continuing international students across all programs for the 2018/19 academic year" would be the best option because it allows the domestic students to continue paying the rate that they have been paying as citizens for public education and that those who are coming in to use the services that UBC provides will adequately pay a small fee to represent their interest in studying at UBC.
This is a very high increase. Specially for the unclassified. I am currently an unclassified student but I have a degree from UBC. This acts as a barrier to us. I thought alumni students will benefit from equal opportunity from UBC courses. Please don't do such high increase.
Instead of increasing tuition fees for domestic students by 2%, why not increase the fees for international students by 5% across the board?. That way, fees for domestic students can be frozen. International students are able to afford this increase, domestic students are not.
I will not be able to afford to go to college if the tuition keep increasing.
no way
University tuition fees are unaffordable for the average student in Canada. I think you should retrieve your cost increase via international student fees, and not domestic student fees. I also think UBC should lobby the government to fund higher education for domestic students.
Proposal: make college free!!!! See how other countries are doing it!!! And how their education systems are somehow not dying!!!! DON'T become a corrupt system like the U.S.!!! That's B A D.
I am concerned about tuition increases as I am domestic student who is also low income and partially supported by student aid. Tuition at UBC is already a struggle to afford, and unlike international students at UBC, I would not be financially capable of obtaining my undergrad in another country. I believe that tuition raised should primarily be on international tuition as to not alienate potential domestic students who can barely afford UBC tuition as is, and most certainly could not afford to study internationally. International students that have chosen to study here rather than in their own countries, for the most part, already embody a higher-income demographic. I believe that caution should be exercised when raising tuition rates. And further, that much attention should be focused on how the process of increasing tuition can be done in a way that does not marginalize lower income or domestic students.
I support raising tuition on incoming international students, to be in line with market prices. High international tuition should be used to help keep domestic tuition lower.
I would be nice to know that domestic students are given a more gentle change to policy than international students. Also, I think the university puts more money than necessary into infrastructure.
Although I realize that the increases in costs contribute to excellent teaching and learning opportunities for the students it is becoming increasingly difficult for many to keep up with this.
Graduate students are already stretched thin with the limited funding provided. Every little bit counts towards this and an extra 2% in tuition could have significant negative impacts on many students already making hard financial choices. Please consider the impact on all students of this tuition increase.
Tuition is too high already. I struggle to pay tuition every year. If it increases any more I may not be able to afford it, even if only 4% for domestic students. Other countries offer free education so why don't we?
The international student fee is way too much as compared to national students. The international students are being ripped off. There should be equality and all should be charged the same fee. The international fee is unfair as compared to national students.
UBC tuition is already expensive enough - I don't think we need any more money going into the endless bureaucratic cycle. I think I can speak for most UBC students when I say that we would greatly appreciate it if this proposal did not go forward.
I think that it is a reasonable way to cater for other expenditures, but what happens when the students don't have the financial resources to pay?
I need this 2% more than you do.

UBC's constant tuition increases are ridiculous and insulting. At this point in my academic career, I don't want to switch schools, so I will be finishing my degree here, but they have ensured that I won't donate any money to UBC after I graduate, and I won't recommend it to any of my friends or family who are planning to go to university in the future. I know you don't care about students or their concerns, so I don't expect you to listen to this (or any of the many other complaints), but I feel like I should at least say my piece.

PLEASE DO NOT RAISE ANY OF THE TUITION RATES! That is absolutely crazy. Vancouver is one of the most expensive cities in North America! Do you know what the average BC student loan is? It's insane! It doesn't cover tuition, rent, and living expenses. I have 2 part-time jobs and am struggling. Let students try to study without extra stresses. A 2% increase will affect many people. Please keep the tuition as it is.

Domestic students should not have the same increase as international, that is ridiculous. A domestic Canadian student should have less of an increase, it is already hard to be able to afford an education in this country, how do you expect the next generation to lead a mindful, educated, successful future if you keep increasing tuition

I am not supportive of this tuition increase. "The University is facing financial pressures as costs continue to rise year over year, and revenue sources are constrained." Well, students like me are facing the pressure of your tuition costs rising- the fees are already hard to pay off, and now it's getting harder and harder. This increases stress for me, and from the courses I've taken from this university, stress is not good for my personal health. None of those improvements for this university even affect me at all, so all I'm doing is paying this university more money while worsening my mental health.

The constant tuition increase, along with additional fees for AMS, undergraduate societies, make it difficult for students to support their own education. This means that we must spend more hours working, resulting in less time available to study and to get involved on campus; this will be reflected in our academic records.

I strongly believe that increased tuition will not improve UBC's current community in the short term as the already-existing student debts will be increase; however, I understand that a higher budget for the university will draw more talents in the long run. Although it will benefit the university in the long run, the benefit will only manifest itself if the budget is used properly and the future administrations are compliant with the current budget plan. If there are substantial changes in the future administration, I truly believe that the budget will not be utilized in the same manner and will ultimately be detrimental to the university's wellbeing.

Please, stop raising tuition fees. Higher Education should be accessible for everyone. International and domestic students. By continuing raising tuition fees you are putting an anchor in the next generations. Find other solutions to balance your budgets. Think about the thousands of students that are going through stress everyday because of the amount of money we need to pay for our studies. Please stop. Stand up to government and demand more funding. With the new government, who is supposed to be more sympathetic with student causes, we have an opportunity to get more funding. It is unsustainable. It goes against what this university should represent. Furthermore, by increasing tuition on international students you are bringing only rich students and excluding excellent candidates from low and medium economic classes. Think about other methods to raise funds. Be innovative. Be more fiscally responsible. Use some of the millions of dollars from development revenue to look up after us, the students. And please listen to us, do not send 'well-intention' but meaningless consultation surveys if you are not going to listen to our pleas. Please stop. Please stop. Please stop.

An increase in tuition is absolutely outrageous. If anything schools should be advocating for tax funding through the federal government for post secondary education so that everyone can have a chance to be educated! Do not bleed us for more than you already are, take the money you need from your ludicrous expenditures such as leaf blowing and excessive, unnecessary construction.

Seriously, why are you guys doing this again? We are already paying five times as much as the domestic students do and why isn't that enough? What do you want from us? Do you assume we are all loaded? Our families are sacrificing a lot to enable to get better education and we are also working very hard to achieve more. We are already ineligible to get any student loan and unable to apply for most of the scholarships, yet you are still trying to squeeze more money from us. Aside from academic stress and being far away from home, we still have bear tremendously heavy financial burden, and when we feel helpless and stressed, all we see is increasing tuition? For so many times, I fall into despair because I can never pay off my tuition even if I work full-time and don't spend any money. When charging us more money, I really don't see big improvements in UBC's services to students. Please don't do it to us again:,( If you have to increase the tuition, please add more scholarships so that the hard-working kids can be rearwarded.

my tuition is already expensive

If the education at this university is affordable through loans, and financial aid, and the tuition is going towards improving the university. I support the increase in tuition. I expect to get what I pay for, and if tuition is more expensive, I expect a higher quality of education, and better campus environment.

I think it's a poor decision to increase both domestic and international student's tuition. Fees are already high enough, and UBC is already a more expensive school compared to the rest of the province/country.

I do not agree with the proposal. Our tuition fees are already very high. Any increases will make students and family members more stressed.

Are you serious? This is INSANE. There's no way I'm paying more than what the fees already is. If this continues, I might have to discontinue my studies here.

Domestic students are already financially-stressed. If you are going to preferentially admit international students to make ends meet, rather than out of merit, then graduates are not going to perform well in jobs afterwards. The end result will be UBC's reputation will suffer. Please consider this.
Tuition should not be raised by any percentage for the 2018/19 academic year. It is ridiculous of UBC as an institution to claim that inflationary pressures are causing tuition prices to raise without explaining further what that means, if it really exists, or if it's just a money grab. Perhaps cutting back the administrative budget would provide the necessary 2% you seek from domestic students to counter act the "inflationary pressures." With the price of living in Vancouver being so incredibly high, continually raising tuition fees will make it virtually impossible for many potential students to consider UBC a viable option.
I don't believe the international students fees should be increased any more. We are already paying almost \$40,000 depending on the faculty we are registered in. I love UBC, but your fees are going to reduce the amount of international student entering if it continues to increase. Thanks for your consideration
i found it more fair to charge international students more and domestic canadian students less :)
Why are you increasing 9.2% of that international student tuition fee? (visiting, etc what is this?)
Last year and last last year you've increased international tuition fee by like 15% and 10% respectively (correct me if I'm wrong), are these increases not enough for UBC to operate profitably?
I am absolutely, 100% OPPOSED to tuition increases on domestic student tuition. So many students in my classes are international students who are in Canada because of our "cheap" university education.
I think the executive (ie the President, the governors) should take a substantial pay DECREASE before I am charged more.
Stop with the tuition increases! Each year, you propose more increases and it has had no impact on my education here whatsoever.
No
UBC is a Canadian public university and so I think if tuition is to increase to cover university costs, international students should see a bigger percentage increase than domestic students. What I mean is I don't think it's fair for domestic students to experience a 2% increase in tuition same as the 2% that international students will experience. My proposition would be to decrease the domestic percentage while increasing the international percentage. Since international tuition is already more expensive than domestic, it wouldn't take a big increase to cover what domestic students would save.
I am strongly against any increase in tuition, there should be more focus on decreasing tuition and textbook costs.
I think that it's criminal to suggest a hike in student payments to offset financial issues. Sending an email every year to invite student feedback is not a sufficiently soothing offer to make this a palatable notion. I fully expect that tuition will be raised despite objections and that the University will continue to operate as a financial institution firstmost and an institution of learning secondly. Raising tuition, even modestly, contributes to making education inaccessible where the university's goal should be the opposite. I am not fully versed on the university's finances, but perhaps if they were made accessible to the students we could offer more constructive and creative solutions to the board. If you're going hat in hand to students for more money, you're not doing well enough.
We can barely afford to live here, now you want to increase our tuition, thanks guys, UBC is the most overrated school in BC
The tuition fee is already very high for international students. We may not agree with increasing the tuition fee yearly.
Please stop increasing!! It's great we are trying to become a research university but there are ways to stretch budget without spending enormous amounts of money. You are pushing lower and middle income domestic students out of the university.
Terrible. Disgusting. No empathy.
I don't have anything fancy or especially sophisticated to say. This is just silly. Education is a right.
As an international student, I came to ubc because I believe UBC is a sustainable university. After I came to UBC, there is always some buildings under construction. Besides, international students' tuition fees are already 2 times higher than domestic students. The increase in the tuition fees increases my finance burden a lot. I feel so sad that UBC has to increase the tuition fee each year.
International tuition is high enough; we do not need to construct new buildings every year and have students pay for it with tuition increases. I understand increasing it due to economic inflation reasons but if the university continues to spend high amounts on constant construction and then still asks for a 2-3% increase justifying it as inflation, that's unreasonable and inconsiderate.
I'm studying in a professional school at UBC and our tuition, fees and books are more than \$20,000 per year. This amount is a lot to handle already. I do not want any more tuition increases and follow Ontario down that expensive path. Quebec pays less than half what we do, why can't we follow that model instead? Thank you.
More tuition on international kids please

Tuition costs are outrageously high. I do not think they should be raised. If anything they should be lowered.
Please do not increase the tuition fee. It is already very very very very high especially for international students. So please, DO NOT INCREASE THE TUITION FEE!
These continuing, and ever-increasing, tuition increases place an unfair burden on international graduate students, who have far fewer opportunities to pursue funding. It is clear that UBC views us as a cash cow, though perhaps less so than the visiting and auditing students, who would face insane and unfair hikes if this proposal were to pass.
Dear University of British Columbia,  I believe that increasing the tuition costs for students will hurt the university in the long run. The amount that students already have to pay is exorbitantly high. Students find themselves unable to pay for schooling on their own or having to work at least part-time to pay for their student fees. The increase in cost of education for the hike in inflation will discourage people from getting an education at all. The amount of students that will attend the university will most likely drop or it will extend the class-gap already present at university. The student financial aid and loans will not rise in accordance with the rising price and this will make it even harder for hard-working students to even attend university. I hope that you take a serious look at what you are proposing to do because it is appalling to me and as you will find to most students regardless of the student type or degree.  -Kindest regards, a concerned student.
Please provide more detail on the class of international students facing an increase of > 5%.  I.e. what percent of international students is this and is this increasing it beyond the regular international school fees. If not, what was the original intention in offering such students lower fees and why is that no longer need.  Also, in the budget, the ~50% share to "faculties" is very misleading. As faculties also include administration etc which are listed separately as well. I think faculties needs to be broken down further in that pie chart to more transparently display where the money is going. Which faculties? What type of expenses do the faculty have (building, maintenance, administration , salaries etc)  Additionally, where is information relating to UBC properties trust listed in this budget?  Finally, it is stated in the budget that the university is undergoing financial pressures and needs to raise fees. If the university is undergoing financial pressures then why is it increasing the cohort size (cost) so dramatically? It seems like a contradiction, since the increased cohort size is requiring significant capital outlay.
I don't see how this will improve my time spend at UBC. Tuition hikes are normal but when the price doesn't justify the quality of education, there should be some revisions to see where money is being spent accordingly.
Please don't raise the tuition! We international students already have difficulty applying for financial support (such as scholarships). This is especially true for students from the US because I have been told that "the conversion rate is your scholarship", and if tuition goes up then that becomes obsolete- one of the main reasons I chose to apply to UBC was specifically so I do not have to pay around \$50,000 to \$60,000 per year.
I don't support the increase in tuition.
Raised tuition is always unpleasant. However the part that is the most bothersome is the 'non-instructional fees'. Looking at the breakdown of these non-instructional fees, it is a massive portion of the overall fee and the breakdown includes things which are ridiculous. Paying for a sexual harassment fee when the school is frequently in the news for this being an issue seems silly. Also, the fact that I pay for the professors to have daycare is ridiculous as I would imagine a tenured educator of a prestigious institution can probably pay for their own daycare, whereas those who are taking out student loans in order to pay these ridiculous fees can not.
Increasing tuition would mean that my sister would not be able to go to UBC which is quite unfair regarding that the international tuition fees are already high, increasing it more would mean that more hopes for other students can be ruined. Please consider not increasing the fees for internationals anymore.
Nobody who pays really likes the fees rising, but you if you have to, then I guess.

This comment is not meant to be offensive, just observational. Vancouver is becoming an increasingly difficult place to live in, whether it's housing, food, tuition, you name it, it's putting a lot of pressure on domestic students. UBC represents the University of British Columbia, which means it should represent the domestic peoples of British Columbia. A tuition increase for Domestic students is only increasing pressure on the people that are struggling to live in the country they were born in. It does not help that foreign investors are inflating our housing markets, so perhaps a way to counterbalance that, would be to put more of the tuition balance on the international community. I don't believe that there is any shortage of international students and I can guarantee if they can afford to buy their children a Lamborghini then they can shell more out for increased tuition (obviously not all international students are funded by their parents, or not all of their parents can afford Lamborghinis, but if they can afford to send their children overseas to school then they are not suffering as much as Domestic students). Basically, in general, Domestic students can't afford a tuition increase, whereas international students can. To conclude, I would suggest increasing tuition for international students to minimize the load on domestic students who are struggling the most. Thank you.

Too much raise. 1% would be better.

I find the non instructional fees to be already very invaluable. I appreciate the facilities made available, but the fact that there's a large amount of money paid into the residence meal plan for "stealing" literally encouraged people to steal from their cafeteria to "make up for the paid money". A lot of non instructional fees just seem to be really questionable so I don't quite understand why it's so expensive.

I'm tired of feeling gauged by the university. These constant increases across everyone's tuition is unnecessary and I strongly believe those in charge of them should feel ashamed. I'm not dealing with any struggle to keep up with these costs, but rather my opinion stems from my belief that the students aren't getting their tuition's worth from this school. I sincerely beg you to stop this crime.

I think the present tuition fee is reasonable both for students and the school. The tuition fee has been increasing continually for several years. Though 2% seems a small amount, but the base the percentage multiplied on is too large for international students. At the same time, the high tuition fee will seriously influence our international students' study budget. For example, we might plan to apply for a minor degree before, but afterwards, we need to pay another \$1512 for 18 extra credits. Some students may diminish their minor plan, which is a pity for the students and the school. I hope the tuition fee should be controlled in a reasonable range, and I hope our school can be better in the future.

The fact that tuition prices need to increase by 2% doesn't really bother me as I am a graduate student taking courses at my own pace when I can afford them. What does bother me is that fact that there are a bunch of extra fees that I pay into that do not apply to me, for example Library fee, Athletic fee, credit card convenience fee etc. I only visit the University every second Saturday plus a few full weeks in the summer simply to attend my course and leave. It infuriates me that I have to pay for these fees which have no use to me not to mention any of the services I actually need on Saturdays are not available to me. Last year there were multiple times where there was not ONE available food option, no internet, garbage everywhere in the buildings while my classes were still going on. I expect that if I am paying a certain amount of money to attend university not to mention pitching into the 'useless' fees, that the university be able to provide at least one amenity (cafeteria or simply a coffee shop) to be stay open for weekend classes and spring classes. OR if you are going to basically 'shut down' in the spring and discontinue services then don't charge as much to attend during those times. I expect when I attend my spring weekend classes that are being offered that I be able to hook up to the internet in order to do the required work to pass my course. I expect when I am driving up from out of town and am given 15 - 30 minute breaks that there be a food or coffee source open on campus. If tuition is going up then the quality of services better be going up as well.

pls no im poor

I oppose the proposed tuition fee increase. Perhaps the university can consider locking tuition fees for continuing students, and administer the proposed 2% increase for new incoming students

Do NOT increase our tuition. The university may be under financial stress, but all I see around me is renovations on new and old property--things that aren't even necessary (ie. the fountain renovations). The university needs to learn to spend the tuition money to BENEFIT the students. Learn to not spend frivolously and then expect EVEN MORE money from students who are already spending their life savings.

Everything on this campus is overpriced already. From student housing (I pay more than 1k a month for a VERY SMALL room without decent amenities--its absolutely disrespectful to charge students this much money to live on campus) to even the food on campus (\$5 coffee, \$10-15 for a decent sized lunch), along with the tuition. All of my money goes back to UBC already between tuition and housing and I don't have much left.

I'm not poor enough to qualify for financial aid but I'm not rich enough to deal with an increase. UBC says it wants to help mental health and make a change but then adds more stress to students?

Stop acting like a business and treat yourselves as an educational institution--you are disrespecting the heritage of UBC by acting as if this place is out to make money instead of providing a quality education to students. The campus is already



beautiful--focus on the students you have. Stop focusing on attracting rich students who can afford these things.

UBC is making education for the rich who can pay and not for the public who genuinely want to learn.

Start making changes to earn the respect back from the students. You can start by treating our money with more respect. I am giving you everything I have to learn here, and you guys are making a mockery of it.

Stop raising the tuition fees for in tentations students! It is already high enough for both students themselves and their families!!!

This is ridiculous! Tuition and housing is already extremely expensive and unaffordable for millennials and property in Vancouver is profoundly expensive. Working a full time job and going to school is tough and minimum wage does not pay off these expenses. Shame on you!

I honestly feel like this feedback form is pandering to us students, and is putting up a facade that we have a say in our tuition fees when we really don't. At the end of the day, UBC acts like a private company that seeks to maximize profits, and these tuition fee increases aren't being done for current UBC students, but rather to change the demographic into future students who will pay more money.

If we had a voice in how UBC's money was spent, we would not have the fountain on main mall be reconstructed. Students don't care about having a prettier version of an already-pretty fountain if it means increasing student fees.

If we don't have a voice, please don't act like we do.

The cost of living in Vancouver (ANYWHERE in Vancouver/Lower Mainland) is already so incredibly high and students already struggle so much to get by here. Raising international student fees makes sense to as Canada is still more competitively priced than US schools, for example, but raising tuition fees for domestic students is just cruel. Unless you're going to be providing students with AFFORDABLE housing options with the fee increases (and not just charging them a \$50 fee to never get housing) then please do not raise domestic tuition rates. Not like this is going to stop you from doing so... but UBC is nice enough as is. Maybe consider reducing the enormous salary for some of your highest-paid staff who can definitely afford to take the hit.

While I hate increases, inflationary increases seem reasonable.

Proposal seems fair.

I think any sort of increase in tuition is extremely unreasonable. I know several peers leaving UBC because of the high tuition rates. Students are here to learn and to create a future, increasing rates is making this goal harder to obtain. Be smart, give students a chance. Not everyone here has a lot of extra money, don't generalize.. many people work very hard to be here, and being in first year- I have noticed that this is taken for granted wayyyyy to often.. I am very disappointed. UBC makes enough money to support their needs already regardless. Perhaps UBC needs to learn of different ways to budget their income, rather than ask their already struggling students for unreasonable tuition fees

I wish tuition wasn't being increased, because it is already a lot to pay for.

Its already extremely hard to pay for school and if you raise fees there better be more bursary and scholarship opportunities. Also we should only be paying for school and not have extra fees that go towards construction or anything else. If the costs are raised I will barely be able to pay for school.

I think it is important to change the tuition for 2% for all domestic students, but I think it is unfair to ask a 9.5% increase in tuition costs for international students. I would suggest further feedback be acquired.

tooexpensive

I don't really like the tuition increase because my family is not rich enough to ignore the expensive international tuition fee, that every rise on the fee will increase my mom's economic burden, and also my living pressure.

The tuition fee should not increase, since international students have already paid much higher tuitions than domestic

Doesn't seem like that much, but professional programs such a pharmacy and med has already higher tuition costs because of the program they are in. Since the switch from the BSc Pharmacy program to the Entry-to-Practice PharmD then tuition has almost doubled. Using a percentage to increase tuition for all students means that the cost of tuition is getting further out of reach. The government student loans haven't increased the amount that they are giving to these students, but yet the university charges them more. The financial aid given is not increasing proportionately to the amount that tuition is increasing. If you are going to increase tuition by 2% then you should increase bursary and other financial aid by 2% as well. I think it should be an increase by a dollar value per credit so that it is standard across all programs. I have been fortunate enough to have assistance from my family otherwise I would not have been able to afford my program. But if tuition keeps going up and up eventually you will have people that are a perfect fit for the program, but can not afford it. I believe that is what happened in the US and I don't think that is what we want for our country's education. In terms of international tuition I think that if they are competing for seats in the same program as domestic then they should have their tuition increased. I think we should try to educate people who live in this country first and make it affordable for them. They are the priority not people from other countries who are likely to leave when they are finished school.

The increase will serve to sustain educational opportunities for those in higher socio-economic cadre, and marginalize some students. UBC should look for funding sources outside tuition fees.

Stop raising our tuition. You copy and paste the same message every year about tuition and no one wants it.

UBC does not need a 2% increase in tuition across the board, there must be other ways of fundraising that does not impact the livelihoods of students, increasing debt and financial pressures. A note, Germany and other European countries have tuition-free universities, if they can be tuition-free, UBC should be able to refrain from raising tuition prices. I hope my comment reaches someone at an authoritative position so my point can be expressed properly. Also, this is not my own personal view, as it is shared by the majority of students of all degree types. Thank you.

It does not make sense to increase Tuition. The proposal is the same every year but there has never been a real justification for increasing tuition. If anything, we should lean towards how Germany runs their university, FREE.

I think this increase in tuition is unacceptable, we already all pay enough for each class as it is.

I don't think a tuition increase is a good idea. While there may be inflationary pressures, those same pressures also lead to increased housing costs and increases in other costs. Vancouver is already an incredibly expensive city and students are forced to go into debt to afford education. The move should be in the opposite direction, namely to make education free to all students. UBC claims to want diversity on campus and give students of all backgrounds a chance. However, as costs for students are more and more increased, students from disadvantaged groups (especially economically) find it more and more difficult to be a student at UBC. Canada should not copy the American system.

Absolutely not, if the tuition keeps going up students are going to refrain from applying to university at all. Fees are already outrageously high compared to previous years and each year it increases it gets more and more difficult to pay for those students supporting themselves.

UBC only stopped increasing its tuition once in the past 5 years I studied here

I would urge the committee to increase international tuition more and domestic tuition less because UBC is a public Canadian institution and not a public institution for the whole world.

As per game theory, it is in my interest to protest any and all tuition hikes and so I do. It is possible to earn without inflation - Bitcoin. Why should we pay 2% more to adjust for inflation when it can be avoided in full?

Sincerely, [...]

Although I understand the need to increase tuition, I do not agree with it. As an international student I feel that UBC lacks a needed financial support to those who need it. Hybrid scholarships and grants for international students should be increased, specially considering that international students who are less than a third of UBC's student population contribute almost the same percentage as all domestic students. Our contribution is essential to the UBC budget yet, we are the ones who suffer the most with these tuition increases. Most of us, including myself, can barely afford tuition as it, and the school should do everything in its power to not increase those costs possibly trying to reduce the percentage increase. Also, an almost 10% increase is absurd; the 5% is also very very high and would mean an increase of over 2% in general. Please reconsider these increases; although they might seem reasonable, they do augment each other and would possibly mean an increase of over 2% for many students.

please stop increasing tuition i just want to graduate without another mental breakdown

I'm on a student loan already if it keeps increasing how are students supposed to continue with school and be able to pay off their student loan in a reasonable time

I see where it is coming from, but it's unfair to students who are barely getting by with the fees as they are currently

no

The increase in tuition is unnecessary, it adds the financial burden most students already have. People may be attending UBC but that doesn't mean they're rich, increasing the tuition doesn't do anything.

Right now so many students are struggling to pay for tuition at the rate that it's at right now, me in particular. I don't feel like it's fair to up prices because I am working my butt off in summer to pay for my tuition, books, uniform and transportation when I'm in school. Plus I have unnecessary fees such as a U-Pass, student union and various hidden fees that have nothing to do with me in school and I can't even opt out of it. I can't even apply for financial aid because of my parents income (which they don't even pay for my schooling) so I feel like it's very unfair to up prices for domestic students that are trying so hard to be able to afford school. You could potentially be taking away the opportunity for me to finish my degree because I won't be able to afford it.

The impression that most students I am acquainted with have is that the majority of our tuition proceeds are going towards the construction/beautification of campus as well as the funding of graduate/professor research. Speaking for myself, an undergraduate who comes from a lower-income household, I want UBC to be known for placing value on - above all - the accessibility of education for domestic and foreign students alike.

Whenever possible, it is international tuition that should be increased. Domestic students already have enough financial burden, and we do not have the luxury of taking a four-year trip to a foreign country for our education.

I think to fairly assess if UBC should increase tuition by 2%, UBC must be transparent with what these funds will be allocated to. From what I've seen around, UBC is spending our hard earned money on beautifying the landscape of our university. While these efforts are appreciated, I don't see why the university must continuously increase our tuition to fund these unnecessary projects. I have three siblings with one parent who struggles not only to pay not only for school, but what will be our next meal. I work part time to fund my schooling and give what little I have remaining to support my family. When I came to UBC back in 2014, courses were roughly \$400. Now I pay roughly \$500, and now UBC wants to continuously increase my already expensive tuition. When will these tuition increases cease? It may not seem a lot of money to you, however, many of us are low-middle income earners who have the bare minimum to pay for our education. I implore you to reconsider this tuition increase as this move makes affording a quality education even more difficult than ever.

The increase in tuition every year is becoming hard to cope with. I am burning through my loan and budget to keep up with the increase in tuition and housing fees.

UBC should have given us a warning atleast that the tuition is subject to increase every year in the pamphlets and admission letter before year one.

The only reason I chose to come to UBC or yet come to Canada to study was the affordability. And I think this resonates with all international students.

Please do mention the increase in tuition in ur website and pamphlets so that the incoming students are prepared. Getting loans isn't easy and going over board the budget isn't going to make paying off the interest and the loan altogether any easier.

To whom it may concern,

When considering budget increases, I think it is important to consider the ability of certain types of students to meet increased financial demands. During my undergrad, I was a student who always held down a job, at least 3 shifts per week to help pay the tuition costs, even when taking 6 classes a semester. As challenging as it can be, I believe it is possible for a student to work part time while completing their undergraduate degree. I am now in an professional graduate degree program, and because of the demands of the program, I am unable to work to help pay my tuition costs. I have taken out a student loan, but the loan does not cover living expenses, and because of a variety of factors, I am not able to move back in with my parents. I understand that many students struggle to meet financial demands of post secondary education, but I do think that students in professional degree programs are in a unique situation, as working during the semester is generally not possible, and part time studies are not usually an option in professional degree programs. In addition, because many of us are older than the majority of undergraduate students, many of us are responsible for funding our own education, while paying living expenses, all without income. To summarize, I think a tuition increase for professional (graduate) degree programs should be avoided as much as possible, given the unique circumstances that students in these programs find themselves in.

Thank you for taking the time to read

I really don't know how you could suck any more money out of students.. but somehow you're trying. Everything on campus is designed to cost students a fortune. It's a no from me.

Why increase continuing international students' tuition by 2% - 3%. Seems unfair that continuing students will have a potential increase of 3% in tuition while others only have 2% especially since international students already pay a higher amount.

I am not sure if I approve of another increase in fees especially since the last one happened since the 2015/2016 academic year. As an international student, another ridiculous rise in fees may cause me to leave my studies here because I won't be able to afford to stay. I suggest not increasing international student fees because we already pay thrice as much as domestic students and most of us aren't from rich families. I would like to stay in this university but I will most likely leave if my fees are increased again.

It is hard to adapt to tuition increases for many international students, please keep in mind that budgets are prepared ahead of time. Also, please note that as international students we have the added pressure of exchange rate differences which alone make a substantial difference in our budgets.

It should be cheaper for all domestic students. We should be valuing education and making it easier for Canadians to further their knowledge through post-secondary.

As an international student studying in [...] engineering, I understand the opinions of many other international students here at UBC of increasing tuition. One of those opinions is that it is already very expensive to study here, setting aside the costs for living and food. One of the big factors of me choosing UBC is that it is a highly recognized institution with a tuition that is affordable for the education received here. If the tuition is further increased, many others like me might make other choices and pass up the opportunity to study here. So I think increasing tuition would make it more difficult for students to study here.

I find the tuition increase to be too much especially for international students. A 2% increase for domestic students is not the same as a 2% increase for international students. On top of that, the Canadian dollar is getting stronger relative to other currencies, making it exponentially more expensive for international students. As an international student, the shift in currency alone has increased my tuition by approximately 7000 CAD in the past year, adjusted to inflation. On top of that a 2% increase will greatly affect this number to possibly 5 digits.

I am deeply upset by the proposal of a increase in tuition. As a second year student I am shocked that this is the second increase I have experienced since my short time here at UBC. This 2% jump in the short amount of time is to be completely honest, terrifying because I am concerned that it will limit my ability to continue at school or put financial hardship on students trying to further their education here. As an International Student, we pay a significant amount more in tuition comparatively to local students. I understand this is for logistical reasons, (we are taking the spots of students who live here), however as a place of education, it must be considered that students who do not have equal opportunity (financially or academically) come to UBC to seek a place to learn and work past those disadvantages. I would hope that this is taken into consideration when proposing to increase the tuition for a second time in the past year, because this could quite literally inhibit students ability to study here, or cause stress and financial hardship to thousands of students and families. Also, other than school-sponsored scholarships and awards, there are very little opportunities for International students to receive external funds to help support their education, which adds to the dilemma of an increased tuition. Thank you for your time and I hope you take these points into consideration on behalf of many International and local students at UBC and for years to come.

Absolutely NO MORE tuition increases. There should be a tuition freeze. This is ridiculous.

Please do not increase the tuition. We students are financially pressured as it is.

One of the major reasons I came to UBC was because it was one of the most affordable universities in terms of tuition fees in North America for international students. A very high proportion of the international students who come to UBC, come here because of that very reason. However, over the past few years UBC has unfairly kept increasing its international tuition fees making the already considerable tuition fees even higher. I will not recommend any international student that I know to come to UBC because the university is putting too much financial pressure on international students.

I started my undergraduate study since 2015. Tuition fee keep increasing year after year. I become have difficulty to afford tuition. I believe that high education quality is not equivalent to high tuition. And high tuition will hinder people on academic developing.

I strongly disagree with all proposed tuition and fee increases. Compared to the schools that I attended previously, all the important aspects of my UBC experience have been second-rate: from grossly incompetent and unethical instructors, through poorly drafted and badly implemented university policies to token student services and sweatshop-quality graduate student offices. From my perspective, the consistently shoddy service that is being provided by UBC does not merit additional funds.

Please only raise tuition for international students. They are the ones who have the resources to come here and stay in the new expensive residences, drive Spongebob mazaraties, and own million dollar homes, so the burden should fall on them to pay the cost of tuition.

In Vancouver, the cost of living is always increasing. Rent has almost doubled since 2010. You can't expect domestic students, many who are on student loans, to pay more tuition especially since there is a mechanism to collect funds from the global influx of wealth that is no stranger to this city vis international students.

I am in support of tuition increases across the board, in so far as the Board is able to provide clear and meaningful improvements and uses for that increased revenue.

A 2% increase in tuition fees for international students is a much larger sum than for domestic students and with an increasing number of international students entering ubc it seems like you are targeting international students to make up a large portion of the budget which is unfair on those students
I hope there will be no increase in tuition fees for both domestic and international students.
This is my first year back in post-secondary education after a ten year break. If there hasn't been any increases in a while it makes sense. But if there have been increases then I would say no the fees need to stay the same.
Please do not increase tuition fees by 2%. It is becoming increasingly hard to afford tuition while drowning in a 7% interest debt from Canada Student Loans. In addition, the fees we are paying to the Ubyyssey and other small "fees" such as the Bike Kitchen, already seems unfair as most students don't even use these services. A 2% increase would be more of a burden and would discourage me from continuing studies post my undergraduate degree.
ARE YOU KIDDING ME!?!?!? STOP IT
STOP MAKING IT IMPOSSIBLE FOR ME TO GO TO SCHOOL IM ALREADY 60 THOUSAND DOLLARS IN DEBT. STOP INCREASING TUITION FOR DOMESTIC STUDENTS. i couldn't care less if you increase it for international students because they definitely have the funds to afford it. but seriously. just stop already my education is already ridiculous and add on cost of living in vancouver and im ready to kill myself.
A 9.2% increase for international per credit tuition is too high and will make university nearly unaffordable for several international students
Instead of raising tuition, consider a change in budget allocation. The campus has been partially a construction site for years now, the new buildings are frankly excessive and a waste of money to create some kind of show of wealth (I'm looking at the new SUB, while a new one was needed, the new one is bigger and has more excessive luxuries than Oakridge mall). I'm also looking at the old math building which needs an update sooner than the swimming pool did. The decoratives near the bookstore are also excessive.
Thank you for the update. What would be helpful for us students is if we could know the strategy and reasoning behind the decisions. For instance why raise international student fees more than domestic; why does funding have to increase several percent every year? Of course we don't want to pay more for our schooling. Help us be informed.
Why bother asking us? We know the majority of students are against the rising of fees and yet it is done every year anyway.
Tuition should not be increased. Students already pay large fees for education. Salaries for professors and faculty should be reduced if costs are too high in order to meet these demands.
STOP raising tuition for domestic students. I don't care about international but not everyone has rich parents!! You already raised it this year. How about building a free gym with all the extra money.
I am ok with increasing tuition fee, but please cpsc courses need more sessions in each term (such as cpsc110, cpsc310, cpsc221, cpsc304). It is real hard to get in. Please spend money to solve this issue.
People already are unable to afford education, or are falling behind in studies because they are working so much on the side, tuition should not be increased.
I personally believe that the 2 percent increase should not be implemented for domestic student tuition, but rather implemented elsewhere. I understand the university goals for diversity but I don't understand why domestic students would have to pay more in addition to international students.
Toooooooooooooooooo Expensive!
This is way too much money. The facilities here are fantastic, the teachers are well paid, the students are well-fed, there is simply no reason for this bullshit.
May nto seems like a lot each year, but doing this every year prices students out of univeristy. Tuition is already high, try to budget ehat you already have.
WHY WHY WHY ARE YOU CHARGING US MORE MONEY
DON'T RAISE MY TUITION I CANNOT AFFORD IT YOU MONEY HUNGRY ARISTOCRATS
Please do not increase our tuition. I cannot afford this increase again.
You guys need to help out domestic local students that don't have luxury of going abroad to study. If anything, students that have the financial freedom to study here from a different country should feel the increase in inflation.
Additionally, increases in tudent fees should be exempt on what the student makes as in income or what he/she family makes if they're supporting him/her. Similar to an income tax structure.
I strongly disagree with it as it is a known fact that tuition fees are going up every year. Adding that 2% or 9% will make my financial budget a slight issue because the current school fees is already increasing without this proposal

I THINK THIS IS QUITE POSSIBLY THE WORST IDEA EVE. Fees are already so high for students and Vancouver is very expensive to live in, so this will make being here less desirable and limit some students potential for coming here and contributing to society.
Do not agree with the increase of tuition
I don't think the tuition should be increased!
When will your price raising end? I am an international student already struggling to pay tuition, and each year you guys are raising it. You are blocking UBC off to the wealthiest individuals and pushing people already enrolled to make even more sacrifices so pay the tuition. I think it's a bad idea
NO.
Don't increase it. But I know you're going to, regardless of what we say, so I guess typing this is pointless.
If you're going to increase our fees why even ask for our opinion? There is no student who wants to pay more for their education. It's already expensive enough and stressful enough. If you're willing to give us less homework and readings so that we can work more hours to pay for our schooling...? Don't expect us to pay for upgrades when we haven't asked for them.
As an international student, I believe that it should be to alleviate the financial burden placed on international students. Further increases by 2% or 3% is asking for quite a lot of money considering on average its at least 30,000 CAD for any international student. (I find it quite unfair how we have to pay 2% or 3% more, while domestic students share the same percentage) I sincerely believe that if the school needs funds it should begin to look for alternatives other than increasing tuitions fees on international students.
I disagree, I don't think UBC should increase the tuition rate
As a current undergraduate student I believe the increase in tuition is understandably necessary. However, the only qualm I have with my department is the unnecessary need to buy additional study material. This can be for Pearson's Mastering or Textbooks. I believe that this must be covered under tuition. There are some faculty members who are currently teaching as professors. Although, they may contribute heavily through research they are poor instructors who show little care to the learning of students. I want my tuition to contribute to a more flexible learning environment here at UBC, while still keeping the high academic rigor.
The inflation rate of tuition is dramatically higher than average salary that students can get by working part time or full time.
I am against the idea of increasing the tuition for international students by 2-3%. International students are already paying much more than domestic students yet our tuition is increasing by higher percentage, which makes it even more expensive to attend UBC!
It is already expensive enough to study here as an international student; the money goes to finance facilities and/or things I do not need and/or have very little to no contact with. Increases to tuition would severely impact the budget I have set up for the next 4 years.
Fuck you
I do not want any tuition increases!!!!
Disagree :)
As an international student I feel pressured to finish my studies as soon as possible at the current rate of tuition. By increasing the tuition I will also consider switching universities as McGill for example offers 1/3 tuitions for french students. Housing and food expenses in Vancouver are also significantly greater than most places and this adds up the pressure. This will defer many students from applying to ubc.
The international tuition fee is already too high to be affordable. I purpose that UBC should consider reducing budgets for planting more totems and constructing/renewing more buildings. I am sometimes very confused by some buildings that I would never visit. For example, the St Andrew's Hall, which seems a religious building, cost our international tuition fees but I cannot benefit from it at all. So please consider reducing budgets on things that not necessary for university's success. Thank you for your consideration.
The tuition is rising every year. When I accept the offer of UBC, there is no information or notice about our rising tuition. As an international student, the increase in my tuition is even more dramatic because our tuition is already several times of domestic students. It costs me a lot to pursue my undergraduate study in UBC. I am afraid I could not afford my tuition one day then I have to gap one year or transfer to other universities. Although I still want to study in UBC, could anyone please control the rise in our international student tuition?
There are many students around me who are also international students, they have to do some part-time jobs now because the increasing tuition wasn't in plans when they accept offers one year ago. They could pay more efforts in studying as a full-time student.
The tuition fee is way too expensive! Please let me survive.

Please do not further increase the tuition for international students as it is already too much to be afforded by me and my family. I'd really appreciate that!

unbelievable, we r students not ATMs, mmp.

Should not increase tuition. Is already way too expensive as it is.

UBC makes 603m in revenue from four categories alone: 24m in business revenue + 42m in investment income + 335m in revenue from central units + 202m from faculty revenues = 603m.

And yet UBC spends a paltry 36m on student services. That is an abysmal and senior administration at UBC should be ashamed that this is the reality for undergraduate and graduate students. The numbers don't lie and UBC can't pretend to be a campus that cares about student well-being and learning when the University is too busy overcharging students for central services like food and books, and there are huge numbers of students in distress who can't access the services or advising they need because there's "no budget."

Alumni and Development spends 28m - almost as much as what UBC allocates towards student services - when they should be a self-funded unit. It's obvious that donors are required for some scholarships and buildings to be built on campus, but senior administration at UBC should be ashamed that so little is allocated towards student services. For a university that talks about mental health, it seriously does a terrible job of creating services for students that ACTUALLY serve students. Student tuition should not be allocated towards Alumni & Development. Student tuition should be allocated primarily towards services and administration that serves students.

The chart that breaks down financial support for UBC students is also worrisome. Of course many scholarships are funded by donors (and thank god they do) but why does UBC not put in any significant amounts towards financial aid, and instead relies on external sources when the university obviously makes a significant amount of revenue? Again, the University is illustrating that it cares more about revenues that servicing and supporting students - which, if a reminder is necessary, is one of the reasons why the university exists: to teach.

Other questions:

- what is the 10m being spent on community engagement? How is Alumni & Development separate from community engagement? These two things are a total of 38m. Where is the information proving that this money has been spent wisely and has resulted in return on investment for UBC?

- why is this information page attempting to be transparent yet so much information is not included?

- why isn't more revenue allocated towards student financial aid?

UBC is already an extremely expensive place to go to school because it is in Vancouver.. Are our wages also getting increased more? My rent just went up. The tuition is much higher than other places in Canada.. How am I supposed to live when my rent goes up and my tuition goes up?

Please don't make me pay more !!! I don't have enough money because you people took it all.

Do you really think you need more money?

Do not increase tuition for domestic students. Increase the international student tuitions as much as you want but don't touch the domestic student tuition. The only response that domestic students like myself attend UBC is that UBC tuition used to be affordable.

It's also so difficult to plan financially if tuition changes each year. The amount I saved through high school and the scholarships were supposed to cover the tuition fees that were presented to us when I started at UBC only a few years ago ( I am a third year). Why is it that tuition had to change again and again so that even the most careful planners are now scrambling to find more money to pay.

University is becoming increasingly expensive for us. My parents are unemployed and can't handle the pressures of increasing tuition even though it is as a result of inflation. I am doing my best to help my struggling father and I would appreciate the support of then university in this situation by keeping tuition fees where they are.

I personally do not like the concept of increased tuition fees. School is extremely expensive already, and adding 2-3% to tuition really adds up.

I don't agree that domestic students should be paying more for tuition. It's not fair for students that live and have contributed to British Columbia economy to be once again paying out of our pockets. I do understand increasing tuition of international students, since they chose to move elsewhere.

I believe that we should NOT be subsidizing foreign/international student tuition fees. Here is my break-down of what I think the fees should be:

a 20% increase in tuition for new incoming international students in graduate programs with standardized rates;

a 20% increase in tuition for new incoming international students in certificate programs;

a 20% to 30% increase in tuition for new incoming international graduate students in specified graduate programs;

a 20% to 30% increase for all continuing international students across all programs for the 2018/19 academic year; and

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

I do not believe that anything I could write here would contribute to any likelihood at all that these tuition increases will pass. But I will share what I believe to be true and important.

There is no way to justify these increases as a necessity, they are entirely a profiteering initiative, because in this society and epoch all organizations are obliged to increase their profits annually or else risk their survival. Any rational person immediately identifies these increases as in line with the neo-liberal profiteering that UBC has made itself known for.

I am a scholar recipient, I live in poverty and would not have any ability to afford UBC tuition without this assistance, even working full time all summer I barely made enough for my first semester installment. By my estimated calculations these increases will take \$500 out of my pocket, which literally is TAKING BREAD OUT OF MY MOUTH. These increases will severely impact my meal plan and hamper my access to resources at UBC (since many of those resources are locked [even to tuition paying students] behind decently fair pay walls). \$500 less every semester will HARM STUDENTS. There is no way that the money doesn't already exist in the board members' pockets and profits, the only purpose of taxing us students is to increase profit margins.

This proposal gave me a panic attack, it forces me to plan ahead and reduce club involvement because I WILL NOT BE ABLE TO AFFORD IT ANY MORE! If UBC as an institution truly puts its students first, this proposal will not be passed. BUT IN REALITY THIS IS NOT A PROPOSAL, IT'S A NOTICE, A WARNING. This will be passed despite the outcry and pushback from students in the form of these feedbacks. I am highly doubtful that this sort of feedback will be valued, heard, or even read by the board.

So yeah, fuck you all. You are all damned profiteering psychopaths, so detached from the common person that you can turn a blind eye and masturbate in your ivory tower, while licking the fecal-covered asshole of your superior profiteers. You make me sick, you make me starve, the person who gave me my scholarship would not approve of taking more of it for yourself instead of supporting me like you promised your investors you would. Go soak your head, lick a car battery, eat a rusty nail chicken wrap and enjoy orgasming at the sight of increased profits and impotent feedback.

International students are already having trouble with their economic situations in which the exchange rate for Canadian dollar changes, so please either offer more scholarships or try to minimize the annual increase in tuition.

Thanks for your understanding.

Please DO NOT increase tuition for current international students. Tuition increases every year are making it harder and harder to afford contributing my degree at UBC, especially with the exorbitant cost of living in Vancouver. When I decided to commit to UBC I thought I would be paying about the same price every year, but costs have been going up since I got here. There was already an international student tuition increase, we don't need the cost of education to keep going up for those who are already here.

Should be done a different way, and not by raising tuition costs. This is unfair to students. Student debts are already a thing and raising tuition costs is outrageous. I understand the money has to come from somewhere but it always seems to be the students that have to suffer.

Not support at all, the study work is stressful already, please don't add more stress on financial aspect.

I feel that the 2/3% hike in tuition should be absorbed by the university by doing some cost cutting. For example, increase rentals in shops on campus and be less eco-friendly (I'd rather pay less than be eco-friendly). Education price is already very high for international students and hiking that can demoralize international students.

I don't think it's reasonable at all that it keeps increasing every year.

The tuition fee is too much for international students!! Even though our fee should be higher than domestic students, but that's too much higher than them, and it's unbelievable that it's still increasing:(



Tuition increases have already burdened both international and domestic students since last year and students are trying to find more ways to lessen student loans. I know myself that my scholarship counts for less than it did last year and, with this increase, will probably count for less in the years to come which is both a burden to me and my family.

The tuition is far too expensive to pay by working a job, and it seems like graduating in debt is the only option. On top of books, we have to pay for unnecessary things I will never use as apart of tuition (such as recreational etc. fees).

a 2% to 3% increase for all continuing international students across all programs for the 2018/19 academic year.

I think international students pay a whole deal greater than the domestic students. Raising tuition cost per credit disincentivizes electives when its requirement are fulfilled.

I think these tuition increases are extremely unfair and unrepresentative of the conditions we receive in return from UBC. Many facilities are not up to standard and most are extremely unaccommodating to lets say someone like me who is a commuter or someone under specific circumstances. Things are made as hard as possible and even though the numrous resources that we are said to provide are only available on such a small scale(mental health/Counselling for example) that they are nearly impossible to access. I can go on but you could get in touch with me if you would like to hear more. [...] Therefore, no I do not think these tuition increases are justified in any way or necessary.

I find it ridiculous how just over half of our tuition goes to faculties. I understand the need to fund research and supplies/equipments to provide a better educational space for students, but that is not reflected in the program that I am in. I changed from the [...] to the [...] because I felt that my IB program in [...] provided better teaching than UBC does. Now, as a senior in [...], I still feel that there are a lack of opportunities provided by the faculties to students. For example, why is the program limited to Western European and (sometimes) Canadian [...] ? There are not enough courses for me to specialise in South Asian [...] ; nor are there any in Indigenous or African [...] --the only way for me to graduate in time is to do Western [...]. If our tuition is going towards the improvement of faculties, how am I not seeing it for the past three years that I have been here? It baffles me how a majority (about 900m to be exact) of our money goes towards salaries and benefits for faculty and staff and very little is put for student housing. As many of you already know, there is a huge housing crisis in Vancouver and yet not much is being placed to help accommodate students' living condition. To be able to live comfortably, as an international student, many of us have to move east because landlords keep increasing rent. That, in itself, makes it quite difficult for us to work, go to school and study all at the same time because we spent half of our lives commuting. It is already hard enough for us international students to be paying as much as we are, given that a lot of us are studying outside because opportunities back home are worse and conversion rate really takes a toll on our families financially. I don't see how the money that we are paying to UBC are used what-so-ever to help the students. The other problem that I want to point out is the allocation towards the category you call "Student Services." Why is student services the third least funded category; there isn't much support provided by the university for students' health (mentally and physically), counselling. And this is reflected heavily, as I find the counselling to be sub-par, to say the least. I took a gap year during career here as a student because I felt that there was little-to-no support from the university based on experiences my friends and I had. Just look at the sexual assault that happened back in 2015, how long did it take for UBC to respond? How long did it take for students to feel safe on their own campus; on a space that they have heavily invested in with these tuition costs? Why is it that if there are any academic misconduct, a student will be expelled immediately, but when it comes to the safety of students' mental and physical health, it takes forever for the university to step up. Why was the rapist only 'temporarily' banned from school as the investigation was happening--and even then, he wasn't even in the country. These are just some of the examples where I feel like my money is not being used to benefit me at all, but to maintain the idealistic imagery of the campus and to increase faculty salaries at the expense of the students' education.

I do not agree with this tuition increase at all. Ubc have been adding fees since my first year here (and I will be entering fifth year next year), yet we are not benefiting from any of the benefits. The facilities are still more than 30 years old, and none of the fees actually benefit the students themselves. If anything, they'll go into the pockets of profs and other ubc workers and that is completely not fair. Re evaluate your budget and think about the students for once.

If the cause of increases in tuition is inflation/ increasing operating costs, there is no reasonable way to say it is fair to increase international tuition by a percentage larger than the percentage change in domestic tuition. If there is a necessity for an increase in tuition due to inflation, please distribute these costs equally across domestic and international students. I realize the plan does not necessarily imply the change for international students will be over the 2% increase domestic students will experience but I strongly urge that the increase is equal across all undergraduates.

Tuition is high enough as it is, please stop raising it, us students are struggling to afford tuition as it is!

University is already expensive enough. Please don't increase the tuition without giving out more scholarships.

Increase tuition for incoming students. That's fine. Because then they would be able to decide wether or not they are still able to afford studying at UBC. Please leave continuing students alone, domestic and continuing. The more you increase our tuition the more uncertain we become of our ability to afford tuition.

Fees for international students are very high as it is, considerably more than what I would pay for if I went to University in my home country (the USA), especially if I stayed in-state. I chose to come to UBCO because I feel that this institution offers a great program in which I can excel in. I didn't just go to University in a different country because I have the funds, because frankly, I do not.

I understand that Universities are private institutions, not funded by the government, but largely by the tuition fees students pay. Raising tuition fees, no matter how small a percentage, puts difficulty on students. Instead of worrying about their studies, they are constantly reminded that they need to find ways to pay for their higher education.

Thank you

I do not think tuition should be raised. Students can barely afford university as it is.

Dont increase domestic just international

For those of us receiving (and depending heavily on) funding from which tuition is deducted, for example the 4-year fellowship award (FYF), will the award be increased accordingly? I cannot find information on this. Please make this available and note, that if not, this is essentially taking away funding that we were already awarded prior to the increase.

I do not agree with the raising of tuition fees at all. It's already such a financial burden to me and my family and it is extremely unjust to turn students away from receiving higher education, especially those who are in a less financially stable situation.

The tuition increase of 2.0% for domestic students is unacceptable to me. It is already a stress to pay the current cost of tuition. Thr Bank Of Canada predicts annual inflation for 2018 to be 1.8%. If UBC were to simply follow this target, tuition should rise 1.8%, not 2.0%. Please reconsider this exorbitant increase as it will have a detrimental affect on many students and their families.

I hope the tuition fee for international continuing Student increase the same percent as the domestic Student.

I find the argument for 'keeping up with inflationary pressures' to be vague, particularly when considering UBC's initiative to decrease costs (yet utter failure to do so). The rationale for 2% seems flawed when considering the Canadian inflation rate has been below 2% for the previous 7 years (and averages across the previous 20 years has also been below 2%); yet UBC has had an operating expenses increase by an average of 3.4% year over year since 2008; and 36% expenses increase since 2008 (<https://consultations.students.ubc.ca/consultations/tuition-consultation-201819#Tuition>).

In the effort to ensure there is informed and transparent dialogue, other questions that are not discussed in the Consultation:

What costs are being incurred as a result (ie compensating for unpaid/defaulted tuition fees, creating further barriers to low and even medium income students)?

Why does the proposal not include discussion about the consequences (both good and bad) of increasing tuition fees?

Why does it not discuss targets for improvements to operational costs?

Being an international student, the most significant part of the proposal that stood out to me was the 2-3% increase for all continuing international students. The price for domestic students as opposed to the price international students is far more affordable, and understandably so. The domestic students and their families pay taxes in Canada, which dedicates 2.5% of its GDP to post-secondary education, something that I wish my home (the USA) would do as well. I understand that with inflation, prices must change, but what I fail to understand is how UBC, which heavily prides itself on being one of the most international schools in the world, thinks that an additional increase on continuing international students is the necessary step. If all students faced the same increase, that would be fair, but this is not. We are UBC students too, and we are here to better ourselves and contribute to an institution that we care about and believe in. While I've felt that this school has done an exceptional job welcoming and assisting international students in my time here so far, an additional increase on ALL continuing international students would simply be unfair and unjust.

No, stop raising it!! Stop you're basically stealing from students, you're making the university into a glorified bank, and every time you raise tuition you make it less and less likely that I'll ever "donate" to you once I'm alumni.

I support the tuition increase proposal.

I would really wish that for current student tuition won't be raised. It is not fair to change the tuition cost while your studying and not have been aware while applying that tuition will eventually rises while already enrolled in UBC and engage in your studies. International students are already paying thrice what domestic are, so please stop increase the tuition

I do not believe after looking at the breakdown of funds that the tuition increases to full time domestic and international students are unnecessary, considering where the funds are being placed. I am also unaware as to why, if a large share of our fees go towards student services such as student counselling, the counselling services are so difficult to access and gain appointments for.
I do not think that students here at UBC should pay more for their tuition. As much as I would like to increase UBC's budget, we are already paying a lot of money per class, semester, year, etc.
Every year 2% really hurts me. I am in the co-op program so will be graduating in 5 years which will again affect my student loans significantly
I think fees are already too high and unreasonable, for international students more so than domestic students. Thus raising the international students already very high tuition is a ridiculous request,
Student loans are decreasing, I know many students that are struggling financially already because of it including myself. UBC charges a lot of money for food amongst other things and I think UBC is stable enough as it is. I believe the University should look for people to invest in them before they look to take even more money from students.
No, tuition and textbooks are already expensive and cost of living on campus or the surrounding area is extremely high! To raise both domestic and international tuition would be taking money from food and other basic necessities out of student's pockets. Stop raising the tuition fee and instead place more affordable food choices around campus!
I completely disagree to the increase in the tuition fee.
Tuition always increases every year and has been the case since I was a student at UBC. With that in mind, what is this consultation process really for? Are you as an institution truly open to lower rates/no tuition increases/tuition reductions? Because reducing the financial burden of students would be most helpful
Obviously I'm not exactly thrilled by an increase to tuition, but a 2-3% increase across the board seems acceptable. The larger increases don't affect me, so I have no real opinion about them.
That said though, the average inflation for the last few years averaged approximately 1.5%, so I am a little confused as to why the percentage increase in tuition didn't match these rates and instead jumped up to 2 or 3%. If the university could clarify the thought process behind this decision, that would be much appreciated.
I am already burdened enough with the high tuition rates. Especially when the classes I want to enroll in are more often than not full. I see no reason to further increase tuition by 2%. Inflation rates haven't even gone up that high.
Seeing UBC tuition increases is troublesome to me severely. University of British Columbia is becoming the University of Building Construction. Constructions that will never benefit me as a 4th year student. For some compulsory charged fees, I even doubt do I ever need it? Radio station for example. International students are not for your money pumping machine. Sure, you said that you need the budget for students, but from what I see, the constructions are not ideal for majority of students. The new aquatic centre is beautiful yet the biggest pool is designed for advanced swimmers. I kinda prefer the old one. Please rethink for your students.
really an awful idea!! small increases over time lead to the institutes of power that do not work to dismantle its own presuppositions.. rich people make more rich people. poor people make beautiful things.
Of course inflation makes it difficult to keep tuition prices from rising, but I just need to see another change. Tuition cannot keep rising like this or you will further limit potential students and create bigger debt for graduates. I'm graduating this year, and am planning to do my PDP next fall. I've taken student loans to get through my entire university career and might, if I'm lucky, be able to pay those loans off within the next ten years. But that's unlikely seeing as the cost of housing/rent is ever increasing. I would love to see an unchanging tuition, education shouldn't be the financial burden it already is.
No.
Tuition is already very high for international students, especially graduate students, who usually support themselves by working as TA or RA. It is not only a financial burden but psychological, not to mention we have to work extra hard to overcome disadvantage as international students. For many of us, the financial stress of tuition and rent in UBC in Vancouver has been overwhelming, especially when we have to juggle academic work and well-being at the same time. I sincerely and urgently disagree tuition to rise again. Thank you for listening, and please consider.
Regardless of the rising prices of education, UBC needs to stop screwing their students over financially to make up for it. The amount of construction that happens on the campus is ludicrous, cut that down to save money. We don't need to update the fountain or the welcome sign every couple of years; that's just proof that there already is an excessive amount of money. You don't need to ransack your students more.
I oppose the proposal for the increase in tuition fees.

I believe that increasing the tuition fees again is unreasonable since most of what the increased fees have covered benefit not those whose fees have been increased.

The tuition hikes are unreasonable, especially if scholarships will not be raised in accordance. I have been here for the past seven years and am struggling to pay tuition as a PhD student as it is. I do not support this. Tuition should only go up if you have plans and financial measures in place to support your graduate students who are struggling to pay tuition as it is.

Every year the university increases tuition, citing inflation as the main reason, yet despite this, there is no corresponding increase to wages of student workers on campus to reflect this added cost of living. If the university is going to continue increasing tuition year after year, they should also acknowledge the student workers increased costs by increasing wages.

Also, increases to tuition would be a lot easier to justify if I felt it were actually going to something useful. For example, the university is continuously updating buildings and tearing things down and building new things that did need to be rebuilt, yet the school of Kinesiology STILL does not have its own building on campus. Instead, we are spread out across campus in osbourne, war memorial Gym, and Woodward. If I felt the university actually considered the wellness of its students and what areas were really in need of funding, I would be fine with the proposed increase in tuition. This is not the case though, and I feel the tuition increase is unnecessary and only serves the interests of lining the university's already deep pockets at the expense of its hardworking students.

It's difficult to believe that UBC is still targeting continuing undergraduate international students who already pay unbelievable amounts of money to be in UBC as a way to decrease effects of inflation and university costs.

I am barely saving enough to pay for my masters program at UBC next year. If you raise tuition by 5% this will affect me greatly. Please do not cut into students pockets trying to get an education.

Every year, tuition and residence costs increase, specially for international students. One of the great things that make UBC great is the vast diversity in culture and background that you can find all across campus. The international community at UBC is outstanding, bringing diversity, knowledge, experience and richness to this institution. However, international students have to pay a lot more to come here, and i feel that sometimes we don't get enough support from UBC. There are almost no scholarships for continuing international students, very few are available for incoming international students... and still they are not enough. If the university needs more funds for whatever reason I strongly believe that getting it from rising the costs of international tuition is not the way to go.

Fuck the increasing tuition

First, the beginning of your email states "In addition to taking action to reduce costs and pursuing other sources of revenue, UBC is proposing the following:" and yet you then continue by stating our prices are going to go up for tuition. Seems a little misleading.

However, my biggest issue is that you are increasing international prices at a larger percentage than domestic prices. Our prices are already larger than domestic students so an equal rate of a 2% increase still means we will be paying a larger increased amount, seems a little unfair then to increase our rates by 3%. This seems to be a common theme at UBC, make international students pay not only more but increasingly separating the gap between how much domestic students are paying and how much international students are paying.

The proposed increases are very fair.

ok

I definitely disagree with this proposal.

I left a many page thoughtful feedback two years ago about the unreasonableness of tuition hikes, particularly for international students, and the fact that these increases well above inflation. Never received any response, the tuition went up drastically and now you're doing it again. I don't think the university gives a damn about what students think about tuition hikes. You only provide these surveys to give us the illusion that we have a say.

Please do not raise tuition! It is hard enough as it is to pay tuition right now. I was denied student loans because although I am paying for my own tuition, my husband was over the salary limit so I was denied funding. I now have to rely on a line of credit to pay my tuition. So increasing these costs further would increase my strain to pay it. Please reconsider.

tuition fee shouldn't be raised for international students without increase in their scholarship options and amounts to compensate their financial situation

Stop increasing the school tuition. You just ruined my thanksgiving abc

I disagree with the proposed tuition increase - we are students who cannot work full time and are already struggling to pay our way through education. If tuition is going to be increased, I would like more choices as to what I would like included in my student plan; for example opting out of the Upass program if I am paying for a parking pass all year to drive because I live too far away to bus. And to opt out of the things that we do not use, such as the bike kitchen etc.

As i appreciate that things have to be paid for at UBC, we should not have to pay for things that we are not using.

Honestly, every single year we get an email stating there will be an increase in tuition and it is not justified at all. So many of us have struggling year after year with these tuition increases and our voices are not being heard. Stop increasing tuition. Give us a break. This is my fifth year at UBC and without fail you've managed to tack on some fee or increase every single year. Have I seen an improve in my faculty, no. Instead, so many courses in my department were cut. Have I seen improvement in upper year housing availability? Absolutely not. Apparently only 1/4 of the undergrad population is worth investing in. The arts buildings need upgrades, but the doesn't seem to be part of the near future. International students don't deserve another 2% increase on top of the 20% you added last year either. This is exploitation and it honestly shows how much this institution does not value its students. Instead, profit has been made a priority. I understand you need money to improve, but every year and so unreasonable. Give the students a reason to be proud of their institution instead of resenting it. Step up your game, UBC.

It's bullshit

This increase will likely send all potential international students towards universities in Europe and in the US as prices will likely no longer differ by a significant amount

Please stop increasing the tuition.

Students have a hard enough time with finances with the tuition rates now. I have struggled with finances for my entire time at ubc partially due to student loans in BC. I also feel that my money is not worth my education as I am being instructed by people who do not care about my education. I have had courses where I have learned nothing in a course and I still pay money for that class.

Have more transparency is where the extra funding will be going. Will it be going towards student clubs? Will it go towards making the campus beautiful? Will it go towards hiring proper professors that can teach and not waste student time [...]

You are making education inaccessible in an already expensive city. You are very obviously catering to international students when you are a subsidized Canadian university. I completely disapprove.

An increase in tuition seems to be occurring more frequently than not. There has been an increase in tuition almost every year and this is becoming very taxing on students attending UBC. I have a rather large family and this increase accumulates 3 fold as 3 of us are still attending UBC. Please stop increasing the tuition.

Domestic student should not be charged tuition at such increasing rate. As a student i can felt the financial burden i now carry and all the debt i have accumulated once upon my graduation. My student elected representatives did not do a thing. Why is ubc allowing so many international students at the expense of making all courses crowded and making faculty admission requirement even more competitive. This is not ok! i do not concur with this proposal. There should be better way to raise funds instead of investing in pollution based stock. U not a corporation go raise senior notes debt is a good way.

Wage increases do not keep up with inflation so tuition is just getting more expensive. The rise is in line with traditional annual inflation so it is not unreasonable. Could the increase of online course tuition offset the cost for in class expenses. Tuition has doubled in the last 20 years. Debt laden graduates in a weakened economy is a poor side effect of higher education.

I reject the tuition increases as we are all poor students who can barely afford tuition as is.

Increasing an already high fees won't be good for students who really want to study at this wonderful university but can't because of financial issues

I believe the cost is already very high especially for middle and lower class attendees but also international students. If the cost is increased, I do not think UBC can maintain its commitment to inclusiveness and diversity within the student body. Therefore, I wish UBC can reconsider this plan and seek other methods of funding.

Increase is the tuition fee may cause existing international students to discontinue their studies as living in Vancouver is also really expensive compared to other countries and this would increase their overall budget. This would also lead in less students applicants for next year, as tuition fees is one of the major factor in choosing a university. This could result in some bright students not getting an opportunity to study in such an institution. However, the admission process will become more selective as a result, which could prove to be beneficial.

I think tuition is already unaffordable for even domestic students. Raising prices contributes to individual debt level and conditions students into a world of debt.

We, as international graduate students at UBCO are suffering. We barely get paid! TA hours are not equally distributed, and we don't have international students tuition wavier like UBC Vancouver. I am working part time jobs to be able to sustain myself. At the same time, supervisors keep asking us to give full potential and devote all out time for research to keep up to the standards and UBC reputation world wide. I have no problem with that but give us what provide us with a decent way of life to to be able to give out full potential as well.

I feel the tuition fee for international undergrad students is already pretty high. I am not qualified enough to judge the financial matters of UBC but I seriously feel raising the international students tuition fee would not be the correct way to proceed keeping in mind the current fee is already too steep.

I come from a family with dual income, where my parents have raised four kids (including me). Due to their income, I am unable to collect any kind of student loans from the government, even though my parents can only spare a little amount of funding towards my education each year. Since they have their own expenses and have to pay some portion to all of us to go to school, they can only spare me little amounts here and there. It's not even half way through my school year, and I have already used up half of my student line of credit because of tuition prices and rent. A 2-3% tuition increase for students due to "inflationary pressures" would be another slap on the face. UBC needs to stop blaming rising tuition costs on "inflation" and realize that they are recklessly spending money on things we don't need.

I do not feel that a tuition increase is justifiable. College tuition is high enough already, and higher student debt is not worth extra money for where tuition costs are currently allocated. I think UBC is fine the way it is.

Im international student, I think the tuition fees is too expensive for us! I don't know that why the university always increase tuition fees. It is too stressful for international students!

I think it is really unfair to keep on rising the fees for international students. Last year's increase was huge and now it just rushes students to graduate as quick as possible to save money. This is not providing a pleasant and self paced education, which is extremely unethical.

I believe my response is not a surprise since what kind of other feedback could be given when taking more money for something that used to be cheaper and has not increased in quality?

tuition is already extremely expensive. I don't agree with these increases

IT'S NOT REASONABLE AT ALL. UBC KEEPS BUILDING SOME USELESS AND COMMERCIAL CONSTRUCTIONS. FINALLY IT NEEDS ITS STUDENTS TO PAY FOR IT. WE ARE NOT BLIND.

It little expensive

raising tuition is pretty unconscionable given some of the egregious money wasting that goes on on this campus

I'm a third year student here at UBC and I'm against the tuition increase proposal. Having spent 3 years here, I'm led to believe that there hasn't been any improvement in our learning conditions as my tuition increases over the years, and has gotten worse and less convenient with constructions of new infrastructure and buildings around the campus. As far as I'm concerned, there's no reason for me to spend more money on constructions and resources that's unrelated or inconvenient to my experience here.

I don't think financial issue should be student's most headache problem. As a famous univeristy in the world, UBC should provide a good environment not only the campus environment but also should consider students' pressure. For international student, like most of my friends and I, increased tuition fee caused big pressure which has bad influence for my learning because I have to spend too much time on part time job.

Please explain how and where these funds are going to be used. Who will this help? How will the students benefit from these changes?

My pay doesn't go up for inflation, so why should tuition? Please do not increase the tuition rates again - by doing so you are making education inaccessible for those of us who come from lower income families.

A 2% increase in tuition is RIDICULOUS. You cannot expect students to pay into this absurd increase that happens every year. As well, the opt out terms for the UPass should be much more lenient. If I live on campus, there should be no reason why I have to be forced to pay for a upass.

Definitely confidential when you log in with you CWL!

Definitely against raising tuition, esp because fellowships are not being adjusted to reflect the increase in tuition, or cost of living.

I live on campus and my rent has gone up by over \$140 since I started in 2014.

Tuition has been increased once already, now you are proposing another increase, all the while my 4 year fellowship (one of the few fellowships available to international students) has stayed the same. Not okay at all!!!

If you have to increase international tuition, do it on the undergrad level, not graduate!!!

So much from my end in the 5 min that I just wasted providing feedback on something that is a foregone conclusion.

As if UBC would actually listen to student feedback and decide sth in our favor...hahahaha, good one.

Constant percentage increases may appear fair but the monetary difference between domestic and international are astronomical. Furthermore, the inflation rate over the last year has been 1.4%, not 2-3% so this value makes no sense. Frankly, I think UBC is taking its students for a ride when these tuition hikes occur - Vancouver is expensive enough to live in without my tuition increasing by around \$700 every year.

Please Please do not increase the international student fee!

It is really a pressure on international students who already in UBC. Every year it increases. Please don't increase tuition fee continually.

Please do not raise tuition. It's already as expensive as it needs to be. Save money by taking a break on building new buildings....

It is fair to increase tuition matching inflation level.

expensive

I am a full-time student who also works 30+ hours per week in order to afford tuition, rent and living expenses in Vancouver. Post-secondary education is becoming increasingly out of reach for me financially, and I feel I am missing out on most of the opportunities UBC has to offer (club involvement, research opportunities, events, volunteering, etc) because between working and taking classes I have no extra capacity. It's very disappointing and incredibly stressful to be paying so much for university and, because of the high and increasing cost of tuition, being unable to participate in most of what the university has to offer.

Please no.

Do not apply new tuition hikes to current students, should be applied to incoming students.

More tuturion and free hikes are threatening the average students ability to enjoy university education in this city. The cost of living is extraordinary, and these proposed hikes are unfortunate, and will serve to encourage the exclusivity of attending UBC.

a 2% increase turns out to be about 6000\$ which is almost worth 2 extra courses which we are not taking. Additionally, I received a scholarship for 12000\$ for the first year and if there is an increase, I will only be getting half of my scholarship. Additionally, for a lot of international students 6000\$ is a lot of money.

There should be a greater increase to international student fees than the 2-3% to offset such a large increase to domestic student fees

I think it would be much better to reduce spending than to increase tuition.

I get it - you have a target audience who are basically guaranteed to suck up whatever tuition hike you want to give, and it's far easier to do that than go through cost saving strategies. But if you broke down the tuition into '\$x pays for y and \$a pays for b', I believe that the vast majority of students would object to alot of the spending, given that they will be paying for something they don't think is worth paying for. And I know, only science students want a new science building, and only arts students want an arts building etc and therefore we'd never spend anything if we required a majority to vote yes on every thing, but for example one of the points I'm making is in the quality that's being paid for with aesthetics in mind. I would much rather pay less for a functional building that doesn't look as 'nice and modern' as say the alumni center (I have no idea if UBC paid for that or if it was donated, but you get my point).

You also have to take into consideration how UBC looks from the outside - UBC already has a reputation for being extremely greedy - taking advantage of students' inability to say no doesn't help.

a 2% increase in tuition for all domestic students across all programs for the 2018/19 academic year.

UBC will have richer students rather than smarter and hard workers.

It is unfortunate that Ubc is once again raising tuition fees and inevitably cutting students who lack financial support and cannot afford to pay higher tuition fees. For a university that supposedly prides itself on diversity, why would you make your education available to only wealthy students of the upper class who can afford to pay. Inflation is a real issue but students just trying to get an education, are already in heavy debt due to the lack of empathy from universities such as UBC. I was ashamed to receive this email this morning and to be part of an institution that is using students instead of educating them.

The tuition proposal looks quite professional and sanitized. I don't have the time to read it, of course. So I can only comment on my perceptions and readings:

1) UBC apparently has a much larger staff-to-faculty ratio than even Toronto or (shudder) McGill. There is a rumour that the last president investigated this situation, and was encouraged to resign. Staff wages, of course, don't come from nowhere, so bloated staff numbers get billed to us.

2) I get regular emails from people at Health and Wellness - whose wages also don't come from nowhere - who are always asking me what they can do to make my life easier. There is only one answer - LOWER TUITION. Which they can't do, and wouldn't do if they could, as it would mean their jobs.

3) UBC always has funds for new construction.

4) UBC seems never to have funds for renovation or repair, which apparently cost more, anyway.

5) Martha Piper wanted to make UBC the "best damn university in the world," and she tried to realize this plan by turning UBC into a real-estate-based cash cow. UBC is the best damn post-secondary real-estate-based cash cow I know of, so congratulations. But don't be surprised by the long, slow slump of educational quality. Sometimes it's not even slow. UBC is a business, barely an educational institution anymore. I realize you have to pretend otherwise, though.

6) Do me a favour: don't have the UBC alumni organization send me emails - as McGill did - asking for donations via mutual funds. I'd be happy to donate a book on long-term urban and/or educational planning, instead.

If there is an increase cost of tuition there needs to be more resources for people for education to be accessible and affordable. Please show us that you are doing more to make school affordable! We want that "extra building" or "professor" but please create ways for more people to access education. It should not only be accessible for those with privilege

I feel that the tuition will increase every year and its going to get to a point where it is hard for us domestic students to pay. We as students need to know what we arr paying for because at the end of the day I feel that I'm not getting my moneys worth in education. And what about incentives for students overcrowded librarues facilities that most students can't use like thunderbird where only sport students are benefiting. At least give us necessities to support our school life besides an overcrowded nest.

I do not think tuition should be increased.

Honestly, the fact that you are asking for a tuition increase is not well received by myself. This campus is beautiful, and well used.. it does not need more expansion. The only reason you expand more is to bring in more students, and that is not necessary. Leave us be. I am 50000 in debt because of this school, and to think you want to charge people more is insane.

not in support of raising tuition

Any increase in tuition costs is unacceptable in this point in time as the housing crisis is putting increased and undue stress on students and their overall budgets. You say that the tuition increases would be inline with inflation, but the fact is that most wages students receive during and after their studies has not increased in this same way. This is increasingly leaving students and recent graduates in situations of immense hardship. It is already hard enough to pay tuition, have a place to live, and be able to feed ourselves. The university would do well to acknowledge and respect the fact that students are already stretched extremely thin. This is to the detriment of our mental health and wellbeing.

Please do not increase tuition, the fees are already too high..

agree with proposed:

"a 2% increase in tuition for new incoming international students in graduate programs with standardized rates."

And

"a 5% increase for international per credit tuition for unclassified students taking graduate-level Master of Laws in Common Laws courses."

Students can not afford the increasing tuition every year. Disagree on increasing tuitions for both doesmitc and international students.

I don't not think the tuition should increase by 2% as it already costs a lot to study at UBC and many students both domestics and international have a hard time paying the tuition now. It would be unfair to students to increase by 2% every year.



UBC has to stop raising tuition. University has become far too expensive. There have to be other ways to cut costs. The implication that we should not be worried about construction costs because they don't come out of tuition is ridiculous. Build less and funnel that money towards other things to keep tuition costs lower. Solicit donations with the purpose of creating more scholarships and reducing tuition not making the campus "look prettier".

Please stop paying outrageous amounts of money to some employees. Some people at UBC are getting almost 500,000 per year. I find it very hard to believe that a competent person can't be found who would be willing to work for a smaller salary. The salaries listed in the article below are outrageous for people who are essentially public employees. It does not cost that much to live a comfortable life in Vancouver.

<http://vancouversun.com/news/local-news/ubc-dominates-list-of-highest-earning-university-college-employees>

agree

Increasing tuition for continuing International students will be really inconvenient for us. The main reason being that we came to UBC with a budget in mind and if there is an increase every year we would go over budget. Anyhow the living cost is so high in Vancouver and with the increase in tuition it will cause a strain on our parents bank accounts.

I understand the cost are rising, but it's ridiculous that I still have to pay an arm and a leg to attend this university. It doesn't help that living in Vancouver is expensive, so a rise in tuition every year is just harming students more. I'm considering taking graduate studies but rise prices for tuition and other essentials makes that more difficult. Please consider freezing tuition like they did in Alberta. I find this very frustrating ...

Yes. It stands to reason that due to inflationary pressures the tuition needs to rise.

I approve of the requested revisions to tuition in their current form, but would like to be notified on the decided upon numerical changes.

I think this increase to tuition is offensive and only increases the perceived barriers to education for prospective students to UBC. It's expensive as it is and this institution is a big business- take the money needed to adjust for inflation from some other source of funding- take it from corporate funding partners, excessive and unnecessary building projects that current students never benefit from, anything other than the pockets of the little guys. The building blocks of this institution are tired of the rising costs of tuition. Signed, one of them.

I support the first option in the email, which is to increase tuition for all domestic students across all programs for the 2018/2019 year. I support this option because I have been very fortunate in the affordability of my education and a 2% increase would do little to harm my budget, and because I would like to spare hard-pressed international students the pain of having to spend even more than they already do.

If tuition increase is justified then ubc should increase the wage of its workers, especially ones with lower wage for the same reason.

Every year you sent us students the same email asking for our feedback on your new tuition proposal. And every year I give you the same comment.

Seriously, how many students actually agree with paying more to have ABSOLUTELY nothing in turn?

As any other off-campus graduate student who works in a lab full time without even step into any UBC structure anytime of the year, how likely do you think you'll receive a positive feedback to your ridiculous proposal from me? Why do I have to pay 2% more EVERY YEAR to get ZERO benefits from UBC? I don't think this is mentioned in your plan.

I'm confident that the tuition increase will be approved no matter what the students think about it, so why even bother? Is it so you can justify the position of some tech who maintains this online form running and maybe some extra staff who pretends to read this?

Regards.

The tuition fee is over increased for the international students like us. Even though I understand the trend in all the provinces in Canada. However, BC has almost highest tuition fees that discourage student like me to continue my further study, and it turns out students, especially international students will distract their attentions on study due to serious financial difficulties.

I don't think ongoing international fees should be increased

UBC has one of the highest tuitions in all of Canada. Every other university (large and small) does a great job of providing students with education without that extra money. Increasing tuition just shows how UBC cares more about money than it does its students

Stop raising fees

"inflationary pressures"... you're looking to pay for the construction costs. Get funding from somewhere else

I think that being one of the most expensive universities in the country, there shouldn't be a need to continually raise tuition. If you need more money perhaps looking at refining administration and streamlining work there would be more appropriate.
Tuition amounts should not increase. Current rates are already a barrier for many who wish to continue their education and attend UBC. Living in Vancouver is becoming increasingly difficult for young members of our society. Every cost of living and learning goes up, but wages remains the same. Do not stretch people any further.
Why bother asking for feedback if you are going to just do the maximum allowable tuition increase each year. No you should not increase the tuition it is unfair, instead you should reduce the wasted funds.
Students need more scholarships to cover
Strongly disagree. This is non-sense. The university is spending more and students are paying for it.  Even the students disagree, the tuition fees will be increased anyway.
I know I am not affected. I am just speaking for the new coming students. Even in my perspective, this is not fair.
As a student that is international, and not a Canadian citizen, my tuition fees are much higher than many of my peers. It was important to me to attend a school as amazing as UBC, but the tuition was a definite negative when regarding my options. There are very few international scholarships for students unless they have unbelievable scores, or show an incredible financial need. My family has the funds to support my college education, but with one of my brothers in college, and another soon to be, we will be paying for three educations at once. I considered other schools which I did not like as much, but which offered me a better financial situation, and UBC ultimately one out. I do believe, however, that if the tuition had been any more it may have turned out differently. The tuition is already very expensive for international students that are not Canadian citizens, and if it continues to rise for us, without more scholarship opportunity, I am sure many students will not accept their admission to the school. Thanks for taking my feedback into consideration:)
I am strongly opposed to the plan to raise tuition fees. As international students, we have six times more tuition fees than domestic students. The increases in tuition does not mean the salary of our education sponsors increases. As far as I know, many students are working while they are studying to reduce the burden of tuition. If the tuition fees increase, we will be overwhelmed and prone to depression which will affect our efficiency in working and studying. Although I understand that school need funds to build new facilities for students, such as great increase makes me feel angry. If the school can not avoid rising tuition fees, at least do not rise the tuition fees by percentage. The basic tuition of international student has already really high. Please rise the same amount of tuition for every student equally.
I disagree with the tuition increases due to the following:  - UBC faculty pay is among the lowest of top Canadian universities  - UBC administration to faculty ratio is among the highest in top Canadian universities  Until issues like this is fixed, I don't agree with even more tuition increases.
Please, the tuition costs and non-tuition costs are already a major source of financial burden and stress from students. I would greatly appreciate it if tuition costs do not increase. Thank you.
This 2% increase in tuition is extremely necessary. Even as domestic students, we still pay an extremely large sum of money to attend this university and it is extremely hard for some of our families to provide this. Although I believe that international students should pay more, raising the cost this much is unreasonable. To try and combat the elitist education notion that is sweeping the nation, I believe that UBC should try to lower their tuition as much as possible, not increase it.
FUCK YOU GREEDY ASSHOLES
A 2% increase in tuition and fees each year is absurd.... inflation rates are not THAT high. I firmly believe UBC is moving in the wrong direction by doing this. Post-secondary should be becoming more accessible to more people, not the other way around.
Increasing fees above and beyond predictable fee increase to adjust for inflation is a shitty thing to do to students who are mid program. People have budgeted for their programs, and many will have to make major life adjustments to accommodate UBC's cash grab.
I do think it is getting financially tougher for most students to attend post-secondary school with the increasing price of tuition. Especially when the cost of tuition is higher for certain undergraduate degrees, a 2% price increase can be a lot of money.

As an international student, we already pay a lot more than domestic students. yes there are grants available but these are hard to get. There are limitations on working hours for international students so it is harder for us to fund the degree. Every increase in tuition makes this even harder.

Instead of increasing the tuition I would suggest increasing the number of international students if that is possible.

From the proposal I do not understand what is being done on the cost saving side. It's nice to hear that something is being done but there is nothing concrete in there. There is also no break down on where the cost increases are really coming from. I feel this should be an important factor in making such a decision. Budgeting is of course about priorities. The answer can't be always increase fees.

Stop raising the tuition so much. By the time I'm in third year I might literally not be able to pay for school

To whom it may concern,

Please do not raise tuition. While governments should be providing additional funding to universities in order to ensure institutions can address rising costs, students should not, and many cannot, provide this additional funding. Student debt is at unprecedented levels, causing significant stress for many students. In addition, student loan programs do not provide enough support to allow students to pay tuition and pay rent in Vancouver, forcing many to work while they study. Raising tuition fees further will force students to work more and take on more debt. This will negatively effect the mental health of students and reduce the time students have to focus on their studies. Please re-think the plan to raise tuition. Instead, UBC could ally with students in putting significant pressure on the new provincial government to increase funding to universities. If UBC committed to using increased funding to lower tuition costs, it would be a strong indication to students that the university truly cares about their well-being.

I am outraged by the continual tuition increases, as well as skeptical that anything I write here will make a difference. This poll is merely a way to demonstrate fake interest in the opinions of students-- just the fact of administering it full fills the checklist.

Federal data shows that both the average amount of student debt and the number of borrowers are increasing. This is a general trend and universities are now are increasingly more about generating profit then they are at disseminating knowledge. Surely, without profit it is difficult to have the amenities and resources, but what is happening now is just going too far.

This is my 8th year at UBC. I did my undergraduate (double major) for 5 years and immediately entered my masters degree (this is my last year). During my 8 years, I spent an incredible amount of time here--also living on campus for 4 years. The university, in my opinion, has not offered me more than it did when I first started. In fact, the community and general logistics of getting around where diminished by the constant construction around. I do not feel like I matter here, since this university is now continuously constructed for international students.

UBC firmly believes that international engagement benefits both domestic and international participants in post-secondary education. The diversity of opinion, perspective and circumstance improves the educational experience for all engaged in the exchange of ideas. I absolutely agree, and that is definitely a plus of being in a multicultural city and having many international students here.

BUT, the problem of access for domestic students is acute in many of the programs most popular with foreign students, such as economics, as well as business and engineering. How can UBC, a public institution heavily funded by B.C. taxpayers, justify nearly a third of its first-year undergraduates coming from abroad when only 11 per cent and 17 per cent, respectively, of Harvard and Oxford undergrads are international students? UBCs numbers seem disproportionately high.

The facts is, there is a large supply of wealthy international students trying to access this school. But the construction, amenities and organization of this university is increasingly catering to those students. It has not been confirmed yet, but it is increasingly obvious (and I have talked to people who confirm their cases) that people are entering with lower averages and no adequate language proficiency. While I am all for giving people opportunities despite averages, the same is not happening for domestic students. The university is spending increasing amounts of money rebranding itself, (big UBC sign...) and while we can pretend it is for a increased identity for the campus, it is meant to market the university. All that matters is the dollar bills coming in, and all the new buildings are not responding to current need--- they are here as signs of aspiration, of what UBC wants to become in the future. And the future is about \$\$\$ and not me, a person who has given the university 8 years of tuition, community participation, representation and heart.

I personally am against the tuition increase. As an international student without any scholarship, my parents are already struggling to pay for my brother (who is also studying abroad elsewhere) and I's tuition this year. Obviously, most people would say to pick a university with a cheaper tuition, but when we are already both at our dream schools, it would be so inconvenient to have to shift our plans and budgeting again. Moreover, it is very difficult to get financial aid as well as pay it back. I feel like most things here are already overpriced, and to increase tuition payments would be unnecessary. All social and financial classes should be considered when the board is making this decision as not everyone may have the same financial aid as others, and the focus should be on what every school should prioritise, which is the quality of education.

The tuition is way too high for international students compared to other universities in Vancouver. We need UBC to cut at least 20%-30% of the tuition for international students.

Domestic students are already struggling with paying bills, food, and other costs of living. Tuition increases for domestic students would make things incredibly more adverse. Many domestic students are currently struggling keeping a job to support themselves while trying to stay on top of school work. In contrast most international students have financial help from their families at home and can afford the increases to their tuition.

The increase will hurt the students. I have so many friends who are accumulating debt which they will struggle to pay off years after their degree. I am lucky to have some financial support, but it is not enough to get through my degree. The increase will put me into debt as well. Additionally, tuition increases every single year! I personally feel that it is unnecessary, or at the least that the 3% increase is too large.

Perhaps you should be looking for ways to decrease spending and provide a decrease in tuition for students struggling to pay Vancouver housing and living costs.

2% might be too much for those graduates who support themselves

Where are the financial pressures coming from? Why is the university taking on extra costs when it cannot originally foot the bill.

No. You may not increase my tuition by 2% for condo buildings or other buildings. These financial pressures can be figured out with the money the university gets currently. For the average student to live and study in Vancouver is

housing:  $\$1000/\text{month} \times 12 = \$12000/\text{year} \times 4 \text{ years} = \$48000$

BECAUSE THERE IS NO CHEAP HOUSING ON CAMPUS

(I don't know where you get your low cost classes cost by for Kinesiology and every other class I pay \$518/class)

Tuition: (1 class)  $\$518 \times 10 \text{ classes} = \$5180 \times 4 \text{ years} = \$20,720$

Just based on having a roof and going to school, not even in taking into consideration living expenses or books that is putting a student in the hole \$68000 to begin their life. Subtract maybe and this is being generous \$20000 in work savings and scholarships/bursaries.

Stop building things and put your time into the students that attend this university and help get them jobs, because at my knowledge the job turn out for UBC students is quite low.

Thank you for not increasing tuition.

Why is tuition in BC increasing when it is cheaper everywhere else? Especially for domestic students, it is already completely un-affordable.

Tuition fee for Sauder school is already extremely compare to other faculties'. Two percent might not feel extreme considering 20000 dollars ( a term tuition fee plus many more fees for school management) but every penny already puts so much pressure on students and our parents. It feels like not being a permant resident in BC is a some sort of a punishment for UBC international student. BC's laws dont let students to share the financial burden that the parents have to carry until their students' graduation. One year tuition fee is as much as my father's salary. I know that considering the quality of education, reputation, experiences and all that makes UBC an awesome school costs large amount of money. I have been proud of to be a UBC student but now im feeling guilty for being a huge burden for my parents. This is my honest response to the proposal i appreciate whoever read. Thank you.

I really think this increase in tuition fee is nonsense. All things we can see that is changing on campus is more and more students, more constructions and worst food with worst internet service.

Ever since UBC changed the Internet service provider on campus, the internet speed decreased a lot and crashes very often.

We see there is a new SUB which is called Nest. Although Nest looks nice from outside and indeed can fill more people in, I don't think we are using it well. Unlike the old sub, there are many places in nest we never use.

And food is most important issue. Food on campus is only eatable and extremely expensive. If you a survey about food on campus, I bet 80% of students will say they really wish there will be something good and cheap to eat.

And for education part, I don't how they rate this but UBC's ranking globally among all universities in the world seems has been decreasing for a while. So I really don't understand how dare you want more money for such an "awesome" behavior.

After all, I know my comment may not been seen or unable to change anything, but I still have to say I really wish you can better use those money in some good place to make our school better rather than lead it to a wrong way (by wrong way I mean what Apple is doing since iPhone7)

Although I may be biased as I am an international student myself, it confuses me as to why there is always a higher increase in tuition for international students. We are already paying a significant amount in comparison to domestic students, so the percentage increase creates a much greater burden on us.

UBC is renowned for it's diversity. As an international student, I know that tuition is expensive as is. But if the Board is planning to increase it, it should also increase the resources to alleviate some of this pressure to international students. Keep UBC diverse.

The proposal makes sense considering the inflation. But you should also increase the fellowship for Ph.D. students at the same ratio given the inflationary pressure. It's unfair that you only increase the price but not increase the wage.

I am not in agreement of these tuition raises. Reasonable tuition prices mean a lot to me and are a key point on why I chose UBCO.

While I appreciate an exhaustive review of the operational costs for the university in an effort for transparency, it seems surprising that over 50% of the costs are associated with faculty. How does this compare to other Canadian universities?

I think the increase in tuition for Domestic Students is fine, but the increasing the already exorbitant tuition for International Students is unnecessary and uncalled for after the already controversial decision last year regarding the meal plan (which predominantly affects International students).

1. i dont care because im graduating

2. UBC isnt so prestigious, there's no value in increasing the tuition so high we arent competing with stanford

Strongly against.

Tuition has raised by 2% every single year I have been at UBC (5 years). I understand this is keeping up with the rate of inflation, however wages in Canada have not been keeping pace. Also Vancouver is an already extremely expensive city, so 2% rise a year is making university increasingly unachievable for middle class Canadians

I can bear another tuition increase if the administration promises there will be double ply toilet paper in all the washrooms across campus. How does UBC even call itself a world class university, when you only have single ply toilet paper in all the washrooms? The other day I almost fingered myself as I wipe my butt; it was horrendous. Going to a public washroom is already a traumatizing experience, and the sandpaper single ply just isn't gentle enough for my tender flesh. I don't want to walk out of a washroom with a sore butt unless if I am attending Penn state University.

I am an International grad student and I strongly feel that the tuition fee I pay is already too much. Since, you are not increasing the funding or scholarship amount the grad students are getting, the idea of increasing tuition fee is absolutely ridiculous.

Thanks!

Not fond of the increase for domestic or international students

Domestic tuition and fees \$290m

International tuition and fees \$234m

yeah right, get fucked.

stop making domestic students even more broke than they already are in Vancouver.

Ducking Ridiculous!
I do not feel that it is necessary to inflate our tuition, as all the required services have been provided to me at my current tuition cost. I think some of the construction projects on campus are not entirely necessary, such as updating the fountain and do not believe that my tuition should be increased in order to cover these costs.
I do not think that the 2% increase in tuition is valid. Students are already overpaying for their tuition.
There is absolutely no need to increase our tuition.
Tuition increase are always controversial when wages do not increase on a regular basis as well.
Tuition is already very expensive and difficult to afford raising it will make it even tougher to attend.
I have no problem with the 2% increase in tuition fees but disagree with the 2% increase in non-instructional fees. I am off campus for the majority of my degree and would not see any benefit to this increase.
As one of the thousands of students that struggles to pay for post-secondary, I do not approve of this proposal to increase tuition by 2-3% to relieve the university of financial pressures that they placed on themselves. I realize this survey happens every year and the tuition increases no matter our input. Perhaps organizing more engagement from students, a key stakeholder to any project on campus, before deciding to construct buildings such as an Alumni Center or a Student Union Building that we are still paying for that has many features that are excess, would result in a transparent understanding that we student do not want these things.
I disagree with the proposal to increase the cost of tuition.  As a full time independent student who has 100 % course load, the increase in tuition will decrease my living cost budget by 1 at least \$1000. Given the student loans already do not cover the full cost of living and tuition, and StudentaidBC will not be increasing the maximum amount one can take out per year, the increase will further decrease my daily food budget to less than \$5. In order to stay in education, the increase in tuition is likely to force me to starve myself or eat fast food. To sustain myself, I will have to take on a job that will take my attention away from my studies as I will have to work 25 hours a week to make at least 1000 to cover my living costs.
I find the proposed increase, which is approximately twice the rate of inflation completely unreasonable. The primary reason given for the increase is inflationary pressures, however that you are attempting to counteract that with institutional efficiencies. Despite this you have decided the increase should be approximately twice the rate of inflation. This is without even considering the considerable overcrowding at the Okanagan campus. The campus has gained more than a thousand students in the past few years, without any expansion to facilities. This has lead to overcrowded labs, and the conversion of study space to classroom space, for which there was already a lack of supply. This has made finding study space extremely difficult. Furthermore, the increases in enrolment have made scheduling club meetings and activities increasingly difficult.  Also, parking services has not expanded with increased enrolment. It is now often difficult to find a parking spot, even with a parking pass.  Tuition has increased at a rate greater than inflation each year that I have been a student. Due to this, along with the reduction in quality of facilities, class scheduling, overcrowding, and degradation of the overall experience I would not recommend for peers or future undergraduates to choose ubc. Given the current trajectory of the institution I would likely recommend against it.
I have been an UBC student for 8 years and every year there's a tuition increase that really doesn't truly reflect inflation as we all know. As UBC is opening up its market to students internationally for primarily money, I believe that the tuition should be increased for that population as a majority of them can afford it. Having that said, I doubt there will be any change as this is just a formality for if you get audited, you can prove that at least some feedback was done.
No tuition increases this shit is fucking expensive enough as is and the university has more than enough money coming in. Focus on reducing administration overhead, reducing spending on non-functional facilities (fountains, art installations)
Tuition prices need to stop increasing, even 2% is a lot for a lot of students who are already struggling to pay for schooling to attend UBC. UBC as it stands is a school for the rich because it is very difficult to afford. Make UBC about who is smart enough not who has enough money
Many international students have a fixed budget for tuition for the length of their degree and thus a continuous increase of tuition fees each year puts a great strain on this budget, also gradually reducing UBC's international student population as it becomes more and more expensive. This, coupled with the already high prices for housing on and off campus, makes UBC more unfavourable for international students.
Last year CPI is less than 2%, why we increase my tuition more than the CPI. In the meantime there are more things to do to cut the costs. My [...] professor is so bad at teaching and so old, he still got high salary. We could have some young and passionate people to teach the undergraduate courses

I do not like the tuition increase for international tuition fees. Even if UBC wants to spend my tuition for the better of the school, it is difficult for me to have to pay such a high tuition just like it would be for other international students as well. Education should not be this inflated. UBC is better than that.

I do not think the school should increase the tuition fee. Our overall ranking has not been increased, why will the tuition fee increase? At the same time, the school really used our money in some unreasonable ways: some of us do not need the gym fee, etc.

It is getting harder and harder for each class of students to pay their tuition. Our tuition costs increase because of inflation, as do groceries and housing, but salaries do not increase anywhere close to the same rate. Financial stress is worse than workload stress for many students; please work towards lowering tuition costs instead...

This is a request. Can we stop raising the tuition fee for domestic students who are struggling to live in Vancouver as the rent/ house prices are already ridiculous? To cover the cost of inflation, UBC can raise more of the international student fees. Here's the reason why. Currently, the majority of international students coming to Vancouver now are all wealthier than some of you can imagine. Apart from their fraudulent grades that are aided by unlimited re-examinations at their schools and hired writers to write their applications, they are here to spend as much as they wish and can. Many of these international students are having a hard time using up their monthly allowance from their parents because their money is just overflowing. Many of the international students are here to help launder their parents' money. Much of this wealth is from exploiting the poor and cheating the middle class in their country of origin. Instead of letting their offspring spend the money on fuelling their decadent lifestyle, rather take their money and help the financially dying domestic students. For the love of God, please stop raising the tuition fee for domestic students, however little it appears to the executives of UBC. There are regular Canadians trying to make ends meet in a city that is used by a lot of corrupt businessmen and government official's children to park their \$\$\$ and find loopholes in the system to eventually influence government decisions in the near future. Get ready, so take their money now before it's too late. Locals who are of the same origin as such international students are long gone. They've taken the benefits of the government with the free elementary and secondary schooling and what not and fled to US post secondary schools and are probably going to stay there. Now Canada has raised a bunch of people only to have their resources directly handed to the States. Bravo. Now do something and don't pick on poor little domestic kids. Hmph.

I disagree with the tuition increases. The university should balance funding in a way that doesn't increase tuition 2% every year. It is hard to see tuition rising each year when there are ample construction projects all over campus. It seems that the growth of the campus is not sustainable if there are constant reliance on tuition increases to cover construction and other costs.

As an international student, an increase in tuition would be saddening as I believe that the fees is already extremely high. As much as I believe that this school is one of the best, I do not think that the resources available for me correspond with the tuition I am paying. In particular, my experience as an international student is not great enough for me not to consider transferring to other universities that offer similar learning experience at a cheaper price. I highly believe that an increase in fees would result in a decrease in international students. Particularly those who are not on any scholarships.

Tuition fees for what I receive in service for a Masters Degree is way too high. I am taking an online program, receive a reading list at the start of the program and blog weekly. For this, I pay \$2800 a semester which I DO NOT feel is good value for my money. Your online MA programs need to be overhauled, modernized with respect to online collaboration tools and techniques, curriculum delivery, and content in general.

It's too much for international students already, should increase domestic rather than international!

The tuition fee is increasing every year, which is a heavy burden for both myself and my family. Everyone should have a chance to get their education. By increasing the tuition fee that frequently, I feel difficult to continue my study because I need to work extra hours part timely to pay my tuition. That's not very fair.

Why are you even increasing tuition? To build a crap load of buildings we don't need, or to service buildings that we don't want and/or will collapse in an earthquake anyway? Obviously you wasted money somewhere, because this school hasn't changed at all, yet somehow need more funds. Maybe you should go ask the contributors of the beautiful alumni building. You know, the one NOBODY USES. What am I even saying, you probably won't even read this. Just throw it on the pile while your burning the money I helped provide.

Although increasing tuition to cover for inflation makes sense on paper, it does not do add anything of value to the students. In fact, it only puts more financial strain on the students which affects them negatively.

Every year tuition increase to adjust for inflation, however, graduate student stipend remains the same. With a official stipend of \$22,000 per year, we have to pay \$5000 in tuition every year giving us a net income of only \$17,000 to live. This is not even close enough to be affordable in Vancouver, we have to use 75% of this just to cover rent that is within 30m of where we work. Most graduate students must take a second job to live in this city. That means ~40-50 hrs in the lab plus another 10-20 hours elsewhere, every week. This puts an enormous strain on the student leading to many psychological stress.

If this tuition actually went to services that we can see as a student, it would be acceptable. I have yet to see where this money has gone besides construction on campus. In terms of student support, UBC is severely lacking. I recently went to a counselling service (brought on by the stress of overworking 2 jobs) provided by UBC. The service itself was terrible, it was only there as a thing that UBC says it have. I can not see how this is good for students at all. In addition, I do not see any new or increased financial support offered to graduate students other than the scholarships that are already in place. More is not offered despite the yearly increase in tuition, but somehow there is money to keep building new buildings.

All of this is absolutely unacceptable, its just straight up abuse to students.

I believe we already paid enough for tuition as international students already paid way more than domestic student. It does not sound fair if we still need to raise our tuition.

Don't raise the prices for International students, they're already super high.

Are you kidding me? What kind of feedback do you want? 2 or 3 percent increase is not nothing. We are not money bags. I am on coop and I pay 1500 of tuition and I DONT EVEN GO TO THE SCHOOL RIGHT NOW. I get that UBC is a private institution, but I would love it if we could stay away from the US system.

Tuition is already so expensive and it is crazy expensive to live in this city. Pretty soon we will get close to the astronomical pricing of American schools and many will no longer be able to seek higher education. I think they should stay as is and maybe build one less brand new building.

please don't increase our tuition

Please DON'T, we are paying twice as much as domestic students, it's already a lot for us. Please!!!

Following comments are addressing tuition increase for continuing international students. Increase in 2% as adjusted for inflation is understandable and notified before enrolment. However, any value above 2% is unfair and unjustified because most of international students signed up UBC with the expectation of tuition increase only based on inflation. Although students are less likely to drop off because of a 3% rises, it would undoubtedly suggest UBC's reputation as a school that breaks the promise and tries to exploit international student. Given the fact that UBC's tuition is not of any comparative advantages comparing with other Canadian universities, unfair treatment for existing students are going to influence its attractiveness to future students which is an important source of funding.

NOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOO

Students cannot find a seat easily in both libraries, I really want the library can provide more seats for students.

I think to increase the tuition fee will be a stupid idea, especially to increase the international tuition. For a long time, UBC is preferred by many international students because of following reasons. 1. UBC is always ranked top 50 in the world. 2. the tuition fee is not as expensive as UT or McGill for people want to study in Canada. cheaper than study at US or UK as well. 3. also Vancouver is a lovely city. But in recent years, UBC is not as good as before, even rank lower than Qinghua University. Education is a business. UBC should know what its benefit is for students(also the consumers). So, stop spending money on the building. Keep and try to decrease the tuition fee to get more interests in the world. Otherwise, study at UT or McGill or in the USA will be a better idea if the tuition fee is close.

It is important for UBC to note that the cost of living in Vancouver, especially for domestic students living off campus, is in an exponential rise, and is already putting extreme strain on average self-supporting student's financial well-being. UBC needs to know that 2 full time, above minimum wage summer jobs are not even enough to cover cost of tuition. Further tuition increases year by year is only showing that UBC has no regards for its average domestic student's financial wellbeing. Majority of us don't have parents sending weekly cheques to pay for living and certainly don't have wealthy parents swiping their credit cards for tuition payments in September and January. The fact that BC has no provincial legislation capping university tuition increase shows how people at the top, including the legislators, UBC Board of governors, senate...etc. have no actual regard for its students. This sort of tuition increase only exacerbate UBC being perceived as operating as a for-profit business rather than an educational institution by its students



I completely disagree with the proposal of the increase in the tuition fees no matter how much it would cost more. As international students, we pay a ridiculously huge amount of money, and this is not okay. Since I still find the education at UBC so much more meaningful than the one back home, I'm trying my best to manage to be a student in UBC. However, living away from home on my own, paying this international tuition fees and the high rent in Vancouver are so much pain to be a student to be honest. I understand some international students are well off enough to pay the tuition fees but some like myself are struggling every day working part time to afford the education. I really wish UBC can have my back.

Hi there,

I understand the gradual need to increase tuition to be able to fund various services, but as a principle, I do not believe that tuition should be as expensive as it currently is, nor should it be increasing. This is likely more of a provincial/federal issue rather than an institutional issue, but I believe that this type of feedback should be heard.

I am strongly against the proposal to increase tuition in 2018/2019. I already find that I am paying more and more tuition each year. Since my first year at UBC, I have noticed that there has been more and more miscellaneous fees each year. This year, aside from my tuition, I have had to pay \$927.96 in miscellaneous fees. I am already finding it hard enough to pay for my current tuition and high living costs in Vancouver. I dread the idea of having to rely on student loans or financial aid to continue studying at UBC.

I do not agree with raising the current and incoming international students' tuition by 2-3%, considering in the past it has already significantly increased by 30% in the past two years, as proposed (and approved) in 2015. We international students are already paying a significantly larger amount compared to domestic students (more than double the amount), and to increase it even more puts a bigger financial strain on my family who is supporting me from overseas. A 2-3% increase means in the next upcoming school year I would be paying several hundred dollars more just to get a good education. This tuition increase also looks unattractive to future incoming international students.

NO THANK YOU.

I see each year an increase and an increase in tuition at UBC. This new message seems to try to sugar-coat it with "we are trying to reduce prices"...sure by increasing tuition again. UBC keeps building new buildings and facilities that they already have and don't need new or improved. Stop spending money on construction. I have not seen any new services or programs that are free for students since arriving there in 2009. The constant increase in tuition is alienating domestic students because they can't afford to go to UBC. Look at the demographic of students based on location in the province in Canada and internationally. The socioeconomic standards of students and you will see it is more about the money a person has than what they can contribute to the school via education, research, etc.

Tuition should not be increased more for international students. If possible decrease tuition rate for courses.

No, I do not like this proposition and increase in tuition fees

When I was told about UBC, I was promised by no less than three admission advisors that my tuition, even as an international student, would not exceed a 5% increase across 4 years. With this increase for 2018/19, my tuition increases would exceed 5% after only two years. This school is one of the only ones I could afford to come to as an international student and by increasing my tuition by so much you, as a university, are not only making my education near-unaffordable, but also admitting that you lied to me when I applied. That is not the kind of school I applied to and is not one that I would readily continue my education with.

please don't. Studying here is already expensive

I do NOT support any of the proposed fee increases. First of all, international students already pay a lot of money for education. The difference between international and domestic students is very very big and significant for a degree at UBC. Second, every single year UBC proposes to increase fees, and from my perspective it should not be like this. Education should not be a business, education must be affordable for everyone and anyone who will like to study and become a professional. I understand that UBC is very big and spends a lot of money on many resources for students, building new buildings (maybe some unnecessary constructions), etc. Also, this increase in fees is in many areas which will end up adding to a lot - so I am wondering if it is necessary to increase in many aspects every single year.

Again I do not approve this and I think UBC do not usually listen to this - despite of the responses of the students. Thank you.

I understand inflationary pressures require periodic increases in tuition. UBC should simultaneously consider the impact of inflation on the minimum graduate student salary. Graduate student salary as it stands is \$20,000-22,000, and in most graduate programs tuition is still required to be paid. This makes the take-home for a graduate student ~\$15,000-17,000 which is un-livable with the inflation combined with Vancouver's prices.

Graduate programs, specifically in sciences should be exempt from paying tuition. Furthermore, the graduate student salary should also be increased to match this "inflation".

These programs are critical for UBC's image as a leader in scientific discovery in Canada, and the students doing the research are living in poverty. This is unacceptable.

Tuition has gone up a tremendous amount since I first graduated and although I know there are inflationary costs, but wages are not keeping up with cost of living either so students are increasingly strained. Better lobbying for funds from the government or putting more into the international students' increase would be better. After all, we should only be filling international seats (except for the exceptional) and educating those who live here first. Don't take more internationals just to make ends meet like school districts do. We should not be excluding domestic students to make your budget.

If this rise is due to "inflationary pressures" why is it 0.5% higher than the projected national inflation? At least be honest with us. How much more are the executives at UBC getting payed out of my pocket? What's Santa Ono's salary look like next year? Give us a detailed budget please. What exactly is the UBC Excellence Fund? Who's pockets get filled from that?

<https://tradingeconomics.com/canada/inflation-cpi/forecast>

First of all, thank you for allowing me the chance to have input into this decision.

I think before fees and tuition are increased again, I would like to know what administrative cuts have been made to alleviate the financial burden on students. Education needs to be accessible to all Canadian students. If tuition and fees are increased, even 2-3%, many students will not be able to access post-secondary education and it further widens the gap between classes.

Tuition is already so expensive, and people can barely afford it. For a university that claims to pride itself on diversity this is a despicable move, as you are making your university available only to members of upper class and destroying what little diversity you once had. While inflation is a real issue, the fact remains that students are already in extremely heavy debt just to try to get an education.

Congratulations! You're profiting off of the dreams of young adults and making a fortune! I hope you're pleased with yourselves - no one else is.

Sincerely, one of the young students you're totally screwing over

As an international student, I don't mind if tuition increase because of inflation as long as students are provided with the best facilities in all sections of the university. A better insurance, coverage and not requiring students to pay more for a course can be a big problem especially for someone living of their home country.

I'm already struggling paying for school now and feel another increase will just make it more difficult.

I am vehemently against any and all tuition raises EXCEPT for international students.

1. Does this mean domestic graduate students will experience a 4% increase? If so, it should be reflected so within this proposal (accordingly in all applicable areas).

2. International students should be experiencing more of the increase, as the University should be contributing to its own local economic growth through education, not in those who are not necessarily going to stay and help our local economy. The cost of living in Vancouver is such that many international people do not stay after completing education, yet as domestic students we will see the same increases in tuition as international students, which reflects even higher on us with the dichotomy between our unchanging wages and increased costs of living.

3. Canadians experience exponential increases to attend educational institutions as international students (ie. USA).

4. Priority should be given to domestic students to encourage our residents to stay and work here, contributing to our economy. Prospective Medical and Law students are leaving BC to attend institutions all across the world due to the difficulty of getting in locally, and if increases are such that international students have incentive to come here for cheaper education, and local residents cannot get it or compete and are experiencing disproportionate increases, we are doing our economy a disservice.

The proposed increases appear reasonable.

I understand why tuition rates are being increased, but as the recipient of a scholarship upon which I rely to continue my education here, I think that at the very least, the scholarship amount given per year should reflect the tuition cost increases. My fixed-rate scholarship does not adequately keep up with the rates at which tuition increases, and it places more and more financial burden on myself and my family each year.

<p>Once again, the UBC administration seems to decide instead of cutting back on projects and not spending money for vanity construction. That the students must suffer yet another price increase. Given that we have a new government how about instead fighting for more funding from them. You have the premier business school in the province surely someone knows how to run a PR campaign.</p>
<p>UBC increased fees last year. They should not increase again this year because they will turn more people away. It is frustrating as a student to be paying more and more for the same quality education.</p>
<p>I am against any proposed increase in tuition. Although your costs may be rising due to inflation, my wages are not. On top of that, Vancouver is an incredibly expensive city to live in, and I have already incurred thousands of dollars of student loan debt. A tuition increase even a modest one is the last thing I need right now. Instead of trying to increase tuition revenues, why not focus more on trying to reduce costs? UBC's current policy is just to raise tuition every year, because it can. This policy not only burdens students who are financially strapped, but also dulls the incentive for UBC to try improve its internal efficiency/operations. At the end of the day, I'm sad to say that I feel that this consultation process is just a formality because UBC has the power to increase tuition, and knows students are just going to pay the increase. After all, what are we supposed to do instead, abandon our degree half-way through? We have no other practical alternative. I really hope that tuition does not rise this year.</p>
<p>UBC should be seeking more funding from the government. Students, many of whom occupy lower socioeconomic statuses, should not have to pay such exorbitant amounts for an education. While I acknowledge that we live in a capitalist and not a socialist country, I believe it is the responsibility of educational institutions to push the government to cover these costs. Vancouver already has the lowest wages and the highest cost of living. We simply cannot afford the increases.</p>
<p>Tuition should not be raised. University students already lack funds and having trouble for paying everything as is. Find funds another way!!</p>
<p>I looked at where this money is going, and I have to say that this does not look like a good idea. UBC already receives a lot of money from students who are struggling to live in this province, and I rarely see changes occur on campus (this is coming from someone whose mother attended UBC). Though I love this school and I am proud to attend it, I think UBC sometimes forgets that many of us have to work to pay for not only our tuition, but also our books, housing, meals etc.. I've also found that some of the service I've gotten from UBC staff while attempting to talk about my financial situation/scholarships has been rather poor, so until that improves, I'm not willing to invest in that. However, I'm satisfied with the professors and student spaces, and would be okay with the tuition increase if my money went towards building more student spaces (i.e. dance studios, music practice rooms, open science labs, study halls, restaurants -- so long as they were built within the next few years, NOT another six or seven years from now), towards professors and towards more scholarship/bursary opportunities for us students.</p>
<p>I believe that the International Tuition Fees are already very high and an increase would be a hardship for me.</p>
<p>I'm already in debt and I still have to choose between eating and paying tuition. Please don't make it any harder for me and other students like me.</p>
<p><b>I OPPOSE THE INCREASE OF TUITION FEES. TUITION FOR INTL STUDENTS ARE ALREADY AT AN ALL TIME HIGH</b></p>
<p>I oppose your proposition of raising my tuition.</p>
<p>Tuition is already so much, it's hard to afford as it is right now. Please no more. :(</p>
<p>We have no choice but to pay what you make us. Obviously we would not want our tuition to increase but we can't do anything about it, so I do not see the point of this survey.</p>
<p>I don't see the necessity to increase tuition fee.</p>
<p>I'm not convinced that this continuing increase in tuition cost can benefit me in any way. At this point, I am already paying a lot of money, as an international student, and I can't say the recent increase has made my life at UBC any better in terms of quality.</p>
<p>Absolutely disagree. Tuition is already so high and has been increased every single year- it is unaffordable for most and extremely unjust to continue to raise costs in this manner. Really disappoints me.</p>
<p>I'm not convinced that this continuing increase in tuition cost can benefit me in any way. At this point, I am already paying a lot of money, as an international student, and I can't say the recent increase has made my life at UBC any better in terms of quality.</p>
<p><b>I strongly disagree with increasing international student's tuition fees!</b></p>
<p>I disagree with the increase in tuition, as I feel it is unfair to international students as a percentage increase, and it does not provide many benefits for the current students.</p>

Please stop raising tuition. Or at least just collect it from the increasingly growing population of super rich Chinese kids who barely speak any English, dont participate in class or school, and use other means to pass classes (essay writers, cheating on tests). How would they pass class when they barely speak English? How are they still in school when so many others fail? I have so many friends who work or take out a loan for tuitions and work so hard for school. It is completely unfair to target these students just because UBC wants to open up its admission to more rich international students and their international fees. Make students from families of higher income pay more, whereas students with no parental financial support shouldnt have to bear the brunt of this increase.

How about no. International students already spend insane amounts of money on tuition as well as housing, and other necessities. While I understand UBC needs more funds to combat inflation, there are other ways to do so. For example, if you want to charge the students more, increase the cost of domestic students. They pay a fraction of what internationals must. I know many international students who are already struggling with student loans and debt and they haven't even graduated yet. Instead of creating more panic surrounding financial situations, you should be allowing the students to focus on their education.

I do not support raising any tuition fees. I hope you instead consider asking some of the many corporations deciding what research is important for money. They seem to have a lot of it.

I don't agree with it. The international tuition fee is high enough. We are just students from normal families, not smart, so can't get good enough grade to get scholarships. We just want an experience to study abroad. But the increasingly high tuition fee is really hard for my family to afford. So can't be more disagree to increase the tuition fee. By the way, with the increasing tuition fee these years, the academic ranking of UBC is becoming lower. We need an answer for that too.

too expensive to afford • • \_ö

I do not believe the tuition should increase more than it already has. It is already ridiculously high and students cannot afford such prices even with two (in my case) or more part time jobs in addition to studying a full course load. I do not believe the school needs that much money just to be adding construction to structures and buildings that do not need it (like the fountain).

I've been a student in one form or another at UBC since 2003, and currently in medical residency. I think it's absolutely ridiculous that the University expenses have roughly doubled during the time I arrived here until now. When this is compared with only a minor comparable increase in inflation and wages in this province, it's apparent that the University has been on a spending spree for far too long without an apparent means of paying for everything outside of raising tuition rates to the maximum allowed year after year. I don't support further increases in tuition rates and I think the University needs to enter some type of more fiscally responsible period to help pay down all the large expenditures of the past decade. Furthermore, I think the domestic students should be protected against tuition increases ahead of international trainees.

WHY WOULD YOU INCREASE THE TUITION AGAIN IM BROKE AF I CANT AFFORD THIS MY STUDENT LOANS ARE CRIPPLING

I believe that the tuition increase is logical in all circumstances due to the pressure of inflation, but the allocation of funds from the increase should be remedied. More funds should be allocated towards student services, and specifically, mental health services, which is becoming an increasing concern as more students are speaking out about the poor quality and lack of availability regarding the service provided. Furthermore, funds related to merit-based awards should diminish and be reallocated towards increasing the number of Work Learn positions available. I believe this is a better format due to the fact that, in gaining experience via working, students also are able to earn money. This is a far more profitable situation for the students involved because they gain experience that they would not have if they simply received an award for achieving a certain achievement that UBC deems worthy.

Despite my agreement with tuition increases, UBC should also attempt to receive more government aid. As a public institution, the government should be concerned with the needs of the public institutions within the province of British Columbia. In particular, the government should further subsidize the cost of student services. The need for more government funding with regards to student services is clear, in that the mental health of domestic, Canadian, and more specifically British Columbian students should not solely be shouldered by the university. An improvement to these services are essential to the well-being of students, which will lead to them having more success while studying at UBC.

DONT DO IT. PLEASE. I ALREADY PAY TOO MUCH. PLEASE.

have the school ever thought about how much pressures on international students within increasing that much tuition fees??

Please do not increase tuition for anyone. Leave it at what it currently is.

<p>This is infuriating. In addition to taking action to reduce costs, you're increasing tuition AGAIN?! Exactly what action are you taking to reduce costs? Cause in my 3 years here, the costs have only gone up. Don't ask for our responses and feedback if they aren't going to be considered or taken seriously. Do something that will actually have costs go down. Don't throw in that pathetic line of "taking action" without anything to back it up. Make costs go down. Don't increase an already staggeringly expensive tuition. We are students and we don't want to spend our whole lives stressing about paying off our student loans. Let us put that energy towards something productive. Extremely annoying to get this email every year.</p>
<p>Tuition keeps increasing every year! It's always "only 2%" and after 10 years it becomes 20%. No. These increases are getting out of hand. I'm paying more than enough for school, school shouldn't be so expensive lining researchers' pockets instead of investing in teaching programs.</p>
<p>I disagree with this decision. I think international students tuition is already very expensive.</p>
<p>eat it ubc</p>
<p>Don't raise the fees.</p>
<p>My opinion is that continuous increase in tuition fees every year for any type of students is unbearable to many students.</p>
<p>The main source of UBC's income comes from the government and domestic students, however, about half of the students in BC are tied to a student loan and it takes over ten years for many of them to pay that off. The amount of money that the government can give and access is huge yet still limited. When UBC increases their tuition, more students would be forced to apply for loans and I'm sure that after a few years, the amount of money that the government needs to lend out would become a burden and they would then have to cut their budget, either on student loans, university funding or increase taxes. I don't think that making life harder for your primary funder is a good idea.</p>
<p>I am highly refuse and not support for any tuition increase. If there are more support for international students will be better than increasing every year.</p>
<p>Completely against tuition increase. Students already accrue large amounts of student debt.</p> <p>Tuition raises are unjustified.</p>
<p>I don't want any increase of the tuition anymore. It's already pretty high. I understand the fee will spent back on students. But I believe we can cut our budget for some expenses such as building more fancy buildings etc.</p>
<p>I don't understand why the tuition kept raising. I am an international student paying at least 30k per year for tuition. Where does all that money go? Does it go to all the unnecessary entertainment swimming pools? Or does it go to all the block parties that the university holds? I don't think all my money goes to what i am getting. Everything on campus is super expensive. Food, study supplies, and not to mention the textbooks that we have to buy for every courses. I mean is it really necessary to raise the tuition? Are you really helping students to succeed in the future or are you letting them carry the huge debt all their lives? As a top ranked university, please consider what you really are for students. Therefore, my feedback is, I DO NOT AGREE WITH YOUR PROPOSAL.</p>
<p>someone should pay me to be here instead</p>
<p>2% is okay but no more than that! International students' fee is already very high.</p>
<p>Just no please.</p>
<p>Every year the tuition goes up.. I feel like we don't really have much of a choice. Seems like UBC is just another business (which it is).</p>
<p>Bad idea. Just take the funds from the student union and abolish them.</p>
<p>Unaffordable burden.</p>
<p>"Higher education".</p>
<p>It's absolutely ridiculous to keep upping tuition for domestic students. Any further increase need in funding should come from international students' tuition. Stop pushing domestic students out in favour of international students who can already afford to go to university overseas.</p>
<p>This is ridiculous.. only further proving the fact that UBC is a financial institution first and an educational one second.</p>
<p>Should tuition costs really increase every year in a world where it is already hard for students to get to school and pursue education? We should lower tuition costs to make higher education more accessible and a natural decision for Canadians. Perhaps larger tax increases to accomodate a 1% increase each year for domestic and 2-3% for international</p>
<p>We don't need so many " new construction • at all. Why can't our uni save more money from that???</p>
<p>My tuition is already significantly more expensive than the rest. Although I could support the fees being more similar across the board for domestic students, I cannot support the increase for my tuition, as it is already considerably more expensive (Commerce program). And even so, it is already quite more expensive than the first year.</p>

Hello,

In Okanagan campus, we do not have access to many awards or scholarships. I know many of graduate students are working outside of the university to catch their living costs. If you want to increase the tuition by any percentage, please (i) less increase for okanagan campus or (ii) equal opportunities for fund resources for Okanagan before any equal increase in costs.

Please do not increase tuition, students are poor and do not have a stable source of income other than loans. We would be accepting to lower-quality food, utensils, housing accommodations, or maybe less staff or repetitive resource, but please don't take money away from already broke students.

Thank you

Is education a service or a business? UBC obviously prioritizes research and graduate studies and therefore decides to increase tuition every year. The demand will always be there. Does this form really cares about what we have to say, or is it just a way to pretend and "show" you care.

Do not increase the fee here. You are killing us.

It is ABSOLUTELY RIDICULOUS to increase tuition on MEDICAL RESIDENT PHYSICIANS at UBC when it is AGAINST our contract to PAY RESIDENT PHYSICIANS for teaching UBC (or MORE FRUSTRATINGLY, foreign) Medical Students. PLEASE stop asking us to teach UBC (or, MORE FRUSTRATINGLY FOREIGN) medical students for FREE and CONTINUING to RAISE our tuition Fees. UBC does very little to support medical residents compared with ANY OTHER CANADIAN UNIVERSITY, while getting MORE FREE LABOUR from us to get MORE FOREIGN TUITION DOLLARS that are NOT put back into RESIDENCY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS. UBC should consider GIVING BACK to the local resident physicians who are supporting the organization as it climbs world rankings, rather than continuing to take advantage of us. Thank you for reading and considering the long term effects of taking advantage of RESIDENT PHYSICIAN labour - creating a generation of Physicians who despise UBC. How are these increases going to IMPROVE resident physician education???

Even as a domestic student, I am struggling to pay the tuition fees as is. I am currently looking for cheaper options to live off campus because the residence fee on top of the tuition fee is too much. I have been working all year, got a student loan, and also am using my education fund to help pay for my school fees. Not only am I worried for myself and fellow domestic students, but also the international students who have to pay a substantially larger tuition fee simply due to the fact that they do not hold citizenship in Canada.

Lower residence fees if you are raising tuition fees.

International students have already paid way more than domestic students and that gap is extreme. I don't think it's really fair you keep increasing tuition fees for international students every year despite that you claim to do so because of the annual inflation. I would like to prefer the tuition fees to remain at least the same however, I doubt my opinion will matter. I hope it will. Thank you.

Please don't raise them any more.

Keep fees low. Students are already struggling to pay for fees as it is. We don't need more construction and we don't need 'new' things, we need cheaper fees for students can afford to go to this very highly regarded school. Fees go up every year, this year its 2%, and it continues every year, and what have I gotten out of this? I sure haven't received a new gym to workout in, or cheaper books, or smaller class sizes, and the structures being built I haven't used. Keep fees low.

As it stands this year, my student loan from the government does not cover the first set of residence fees. If I was not able to get any funding next year then I will not be able to attend university due to lack of finances. Increasing tuition will not help those in similar situations to mine.

No. Please don't increase the fees further more. Isn't it enough what we already pay for each course? It must be more than enough, you should be decreasing the fees not increasing them.

A lot of international are already struggling with the base tuition and accomodation fees, in addition to the expensive text books and accademic tools. This raise in tuition will make it a lot more difficult for these students to continue with there degree. And as many people have pointed out, it's depressing to see inflation use as an excuse by an higher academic institute.

no for all of it, it should be possible to save budget somewhere else rather than make this institution a more exclusive one. theres no need to keep increasing the tuition every year. we would rather see whatever you are building take longer than see those who are here struggle more with being able to afford it.

I honestly think the 2% increase is fine but we should restrict it to prospective students rather than current students.

I am strongly opposed to the proposed increase in tuition for domestic, international and unclassified students. I am one of the students who will graduate from UBC with over \$75,000 in student debt. While I understand there are rising costs that the university must cope with in order to continue to provide high-quality education to a rising student population, there are options available to support students in reducing university costs. For example, the Canadian Centre for Policy Alternatives released a report in 2013, entitled 'Degrees of Uncertainty', wherein they state that the fairest way to fund higher education is through upfront public funding. Canada has the 5th highest average university tuition in the world, falling way behind the more progressive education systems of countries like Sweden Germany and Finland. While of course the funding structures of these countries cannot be applied directly to a Canadian context, BC and UBC specifically can learn from the progressive goals of these countries in instilling affordable education as a basic right through collectively funding tuition. UBC should be taking a stronger leadership role in calling on the provincial and federal governments to implement universal low-fees polices and maintain or decrease, rather than increase, debt caps and creating programs that minimize the need for students to seek private loans. Facing uncertain job markets, and a lack of entry-level positions with guaranteed long-term job certainty, students already carry an enormous burden of responsibility and stress upon graduating from post-secondary institutions. A cap on university tuition should be put in place immediately to avoid causing further financial stress on UBC students as future leaders and working professionals.

Already paying over \$6000 per year (commuter) for tuition and there are so many things that are absolutely trash about UBC and you're telling me to pay more for trash? No.

You have already increased the tuition every year i have attended ubc. Inflation isnt that bad and i think you are increasing our tuition unnecessarilly (except to make more money).

\$28 million allotted to 'Alumni/development'? What a joke. If UBC is spending \$28 million a year on fundraising, where's that money going? Certainly doesn't seem to be a very effective \$28 million dollar project.

Student fees should not be updated, unless it's to DECREASE tuition costs. I am sure that most of the feedback that's been sent in is of the same opinion.

With so many countries in Europe offering free university to its students, what kind of example is UBC setting?

UBC is a hugely corrupt institution.

I opposite any increasement in intuition fee. UBC is over-priced.

Students are planning to leave UBC for further degrees because of high cost. More and more UBC professors leave UBC because of low salary. At the same time, the teaching quality and rank of UBC consistently drop in the last five years.

I suggest the UBC decrease intuition fee and residence fees. At the same time, hiring good professors with high salary is also important. It is a time to decrease the cost on new buildings. Without good professors, university is just a place.

International students have already paid a lot than domestics. ONE YEAR of International student's tuition = FOUR YEARS of a domestic student's tuition. PLEASE DO NOT INCREASE THE TUITION FEE FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENT ANYMORE. The money didn't come from nowhere..

Get more public aid instead of relying on the students or private corporations to fund the ridiculous overspending on wasteful expansion year after year.

Please do not increase the tuition for students attending UBC. For those who are not supported by parents, this is a terrible ordeal and can put students back for decades when paying off their loans. Furthermore, degrees conferred do not automatically mean a job that is reasonably paying in that field so it takes awhile to pay off student loans. I believe you should see if there is any other way to increase revenue without penalizing your students.

Why the tuition fee is increased for every year? I do not see any benifits been improved for us graduate students. My reasearch stipend and TA rates have not been increased for the past three years. Life is hard!!!

I feel that rising costs for tuition are creating additional barriers for less privileged students to pursue post-graduate education. I can understand the fiscal constraints, but personally support reducing barriers, not adding to them.

Domestic students should not have to oay extra every year!

I think that raising the fee for domestic students by 2%, at least within BC, is not a good idea. Personally, I had a really hard time being able to afford university at all, and a major factor for me in going to UBC, having grown up in point grey, was that I could actually get a good education without going into debt. I was really thankful that the tuition wasn't too expensive, because I had to fund my entire tuition by working and through scholarships and am living at home to save money, which for personal reasons is not ideal. I think that a lot of domestic students are going through the same struggles as me in barely being able to afford an education at the school closest to them, and so raising the price for those who already have a hard time, and especially considering how few scholarships UBC offers, would not be in the best interest of the students.

This is ridiculous. You're making money hand over fist already, there's no need to hike up tuition any more! Provide more on campus services (such as shuttle, parking, access, sports and recreation, mental health and more broadly health services) that you can make money on as opposed to taking it out on students in tuition. Most students commute more than half an hour to campus, you have no options for alleviating this at all, and it's a huge market you could be making money on.

Tuition increases for international students are beginning to border on the absurd. UBC attracts top tier students from around the world because it's tuition prices are reasonable relative to the global market. I came here instead of NYU because I didn't want to spend nearly half a million dollars on my B.A, but that comparison is no longer fair. If I had applied to UBC next year as a graduating senior, and had to choose between a higher-ranked American school (like NYU) and UBC, I'd choose NYU hands down. The availability of aid, scholarship, and bursaries to international students has also not kept pace with the rapid expansion of international fees. A \$10,000 entrance award means a lot more when tuition is \$25,000 than when tuition is nearly \$40,000.

Opposed to rate increases for domestic undergraduate students

Rather, tuition hikes should be applied to graduate and non-degree programs to offset rates for domestic undergraduates.

Additionally, non-instructional fees should be broken down into categories such as buildings maintenance and community spaces. Building maintenance and provision of learning technology should be applied whenever funds exist, but services such as athletics and recreation should be charged on a user-pay basis as commuters typically spend 1-2 hours just on the commute, sometimes more. Upgrades and funding for athletics and recreation just don't benefit commuter students as much as they do for those on campus

Although inflation does pressure UBC to increase tuition, this same inflation does not affect the hourly or salary wages that students are being paid in. This results in an ever growing struggle for students to afford a post secondary education. My thoughts and views are that UBC tends to either over budget or exceed their budget for numerous projects. I am feeling that tuition increases just go towards increasing the budget for projects which would not cost as much as the bid price or proposed price. I think that UBC could be more thoughtful about where their money is going and the uses that it is being put towards. Not all students have wealthy family or the financial state to apply for student loans. Increasing the tuition is just a way of weeding out lower income students (Yes I do understand that it is necessary from time to time, but every year is unacceptable). This University is becoming a business rather than an institution for furthered learning and research.

The tuition fee is somehow so high that many cannot afford it. Therefore, some talent students may be lost because of it.

Tuition increases for continuing international students should be no greater than 2%.

I think the fee structure could be really well planned and structured given that the domestic students pay slightly more than the massive cut all the accounts of international students suffer. Its almost 7 times more than the domestic students to which I personally feel is disheartening. Only the international students should not face the brunt of inflation, domestic students should pay significantly more than they are paying currently.

I disagree with raising tuition

The Canadian inflationary rate is about 1.2-1.5% each year therefore the tuition increase is too high based on inflationary pressures. The University has increased tuition by 2% every year since I began my schooling here despite a massive student debt bubble and heinous international fees. Cut us some slack...

Tuition is already really expensive and you guys almost never give any scholarships. Stop increasing tuition and give better financial help to students!! Especially ones with families/children

As I said last year when this issue came up, I am in the Doctor of Dental Medicine program and a 2% increase in tuition for me is almost 6 times more for my program than it is for someone in a regular undergraduate program. I pay about \$40,000 in tuition per year. I honestly believe that these tuition changes should only apply to regular undergraduates and not professional programs like Medicine, Dentistry, Law etc. Professional programs already pay significant more in tuition than regular undergraduates, Dentistry specifically.

Your feedback site is buggy.

Keep fees for domestic students tied to inflation, increase international student fees.



I am a student who lives off campus. I do not have financial support from my parents, I am a mature student and I have enough savings to not qualify for any student loans, and thus I am exempt from many grants and scholarships.

Cost of living in Vancouver is already very expensive. I am lucky enough to have enough savings to pay for housing and school, but I have no other source of income and when my savings are gone I no longer have any money or financial support. Working while going to school is difficult and stressful which I have found in my experience reduces the quality of my education and my work.

Tuition is already too expensive. An increase is only making it harder on students that have to pay their own way and students that have to go into debt in order to afford an education.

Unfortunately, this is an ongoing trend of increased tuition, making schools more accessible to the "elite." It would be nice to see a tuition structure more like some European countries. My experience so far at UBC has felt like it is very much a profit-focused university with little care for actual education.

A 1% increase in tuition for all domestic students across all programs will be enough.

Stop spending money on things UBC does not need. Of course EVERY student is against the tuition increase. Im currently 70k in debt I cannot afford to spent more money on tuition. No more increases please

Do not raise tuition. We pay enough to you fools.

Take the money out of the ridiculous budget for new buildings. I'm tired of living at a construction site.

I think that the tuition increase is ridiculous as international students in particular are already paying obscene amounts. I detest the tuition increases and urge the University to take into consideration not in ways to make more money off students but more into improving student services (such as, but not limited to: counselling and support services, mental health resources, financial services, etc.)

Tuition fro international students is already so much more than domestic students. I know this makes sense and is pretty uniform across universities but it makes it difficult to travel and attend university far away. The current international tuition already comes as quite a burden to myself and my family. To see it being consistently raised only contributes to greater and greater financial stress to my, and many other student's, wellbeing. The university only increases tuition without offering more scholarship opportunities of any kind for international students. The per credit difference for international versus domestic students is so great that to see it increase could affect my financial ability to attend this university at all. I am sure I am not the only student with financial stress and as an international student, I feel I already pay a great deal to attend UBC.

Given that inflations is tending towards 1-1.5% a year, a 2% is acceptable, but what I do not understand is why international students, who already pay around 10x more per year than national students, have an even higher (2-3%) increase in certain situations. Imagine what would happen if the university proposed a 20% raise in tuitions for national students. That's the amount you are trying to change, but in a sneaky way.

Unless it is made very clear what the specific reason for the increase is and what the money is being used for I don't see how anyone would agree with this.

Tldr; don't milk international students more than the current prices already do. Show that you care about attracting international talents.

I understand the idea of keeping up with inflation with an increase in fees of 2% (I'm an economics student, so I completely understand). However, over the past year, inflation has only been increasing by a little over 1% from 2016-2017, and for several years, tuition fees have increased by 2% and inflation has not been keeping up with that pace. If employees wages are adjusted for inflation, then tuition, which is mostly the student paying for the service that you provide, should also follow suit. 2% is high in comparison to the CPI calculation of inflation.

I disagree with 2% increase for non-instructional fees.

no increase pls.

I am a new international graduate student at UBCO and I believe that education is a right of every human being. A rise in tuition fee is a burden on the person paying it but it is also an inevitable change. The authorities have no option but to increase the fees due to the gradual increase in expenses. I would have to accept the fact that tuition fees rises every few years and I can only hope that UBC will promise the best return on investment in terms of academic and research standards for us. I would request the Board to give special attention to the student with financial needs. Thank you.

Not again please

I do not mind that tuition fees go up every year due to the cost of inflation, however, it irritates me extremely to have to pay every year almost an additional \$500 on things I do not want nor do I every use or need. For example, I do not want to contribute to the student clubs benefit fund, the childcare bursary fund, the CiTR radio that I never listen to nor have I ever turned in to before, Ubysey publication fee, these are only a few of the things in my tuition that I get charged to pay every year that I do not agree with paying.

I appreciate that I am able to voice my opinion but it doesn't matter. No one's opinion matters in this case as the prices will always go up, these fees will always be charged and even if every single student at UBC protested against these charges, we would still be required to pay them.

It's best to just stop asking for the "opinions" of students and best to just email the student body saying "prices will increase, like it or not".

Why do continuing International students always get the highest increase? Is it because there's nothing they can do about it while new students can always choose another university?

Hi,

Stop trying to lie to students about inflationary pressures, it's unbecoming of a university.

There's a million and one ways you could cut costs at UBC but you don't actually give two shits about that, be honest. You could:

1. Not have built ANOTHER reconciliation pole
2. Cut AMS's ridiculous funding, which increases every time they vote to give THEMSELVES a larger budget
3. Cut the faculties and programs that produce ONLY PROFESSORS FOR THE PURPOSES OF TEACHING THOSE COURSES, see: anything with the name "critical" in it, also anything relating to "gender, race, etc etc" studies.

Follow these simple steps and save millions of dollars over the course of a few years, without raising the cost on us and making students resent UBC for giving us an overpriced piece of paper that says we wasted hundreds of thousands on university.

But you won't, because why would you not vote to give yourselves more money you pathetic weasels.

Thank you.

Instead of raising tuition year after year why is there no attempt to balance the budget without rate hikes. I feel there is a tremendous amount of waste particularly with the construction projects here. One which is the water fountain resurfacing, was it really necessary to set up an entire scaffolding system to keep the rain out? It is waste like this which makes me really wonder why students are left foot the bill every year with tuition hikes.

I do not agree with the idea to increase our school fees. The quality of education has not changed for years and there is no explanation warranting for an increase every year even for existing students.

You shouldn't increase tuition prices, tuition is already expensive enough.

Please do not increase the international tuitions fees, they're already pretty high, and students are already having a hard time affording it, I believe, increasing the international tuitions fees would make it harder for students, and thus request UBC not to do it.

This tuition increase will further impact already struggling students must access education in order to secure a somewhat better future. UBC has a food bank that is strapped, meanwhile the UBC endowment fund valued at over 1.1 billion dollars. Why not tap into that to fund some of UBC's projects? Instead, UBC continues to put up brand new extravagant buildings paid for by teenagers and 20-somethings that will be in debt for most of their lives.

This pretense of a confidential consultation is pathetic - as we all know that UBC is going to raise tuition regardless, and then the executives will have a round of golf at the UBC golf and country club.

This financial plan makes sense for the most part as increases are needed with inflation. My only concern to for international students. Based on what they pay now, increasing tuition by over 9% seems harsh.

Inflation this year was recorded as ~1.1%, therefore claiming that a 2-3% increase in tuition charges is due to "inflationary pressures" is blatantly incorrect. Moreover, stipends and resources necessary for students to live have not been growing over these last years, making budgeting for lower income or self-sufficient students increasingly difficult. I disagree categorically with this annual practice of increasing tuition beyond the rate of inflation at the direct expense of students.

Too expensive with limited choices of scholarships for international student.

I performed much better than people came in with an entrance scholarship yet I don't get a scholarship that worths 10000dollars a year.

I think it is truly abominable that UBC is continuing to raise tuition for both international and domestic students. Our professors are underpaid, our faculty is overworked, and it is clear that the university is packed to a brim. The university is being run for profit and there is a growing sense among both undergraduate and graduate populations that us students are being used as an excuse for some top university officials to earn six figure (and higher) salaries. I would be much happier to see the university become more selective in its admittance rate, and top university administrative positions take a pay cut or cut all together. Perhaps then we could get back to the work of scholarship and away from the grotesque money making opportunity the leadership of this school continues to be so invested in.

I don't have issues with the tuition increase given that it looks reasonable and would be properly used. But I do have issues if the funding criteria/fellowship/scholarship would remain the same without a corresponding increase. This is my first year as a PhD student here so I don't actually know whether there will be an increase. But based on my experience in the US I would strongly argue for an increase also in the funding we receive, given the fact that the tuition and housing fees are increasing every year. Not to mention that current funding for graduate students are not high at all.

Tuition is scaling yet the quality of lectures are stagnant and without guarantee of quality.

Continually raising tuition undermines the purpose of a public university - to provide cheap and quality education to the public. In particular, raising domestic tuition is contrary to the stated goals of any public education system. On the other hand, the continuous spending on 'pretty' new buildings is unnecessary. While UBC must expand and its facilities to support the growing student body in the 21st century, it is hard to reconcile a huge an inefficient building like the new Nest with rising tuition fees. Please be more considerate with students' (and taxpayers') money.

Every year i see my fees get increased just to "beat inflation". I think UBC should consider what they're spending the money on. I'm literally attending my 2nd class today that has 1 non functional projector. Are u kidding me? Classes are full, waitlists are long eventhough UBC is well aware of the high demand for classes like CPSC . Every student is getting less and less for every dollar being given nowadays its a joke. Look at cutting wasteful spending instead of just increasing fees every single year.

Max it out! Especially for international students. If we cant earn back the costs of uni after graduation then thats our fault for not better researching our choices.

should not be increased

International students are already paying 5 times more tuition than the domestic students. UBC is financially relying too much on tuition from international students. There has to be appropriate improvements in facilities and services in order to compensate the increase in tuition. I would still prefer the same tuition as how it is right now, and keep the quality of campus the same.

Stop raising tuitions

University education is becoming increasingly expensive and unattainable to a large population of people. This effects not only the individual who is unable to pursue higher education due to financial limitations, but also the work force, university and Canadian economy. UBC tuition does not need to be further increased. The university can and should look at ways to reallocate their current budget to avoid an unnecessary tuition increase that will negatively affect a great number of aspiring academics.

It would make sense to make the domestic tuition at par with international tuition, following other universities examples like UoT where, Current domestic undergraduate tuition is \$14,300, for applied science programs, where as it is \$6,463 for the same, considerably, the international tuition at UoT is 41,650, and at UBC is 40,731, which is quite similar, but the domestic tuition is not near that being charged by the number one university. If UBC wants to take the no.1 throne, then it should follow the other universities in generating income from domestic students too.

Stop build useless fountains and buildings I and save budget....

I believe that domestic students' tuition should be raised by 1.8% and international students' tuition should be raised by 2%.

This reflects the fact that domestic students will be "paying back" the coffers through their income tax, etc. to cover the part of tuition that is covered by government funding, while international students are not required to pay those taxes in the same way. An increase is needed, but I think we need to take into account how it will be 'paid back.' In all likelihood the majority of domestic UBC grads will have careers in BC or Canada, while our international graduates will, in all likelihood,

secure employment outside of Canada. Domestic students' income will be "paying back" the portion of tuition that the government has covered for years to come, whereas international students may not be in the same proverbial boat.

a 2% to 3% increase for all continuing international students across all programs for the 2018/19 academic year. A lot of domestic students stay at home because they can't afford being international and going elsewhere. Therefore, those who are paying international fees can already somewhat afford it and 2% won't be too much of an increase for them.

Since graduate student funding does not increase every year, increase in tuition alone enhances the financial burden on students.

The international students' tuition fees and other fees related are already pretty high, so please do NOT increase the fees!!!!

I've been in this school for many years now. You guys don't bother to put proper street lights on the road behind Vanier and Totem Res, which gets SO dark after 5pm in the winter that it's hard for drivers to even see the lines on the road, but you want to just keep increasing tuition???. I don't see any positive changes made to the livelihood of students with these increases. So NO. PLEASE STOP INCREASING TUITION. START CARING ABOUT STUDENTS. We are students, NOT ATMs.

There is a constant increase of tuition yearly, however, there is no increase in the quality of the courses or instructors. You should also increase their wages so they can also provide more office hours or off lecture hours help.

Please increase the same amount for domestic students and international students, instead of the same percentage. The tuition fees for international students are already about nine times to the domestic.

Please do take into consideration of making the tuition still bearable for domestic student families.

Please please please don't increase tuition fees anymore!!!!!!

Please do not collect our international students' money to fund things that cannot benefit the majority of us!!

I'm so poor.

My tuition has increased almost \$2000 from 2009 to 2017. Please stop building unnecessarily on campus. During my time as an undergraduate student, high school grade based intake scholarships have been abolished, student housing has increased in price, and the AMS has offered fewer student support services. My money has been going toward projects that have little value and these funds could be better allocated to student success. Please STOP building and start using funds for the students who pay to go to this school.

I understand tuition increases for new incoming international students but I am completely against increases in international fees for continuing students and increase in non-instructional fees. Students plan in advance for the upcoming year and therefore it's unfair to change it right now

NOOOOOO. why raise tuition when it is already expensive. no point

I am not in favor of tuition increases until greater visibility is given towards the university's cost cutting initiatives and its long term impacts for the students.

Based on the figures provided, the university is poised to gain approximately 10 million additional dollars to offset inflation (which I calculated to be ~30m dollars). Considering that revenue from students is roughly 1/3rd of the university's income stream, this is a proportional increase of cost, assuming no cost cutting initiatives are taken. However, the proposal clearly states (but does not specify) cost cutting is occurring to reduce operational expenses.

As a student, I would like to university to demonstrate how these savings come back to reducing yearly tuition increases. Why can't the tuition increase be 1.5% with 2.5m coming out of savings from operational overhead and recurring expenses? Where are these savings being attributed if not towards the students?

Student tuition costs continue to increase with no direct benefit to students. It is unfair for students to have an increased cost to their already expensive education just to pay mainly for professors salaries that don't care to teach us to the best of their abilities as they are busy with their own research.

There needs to be an increase in the following, TO JUSTIFY THE FEE INCREASE:

1) Increase in number of BOOK TITLES/COPIES in the libraries of course textbooks, so students who cannot afford to buy new books can at least borrow from the library.

2) Increase in study spaces available, silent study spaces.
3) Increase in printing machines in library
4) Change old computers in libraries to new computers.
4) Increase in bursaries available to students in need, and low-income family students.
5) Increase in number of professors, sections, admission spaces... so more students applying can get into their programs and have opportunity to benefit from.
This is ridiculous, and classes are getting less and less affordable every single semester. You should be ashamed of yourselves. This is absolute theft. Theft.
I don't agree that the increase for domestic students should be the same as international students. I'm fine with the 2% increase, but I think international students should have an increased rate greater than domestic students.
It is absolutely ridiculous and unnecessary to increase tuition fees. I live in the cheapest residence on campus, have the cheapest tuition fees respective to all faculties, and live completely on student loans. I can barely afford my current situation, and cannot imagine being able to afford an increase - and those in a more expensive situation than me will suffer even more. My parents make enough money (and do not contribute whatsoever) to make me ineligible for any type of bursary. Stop being greedy with student funds, I do not care about fancy fountains or buildings, I care about affording to complete my degree. I did not expect UBC to steal more and more money from me each year, or I would have chosen a different institution. If the tuition fees increase again, you can bet that I will shame this institution to everyone that I know and tell everyone to choose a less greedy and selfish place of learning.
Please don't increase tuition fees. It is extremely burdensome for international students especially with the poor economy in home countries and high exchange rates. Doing this, might force international students to drop out due to the lack of means of financial funding. Coop jobs aren't helpful in terms of finances for international students. Please reconsider the changes in this tuition increase.
100% against the increase.
I think the students already pay enough in tuition fees, parking, etc and it shouldn't be raised in the incoming school year.
I do not agree to the tuition and fee proposal.
The fees are already way too much. If anything, they should come down!!!!
I am very disappointed in the way UBC conducts these increases. It seems that little thought is given to the concerns of students.
I truly hope one day UBC will prioritize the needs of its students.
One item is not clear on the budget explanation - there are expenses noted for fundraising, but there is not revenue indicated from fundraising. It would be good to see how much revenue comes from fundraising from alumni and private citizen donations.
The tuition increase seems reasonable when put in context of the budget - however, any tuition increase in the context of a major affordability crisis in the province, and especially in the lower mainland, is going to increase hardship and barriers for people seeking education. While it is great that there is so much money available for bursaries and scholarships, I think UBC should consider more "outside-the-box" ways of making higher education more affordable. This could include advocating to the government to reduce interest on student loans, or allowing people to apply early for needs-based tuition discounts rather than applying for bursaries which come later after tuition has to be paid. I do appreciate the ways that UBC attempts to raise money elsewhere to minimize tuition increases, but I also wonder if more could be done to streamline administrative bureaucracy and perhaps look at spending that might be deemed unnecessary, such as pruning "frosh week" activities down to ones that really have value to students.
Strongly disagree with tuition increase, budgeting needs to be reworked & funding priorities reexamined instead of putting financial strain on students, especially international ones. Each year there is mass construction across UBC, increased tuition, lack of funding for Arts, yet no direct positive impact out of these massive projects that funding does go towards on student life other than creating hindrances and blocking paths while walking on campus.
A 2% increase in tuition fees for an international student is a lot because the international tuition fees are very high anyways. International students like me came with a budget to fund my education and a 2% increase is really putting a pressure on my budget.
Please try not to.
Please do not increase non-instructional fees for all students. Also, please do not raise fees for domestic students.

Not ok with increase in tuition, already paying a lot.

Many other countries provide a lot of support for students and it is embarrassing that Canada doesn't do more.

The cost of living in Vancouver is already so much so increasing the tuition is quite a lot to ask of students.

I find it difficult to justify a price hike for tuition, when I also pay large sums of money for parking, and yet half the time, it's impossible to find a spot and I end up being late for class while waiting for a space to open up. Textbooks are wildly priced and nigh impossible to buy use, due to the "mandatory" online component. Scholarships are barely available and finances are hard enough to manage. Don't make it worse.

I think that the increase in tuition for domestic students is entirely unnecessary. The amount of tuition and fees we already pay is very high. This semester I am on a co-op term and yet am paying over 1000\$ worth of fees. This amount is also far more than what I was told by UBC to tell student loan my fees would be, which results in my student loan not being enough money to cover them and cover my living expenses.

Going to UBC is exceptionally expensive because of the very high housing costs in Vancouver and UBC has failed to provide adequate access to student housing for students, especially those who are entering a second-degree program. Increasing the fees and tuition only serves to make UBC even more unaccessible for low to middle class students than it already is.

This increase disproportionately effects international students and puts a strain on already high tuition costs. The vast difference in domestic and international tuition costs shows how unnecessary a raise in international tuition is.

I understand that the increases suggested wants to be correlated to an increase in cost. But why is the university having a seemingly constant increase of costs across the last decade? The university can make a much better effort on cost reduction without affecting education quality. In particular, there is overstaffing in most expense divisions (faculties, ancillary operations, etc). If the university were constantly hiring to increase faculty-to-students ratio, it would perhaps justify a tuition increase, but that is not the case, as even those new teaching positions are usually funded by donors or endowments.

The UBC Excellence Fund seems like a good initiative, but also an initiative that is way better tailored to attract donors than to extract money from tuition.

Stop increasing tuition. You only make the university less diverse and more likely to become a beacon of inequality instead of a beacon of excellence.

That's a lot of increase. Many people won't be able to afford that, and my family will on even more pressure too.

It is already extremely difficult to afford post secondary education. With increases in fees due to "inflation", you must consider that costs of food, rent, travel, and utilities are also increasing. While an increase in tuition of 2% may seem minimal to you, it is certainly going to be a major deciding factor in the ability for many students to attend UBC. Many will likely have to find another lower cost university or forego further education all together. With the massive increase in cost of living in Vancouver and surrounding areas it is rather ridiculous to put this increased financial strain on students.

Please please don't increase international tuition, it is already expensive at over 3000 per credit. Additionally, the cost of housing in Vancouver is increasing so student budgets are already stretched thin. If you carry through with this increase, you could very well make the cost of coming to Vancouver to study too much for many students.

Rasing the international tuition by the same percentage as domestic puts more financial burden on international students since the international fees are higher.

In my opinion the percentages should be adjusted so that the actual sums would be equal for both domestic and international students.

its stupid and unbelievable. If UBC didn't waste so much god damn money it would not need to have any fee increases. Unnecessary things like ugly totem polls and other things students dont care about is ridiculous,

A 2% increase for students seems like a small amount, but for students who take a full course load and can only get part time work, it's much more taxing on their finances. A 2% increase amounts to over \$120 dollars in extra tuition alone for a student with a full course load, not accounting for the 2% increase in extra fees that is incurred on each student. That is a lot to ask for students who have to pay tuition, and housing fees on top of that without any sort of financial help. I would like to request that the increase in tuition and fees decreases, as the increase is a strain on my (and other students) finances that cannot easily be made up.

Hi there, I come from China. Let me introduce our Chinese minds about the increasing about the tuition fee. In China, many people focus on the reputation of the school, and then I am not good at studying so my parents send me aboard. About the reputation, why I choose UBC instead of other universities in USA ? That's all about the money problem, for lower tuition fee, I have to come here, and I think so many Chinese students have the same mind as me. If you guys continue to increase tuition fee to international students, well ... Your budget won't be enough because new students will choose schools in USA not here.

I absolutely reject an increase in tuition fees. Tuition for the MD program approaches 20,000 annually already. Find money somewhere else (faculty salaries?)

The tuition was already high enough, didn't you just raise it too?

Please stop raising it. Please. Is it still to be competitive with other Canadian schools? Because that's a terrible reason.

I think its completely unnecessary as we already pay a heavy load on the tuition. Specially coming from engineering where the courseload is quite heavy and tuition ends up being around 8-9 thousand a year. Not including residence which adds on another 6-7 thousand.

If anything I think it would be great to be able to opt out of certain fees and upass, as they are not needed and sometimes not even used (same goes to the fees that sometimes end up being a thousand a year)

In regards to the inflationary costs of running UBC, I would prefer if the costs be minimized on domestic students, and the International students face the increase in tuition.

I do not agree with the increase to domestic undergraduate or graduate tuition fees. Stop building baseball training facilities, rugby fields, alumni centres, and re-furnishing presidential suites instead. Start focusing on your core student body and student learning and research. Start lobbying with the government. Cut down on the corporate image that UBC has taken on in the past 5 years, and share the money that 'rich' faculties like Business or Computing Science have amongst other non-lucrative, but extremely important departments like history, philosophy, education, etc.

A 2% increase on both the tuition and student fees for domestic students does not seem outrageous. But it is. Tuition is already unaffordable for most students, especially those whose parents do not provide financial assistance. 2% extra for every course, multiplied by 10 (the average number of courses one takes), multiplied by the tens of thousands of domestic students at UBC. I can't even begin to imagine how much additional money UBC will be collecting from this increase, just from the domestic students alone. There is no way that inflation requires UBC to continue to substantially raise tuition rates every single year. This is uncalled for, and is making the already difficult task of paying tuition even worse. It is very challenging to attend a place of higher learning when one cannot afford it.

Please stop increasing tuition on those who can't afford it and placing more value on international (such as the rich Chinese) students because they have more money, than your own domestic citizens. UBC = a business

I think the international student increase is exorbitant. I feel that the annual increase for domestic students is also excessive given that every year throughout my grad studies tuition continually increases with no apparent end in sight. given the also the exorbitant cost of living in Vancouver the school should be cautious not to become cost prohibitive but for an elite few. this would serve the strategic plan goals of UBC.

ARE Y'ALL SERIOUS?!?!?

Rising tuition costs holds students hostage, especially international graduate students who are expected to pay over \$7k out of pocket after the fourth year of their PhD.

I know graduate students who are struggling to put food on the table. And lest you counter by saying a PhD should only take 4 years, for which funding is provided without out-of-pocket tuition costs, the average completion time in my program is six years. Finishing in five or six years is not a sign of incompetence, it is the average for a group of highly competent adults who are preparing for a competitive job market. DO NOT ADMIT STUDENTS YOU CANNOT SUPPORT.

I myself do not live in Vancouver. I have had to move home to finish writing in my fifth year to keep costs down. It is preposterous to me that I have to pay UBC over \$7000 in tuition this year, without taking a single course, or even stepping foot on campus! I have stayed on track and will graduate in five years, which is ahead of schedule for average completion times, and still must pay this tuition.

Tuition for international students does not get students graduating sooner, despite what neoliberal logic says. Instead, we have to get jobs just to pay tuition, much less live and care for our children. This slows us down even more!

If the university cared about its graduate students at all, it would abolish tuition after the fourth year of the PhD for all students. It would recognize that \$7k/year tuition for international students only slows down completion time and contributes to high rates of depression and anxiety, related not only to providing for ourselves and our families, but also to the fact we will have to leave Canada after graduating. I know someone who has had to take out \$40k in loans to cover tuition and the most meager subsistence in Vancouver possible just to be able to continue full time in her program for the fifth and sixth year, again, which is AVERAGE completion time.

If the administration had any idea of the kind of hardship tuition induces for international students in their fifth and sixth year, they would revoke it immediately. It is a safety issue.

First of all the distributions of financial aid are the worst I have seen so far. The tuition is very high for international students and the financial supports are not given to the ones who deserve it. The research for distributing this financial aid is not done properly. Some genius people I know didn't choose to come here just because of the tuition fee and many people who don't deserve scholarships were given large amounts of aid. It is not fair for applicants at all.

I don't quite agree with the increase of tuition fee these years. As an international student, the tuition was already very expensive for us, it is still increasing by percentage makes us feel very stressful.

I really wonder how much more UBC is going to increase the tuition fee. Almost everyone, including domestic students, are saying that it is already so expensive, but still UBC is continuing to increase it without thinking of students. I myself am NOT a child of a millionaire, and my single parent mom is paying the international student fee, which is 40k per year, just because she wants me to get a good education, not because we have money to waste. I understand that UBC wants the rich international kids to study here and that's why the tuition is that high, but I think that perspective is unfair. There are people, like me, who were not lucky to be born in Canada but still want to have a great future. I really dislike this proposal and think that it just puts more pressure on students.

Don't raise domestic student fees as they are already high enough. However, I do think you should raise international student fees. Also maybe implement a fee on clubs and associations.

This is horrible, I can barely pay this overpriced tuition as it is. What a stuck up school, only thinking of the profit, especially with international students. My 3 classes shouldn't cost \$2,500.

There is no justification for why there needs to be 2-3% increase and this big of a jump every single year is making it more and more stressful for students who are trying to pay their own way through university.

I'm not sure about domestic fees, but the fees for international students are already 5 times as expensive as domestic fee already. I certainly consider UBC's multicultural society a huge plus, and I know many of my friends came to UBC because it's cheaper tuition and multicultural environment comparing to UT. The increase in international student fee which decreases not only decreases people that are willing to come due to price, but also causes less international students present on campus and weakens the intentions to meet international students as well. I do not consider this a desired move for UBC, nor for existing students and incoming students.

I do not support an increase in fees unless graduate student stipend is also increased to account for inflation and rising cost of living in Vancouver.

Hi,

For the past 7 years, almost every year I remember that UBC has increased tuition. I am about graduation but certainly against this proposal due to these reasons :

1) Vancouver is getting unaffordable : Cost of living in Vancouver has been dramatically increased. 7 years ago graduate students could live by 16000\$/year (basic RA-TA package) , today students cannot afford basic living expenses with 25000\$/year mainly due to the fact that cost of accommodation is almost doubled.

2) Staff/Faculties are getting bigger and lazier : Staff/Faculty salaries have been increased every year without any significant improvement in their quality (according to UBC Sauder business school report) . This helps professors to feel more stable (on top of their Tenureship) and in most cases they become more lazy and non-productive, leaving students with less support. I recommend to conduct another survey, especially among graduate students, about this issue. It is expected that you hear a same comments from other students . A general feeling among students is that professors are well stable on the pocket of students (tuitions) and the tax money (government money) which does not make a healthy atmosphere for doing an effective research.

3) UBC is losing his way : UBC policy for past 7 years was to expand the school so they can attract more abroad money ( Point grey is now for sure China Town) . The school built lots of new dorms . Part of Acadia forest is demolished for building new dorms . New high rises are built for more undergraduate students . Although all of these expansions makes new opportunities and seats for students, it has number of down effects as well . First and foremost is that the quality of the education will be scarified and the school , which its true meaning is "a place to gain knowledge" is being changed to "business department".

All in all , considering above mentioned reasons , I believe it is wise to give more financial room to students and their family to breath.

Thanks



The international students' tuition fees is quite high compared to domestic students by a ratio 6:1 and not all can access to it with the increasing living costs such as residency, telephone and electricity bills etc. As for if the university can offer subsidization on textbooks it would be really helpful for students to engage more with the university life without worrying the high debt regarding to tuition fees. If this is not helpful, it is highly appreciated if the international student services centre could interact more with international students by provide job and career help or academic help apart from the formal lecture hall so that they feel included within the community. It felt generally like attending courses, but not actually involved as per say during CREATE orientation day. There is a small comfort bubble that come and goes at times personally me as a student here where I found it hard to embrace Tuum Est wholly with the stress and a tiny sense of impostor syndrome to just fit in with others without feeling any insecurity. I am sorry if some parts of the comment is non-related. This is just my humble opinion. :)

Thank you and have a great day ahead!

With tuition constantly increasing, I'm becoming more and more unable to afford school. I really do not want to have to transfer to a different school because of financial reasons!

STOP RAISING TUITION

I am against the tuition rise

The Bank of Canada expects inflation to average 1.6% in 2017, I do not understand the means of an extremely profitable University, such as UBC, to justify increasing fees 20% (for domestic students) above expected inflation... in my opinion, providing affordable education for university students across Canada should be more of a top priority for our institutions, however, I do not feel my views are aligned with the top executives at UBC.

I respectfully, and absolutely reject tuition increase. Most students suffer from student loans and are in debt; this only adds makes it more difficult for those students.

2 to 3% of increase for international students is too high. Please drop a little bit!

The tuition is too expensive.

No tuition increase please

The 2% to keep with the cost of inflation is fair. However, the charge to international students is not justified for parity reasons as there are no significant changes to the overall value offered by the university. The increase in price per credit must be first justified by an increase in value offered to the international students. If not, it will systematically decrease the diversity on campus which is one of the main drivers of UBC's prestige. Moreover, discouraging the intake of international students would erode the meritocracy of the university which is crucial to maintaining the global standing of UBC. It is crucial that acceptance into university is filtered by capability and potential and not privileged and socioeconomic status or nationality.

Instead of raising tuition, stop constructing new buildings. The money saved from the cessation of projects that are clearly oriented toward optics and attracting more students, and not toward scholarship and research, could be used to offset the effects of inflation that these 2% tuition increases are alleged to offset. Not only would a freeze on frivolous construction offset tuition, but it could free more capital for investment in renovating and improving existing structures and spaces. UBC is far from the only university that considers its mission in two parts---first, to make a profit from student tuition and to do everything to further that goal, and second, to produce world-leading research (at least insofar as doing so supports the first part)---but it could be a leader in rejecting that trend and reestablishing what it means to be a university and to be committed to intellectual excellence.

NO INCREMENT PLEASE!

The 2% increase in tuition is unfair to students like me coming from low middle-class families. I either have to apply to scholarships which are very competitive and almost impossible to get or I have to increasingly rely on student loans which would probably take me years to repay. According to the budget, some of the monies would be distributed to the student aids/scholarships but how can I apply for scholarships if I am working all the time and I cannot acquire the perfect grades and extra curriculum activities required to get a scholarship! Every year the fees increase and every year my family and I struggle all the time to pay for student services. It seems to me now that education is actually for the RICH!

I think the tuituion should not increase.

STOP INCREASING THE TUITION

What positive feedback do you expect from students when raising their tuition? Aside from the fact that tuition is already incredibly expensive, everything on campus is also very overpriced. The change in meal plan made it hard for students to afford to merely eat, as you force students in residence to buy a meal plan, serving disgusting/unhealthy food or charging 12\$ for a salad. The bookstore charges 3-8\$ for one pen- don't even get me started on the price of textbooks that are "required" but then never used. I see 7.6% of the budget going towards excellency and retaining/recognizing amazing students and teachers; considering I've had to teach myself entire courses before because a professor is "just focused on their research", makes me feel like millions of dollars do not need to go towards teachers who I'm sure are already making more than I'll ever make in my lifetime. I have to pay ridiculous rent because of the housing crisis, because hardly anybody is lucky enough to get back into residence, and there's no way the cost of tuition+rent+everything else you sell on campus isn't enough. Almost everyone knows that UBC is a money hungry bureaucracy, and I guess I don't really have a right to complain because I chose this school and I do enjoy my very expensive time here. But don't email broke students and ask them how they feel about a 2% increase in thousands of dollars of fees to rub it in their face.

This is insane, as a current student in sauder international tuition is already off the roof and UBC is increasing them again. Please reconsider other revenue streams.

Students can barely afford tuition as it is... dont increase it.

Attending UBC is already very expensive to a single parent family such as mine. Increasing the tuition fees would not only put pressure on my parent, but also force me to work a part time job during my studies. This would without a doubt hinder my academic performance and decrease my involvement in extracurriculars, especially while trying to complete a rigorous program such as engineering. Please reconsider...

I do not agree with the increase of tuition. I feel that UBC has enough money to go around, and our money is not going towards things that actually help students, but instead to things that make UBC look good.

Get it together and use our money properly. Treat us like students, not customers.

Students who are already enrolled should be grandfathered at the current tuition rate. Many made decisions to enroll here based on cost.

Go for it. All the best.

Students shouldn't have to shoulder the costs - perhaps UBC could scale back some of the constant development underway to absorb this pressure of inflation. As a graduate student in the Landscape Architecture program, we have less-than great facilities to work in - The Landscape Architecture Annex for one requires a lot of attention - there are broken windows, breakers that constantly trip and heating that goes in and out of commission. Asking ME for to pay for an increase and failing to attend to very basic safety and maintenance measures for facilities is not something I agree with, no. So in short I disagree with the 2% increase given it is not easy to afford to live in Vancouver as it is, in addition to all of the marks UBC falls short on providing the Landscape Architecture graduate program.

I'm not completely opposed to the planned increase, however there is a need for students to feel like their tuition money is going towards projects that benefit them. Something that I would like the AMS and GSS to have control over is the Excellence Fund. Although there is now annual consultation with both organizations, a body of our peers should have final say if the fund is going to be levied from tuition.

While I am generally understanding of tuition increases for undergraduates, as their financial contributions to the university are limited to tuition payments, increases in graduate student fees and tuition are less forgivable. In the sciences, we are full-time employees of the university. I grateful for the science graduate award covering all tuition and fees but this does not substantially increase our take-home pay. We remain entirely dependent on the stipends and scholarships awarded to us and without a corresponding increase in these, the ability for us to conduct our work -- thereby benefiting the university's research, ability to receive grants, etc. -- is inhibited. We are not immune from inflationary increases, and our situation is further exacerbated by the Vancouver housing market, causing us to easily spend between 30-50% of our wage on rent alone. To balance our books, we often need to live far from campus in sub-standard units causing undue stress. For these reasons, I am not in favour of the 2% increase in fees for all domestic students - students who will likely be benefitting Canada's economy and society in the near-future. A top-up of even \$1000 would make a huge difference to those of us earning \$18,000-\$22,000. Thank you for reading.

Although I do not want my tuition to increase, I understand that this is common due to inflation and increased costs for increased services.

Tuition costs are already RIDICULOUSLY expensive, DO NOT increase them. Especially for international students who pay at least twice as much as us domestic students, it's atrocious and unfair. You should not have to be rich to receive a quality education. Perhaps if the school spent less time and money fixing things that aren't broken (i.e. The bus loop, fountain, etc.) to make campus more attractive even when it's already ready perfectly functional and pretty we wouldn't have to pay such exorbitant amounts of money! Deal with your construction budget better and you shouldn't need to increase what we already pay. Sincerely, a frustrated student.

I don't believe fees should be raised. It seems money distribution isn't being wisely managed. Students shouldn't have to pay even more to UBC than we're already paying - it's one of the most expensive schools in Canada while many of the other universities offer everything UBC does. Ontario now has free Secondary education and here we are having our tuition fees raised!

I do not support any raises in tuition, that is a step backwards from what we should be striving for.
it feels bad that we are not informed about the increasing in tuition before we accept UBC's offer. we weren't informed until we almost finish our first year. (i am a third year student now)
really are you going to raise our tuition again
As students, we are struggling. Trust me, struggling! We are struggling to pay for increased housing costs, increased food costs, taxes, and tuition. Please don't make this struggling more difficult. We already have so much debt.  Also, what you need the money for is not clear. I read the entire consultation, but it was still unclear as to why you need an addition 2% per student!  So, please, just no.
I do not agree to any tuition increases for domestic students. UBC is very expensive already. We are paying thousands of dollars each year for things we don't even use. Re-evaluate services offered and actual use, I'm sure some things can be cut and you will be able to find the money somewhere else!!!! International students want to come here and study its their choice. Some of us do not have a choice.
Nope.
Its getting harder to pay international fees as a ubc student with increases in tution fees every year. Would appreciate one year of no fees increase at least.
I don't believe that the fees should be increased for the current students. The incoming new batch can pay the higher fees since they would be well informed of the fee structure before they join the course.
Please don't increase the tuition, or if you do please provide more scholarship opportunities for international students because I might not be able to afford to continue attending this school if the price goes up and my scholarship is only for the first year with no opportunities for me to get as much as I got for this year in future years.
I'm surprised to see that the revenue from domestic and international students are around the same despite the difference in fees per credit. I'm wondering are there other cost-effective features to keep the domestic fees down as we are a public university and Vancouver is an expensive city to live in. Would creating a tier like many other Canadian universities, such as McGill and Dalhousie, for in-province students, out of province students and out of country students help with this need to raise tuition?
Thank you
The "2% to 3%" language regarding tuition increases for us international students is vague and represents a variance in cost increase of thousands of dollars. For many of us international students, cost of attending is a large factor in where we decide to receive an education. When the process by which tuition and fees are adjusted is opaque and not consistent, us international students are often burdened by thousands of dollars of extra tuition costs we now have to budget for, and often take out more loans for.  Tuition costs should not be re-evaluated for current students - they should increase exactly with yearly inflation and this should be set out in the initial paperwork for attending the school. Adjusting tuition rates for incoming students is acceptable as incoming students get to see the new cost of attending before choosing to do so, whereas us students already locked into receiving an education here do not get to easily choose to seek an education elsewhere when tuition increases mid-degree.  Additionally, UBC has over a billion dollars of endowment. When meeting the yearly budget becomes more difficult, the cost of doing so should not be placed on the students (most of whom are not particularly wealthy) but instead should be covered by the University and its immense wealth, as budgetary issues are not the already enrolled students' faults, but the school's.
There should be no tuition increase as it is already too expensive/unaffordable for students
Tuition for neither domestic or international students should increase like this annually. If we want education to be acessible and a learning environment of diversity we should keep it affordable. Increases some years due to special needs is understandable but increases annually with no detailed information on why and where it's being used, is to me, moving away from the point of education.
a 2% increase in tuition for new incoming international students in graduate programs with standardized rates.
a 5% increase for international per credit tuition for unclassified students taking graduate-level [...] courses.
Please don't increase international students tuition any more. It's high enough. Only a few people are not affected by this increase but a lot are very much affected by it.

Increasing tuition is not fair to all students who had no plans in this proposal. If I knew this increase was going to occur every year I would have picked another university. I did not ask for my tuition to go towards things like a pool that I don't use, or a bus loop that is not any more efficient. The residences that are being made are not even of use to me as they are made after the fact I have been living on campus for three years and will graduate knowing I've paid for this construction. This tuition increase is unreasonable and making education unaffordable for many students, please stop.

.....why

The tuition fees for international students are already very expensive, it is not fair to keep on increasing annually when the original fee is 5 times of domestic students' fee already.

Against the increase for all domestic students across all the programs...

I don't agree with the continuous raising on fees. I think the University should find more creative ways to deal with inflation. Right now it is left to us (students) to deal with it, so the pressure is put always on individuals. A personal example: I have been studying and living at UBC during the last 5 years. My tuition fees have increased every year, as well as my UBC housing rent (last year it increased more than 10/ at once). However, both my salary (as a TA and GAA) has not increased, neither has increased the amount of the scholarship I received. This means I am poorer every year without having the possibility to apply a "quick fix" to the situation, as the University does when raising the fees.

Inflation is a problem for everybody. Just raising the fees is a quick and easy solution that solves the problem for the institution, but transfer it to the individuals. In this sense, the problem is not really solved, it is just put on the shoulders of the weakest members of the system.

It's already expensive enough. Stop.

Classes are overpopulated, # of chairs not matching # of students. Rooms are packed, resulting in humid and hot environments for up to 80 students for 90 minutes. This is not ideal concentration environment. Constructions also affect traffic and study.

For those attending school now, they will spend their school years in construction dust and graduating without seeing any work completion

Clubs cannot host events due to lack of space/storage resulting in lack of growth and innovation. Corruption within the students union does not help the matter

Requiring these students to pay more for a school that has not address any of these problems seems unethical.

Increasing Fees should be pushed to when school construction is complete at the minimum.

Funding should be pulled from the students union and proper oversight administration should be set instead of the current vague one.

I do not think that we need to increase tuition - especially for international students who already pay a ridiculous amount of money to attend UBC.

Honestly it is already difficult for me and many other international students to afford UBC. I do not think it is fair to increase the tuition and fees for continuing students because we have planned our finances according to the current tuition rates. Increasing these costs would affect the ability of many students to continue their studies at UBC and/or put us under much more stress. It is different for new incoming students because they have the chance to look at the new rates beforehand and decide if they can attend UBC.

This is probably utterly futile but I thought I should take the opportunity to speak my mind on the off chance that someone actually reads these responses and considers them seriously.

I understand that the costs inherent in running a University are increasing due to inflation, however, student incomes are not increasing proportionally and the cost of living in this city isn't declining. As a result, this tuition increase will result in an undue and unnecessary burden on students.

Before you proceed with squeezing students for more money, I would like to propose a novel idea. Why not cut down on unnecessary spending? If all the little perks disappeared, you will find that you have a nice chunk of change left in the University coffers. It might seem like a couple of dollars here and there but it all adds up. Consider further limiting travel expenses for University personnel. In addition to saving money, it would demonstrate UBC's commitment to battling Climate Change. Sure, we do a ton of research on Climate Change and all of the food on campus is served in flimsy compostable containers, but what is really going to make a significant impact? Let's encourage people to attend meetings virtually. We have the technology. Academics and the institution that they represent need to pave the way for everyone else. It is certainly an inferior experience to participate in meetings and interviews remotely but we cannot escape the simple fact that years of riding a bike to work won't make up for a single trip to and from Spain for some conference in terms of green house gas emissions. Also, let's talk about spending for catering for various events. Attending meetings is a part of the job. Sure, it's nice to provide a treat for people, but let's think of all the hard working, low income students who are struggling to make ends meet before you go and order \$10 a piece panini for professors who are attending meetings that they are already being PAID to attend. Trust me, you won't lose Canada Research Chair professors because you stop providing Nanaimo bars at faculty meetings. Also, with regards to the recent uptick in spending for varsity sports, you need to seriously consider what attracts most students and research faculty to UBC. It certainly isn't football. Pretty much every one I know at this University would go out of their way to AVOID crowds at sporting events. Canada simply doesn't have the same sporting culture that is present in the US, nor should it. I know that participating in sports is generally good for students' physical and mental health but as a teaching assistant, I have directly observed the negative impact that participating in varsity sports has on undergraduate learning. I advise all of the high school students that I know to NOT participate in varsity athletics if they are serious about academics because I have seen my students struggle.

Please don't increase the tuition fee

I do not agree for increasing 2-3% for international students who have been in UBC. It is okay to increase the tuition fee for new international students because they choose to graduate from high school this year so that they should accept the new policy or decision. However, tuition fee for international students who have been in UBC should not be increased as much as new ones. I think at least the range should be 1-1.5% lower than the amount of increase for new international students. Not every single international student is rich, most of us have to suffer from the high expense for renting houses and difficulties of studying with second language. Therefore, I hope the school can reconsider the decision.

I think it's more fair to charge international students coming into graduate programs because they are further in their degree and have more diversity in the programs they can choose if it does not fit their budget.

I am not in favour of a tuition increase for the 2018/19 school year, I feel as though tuition is high enough as it is, and a lot of it is allocated to programs which are not even being used by most students such as the \$500 fee for athletics.

As a working student, tuition is already a massive cost. Additionally, UBC offers almost no scholarship or financial aid options unless you are pursuing research. I would like to see an increase in scholarships and bursaries that I can apply for before my tuition is raised again. As for the international student rate, 9.2% is a significant increase in an already inflated tuition cost. Raise this only by the same amount that you would raise domestic student rates.

In the context of a housing crisis and significant student underemployment the proposed fee increases could cripple already strained student resources. The general poverty facing students means many face very difficult choices and compromises between necessary medical expenses, housing cost and food choices.

I urge you to reconsider any fee increases until the housing crisis subsides and domestic students can find suitable employment. Your annual reports show revenues of over 2 billion dollars with a surplus after subtracting consolidated expenses. In the context of university profitability and student poverty, the proposed increases levelled at students seem to disproportionately adversely affect the vulnerable group of people who should be the primary concern of your mandate. If the university is having difficulty maintaining expenses given inflation etc, imagine how the average student feels with no benefit of pay increases to match inflation (for years), or even stable employment at all.

If the university requires more funding, perhaps it could spend more time thinking about finding methods to raise said capital without undermining the financial resources and dignity of their student body. There are countries and universities in the world such as Denmark, where students are actually paid to go to school. Administrators having taken their job seriously and understood their purpose is to aid students, found a way to cooperate with industry to create programs that produce value for the students, industry and society. Perhaps our administrators would benefit from some homework. Perhaps it is time to take your job seriously and stop passing the buck to those least able to manage it. There is a better

way if you sincerely try. The proposal shows no effort except in marketing. Let us now see if this is another exercise in democratic futility or if anything comes of our feedback.

A 2% tuition increase every year is absolutely ridiculous. UBC is ripping off innocent students trying to get a good education and the cost of tuition is already ridiculous. This student is very upset with this increase and even more outraged about receiving letters in the ma and phone calls asking to find your library. If you need our funding then what is this increase going towards. Outrageous.

It's cute when the university increases tuition every year but sends out this stupid form for comment. Does this 'consultation' somehow justify increasing tuition in a city where affordability is a protracted crisis? I wonder how much money the university could generate if it targeted ballooning faculty and administrator payroll, rather than dumping more debt onto the young. That would be crazy though, wouldn't it? Why would those at the top of this Ponzi scheme do something so absurd and...dare I say...equitable?

I do not agree with the tuition increases for domestic students.

The fee increases are ridiculous considering the current level of tuition. The larger increases for students who are visiting show how UBC sees views them: cash cows. UBC doesn't have to be part of the race to the bottom in terms of spending ridiculous amounts of money on 'ancillary operations' (whatever that is), 'central academic' (whatever that is), and 'facilities'. Focus on education rather than the fluff and the resulting bloated bureaucracy and UBC can still be a world renowned university.

Tuition should not be raised.

Its super expensive already can we please cut down on fees for international students

Do not increase tuition costs for continuing international students. We are already struggling to make ends meet with the rising cost of living and stagnant wage growth. Do not let the sensationalism deceive you, the majority of international students dont drive ferraris and own million dollar mansions. Any tuition increases will just be an affirmation that UBC doesn't care about the quality of their international student population.

Perhaps if this statement,"In addition to taking action to reduce costs and pursuing other sources of revenue," was more detailed to outline how the university is planning to reduce costs of students, I would be more inclined to vote yes to the tuition increase. However, as the statement stands, it provides no incentive to students to vote in favour of increasing tuition rates. Further, though the increase is small, it further impairs those students who are already disadvantaged and unable to find the funds to support an education they should be entitled to. So my vote is no, to increasing the tuition fees.

It almost seems inevitable that every year there is a tuition increase, so I wonder how effective this survey will be in sharing an understanding of why this continues to happen. All it seems to do is discourage students from getting value from their UBC education, since all we seem to be doing is paying for more towers to be constructed on campus. The real

lesson seems to be to ditch our current programs and become an unskilled labourer. It will be a very beautiful yet empty "place of mind" • if there are not more strategies that get more students who can barely afford to study at UBC to thrive in their studies.

the tuition fee for international student is already high. As I know, the tuition has already increased in the 2016 summer. People is now working while studying. It will be too stressful for us and our family. Therefore, i strongly oppose to this proposal.

I would like to say that cheaper is better and as an international student, a 2% increase is still a bit of money out of 35000 dollars.

Dear UBC,

I understand if the tuition has to be raised. The problem is that tuition is extremely high even now.

I personally struggle to survive and I am only on my first year of PhD. My annual salary is fixed and it is determined by my supervisor, however, basic living expenses are so high that I cannot afford even to visit my family or to go on a trip to see the surroundings of Kelowna. I can barely cover the food for each month and it's hard for me even to buy necessary household extras (detergents, cleaning extras..). I don't even buy a clothes because I cannot afford it. Even if I do TAing, my salary is not being increased. In that case, my supervisor pays me less for that term. I can keep an extra money only if I do FULL TA (which is rare in my department of UBCO) and only if I get high scholarship. For the most of scholarships I cannot apply since I am an international student. For the first 9 months of my PhD, I got part time TA for Term1 and got Deans entrance scholarship worth of 5 000\$, still, for the period of 9 months I spend 3000\$ extra of my own money that I brought with me from my home country. So, right now, I am already in debt and there are no financial aids for internationals at all to help me with that.

Also, in other countries (talking about[...] where I come from), PhD student that is research assistant is hired by University and doesn't have to pay tuition at all. Furthermore, each PhD student get their own research laptop/computer/screen (that's the case for example also in Canada - e.g. McGill) while here, at UBCO, I am forced to invest my own money in the equipment for my research.

Saying all that, I just want to note, although UBC has providing big support to students regarding workshops, health & wellness, librarians aid, aid of educated staff regarding your research writing, I am deeply disappointed with situation at UBC regarding support of PhD students (and Master students) and I am struggling to survive so badly that, unfortunately, I wouldn't recommend anyone to study here. I am not even sure if I will be able to continue with my phd, I discussed my financial problems and concerns with my supervisor but he is not able to help me. Instead, he said he will understand if I decide to leave UBC. I think this is really sad.

I know, by talking to other students, that I am not the only one with financial problems. By not providing more financial support to your students and by not understanding that living expenses and tuition are getting higher while financial support of student (and scholarships) keep the same level, you are affecting our research directly and sabotaging our potential to develop as successful researchers.

I would wish to continue my research at UBCO, but honestly, I am worried more about my financial situation instead of focusing on my reseach project, which have huge potential of producing important findings.

Thank you.

I disagree with the increase in fees. As an international student, in a year I pay as much as a Canadian could pay for their whole degree. Now sure, domestic students' families have been paying taxes. Yet it does not explain the huge difference between the fees. It could be argued that as an international student I help the Canadian economy even more, because I pay for a lot of things locals don't have to, simply because this is where their home is. So your decision to raise the fees doesn't really explain what students are getting in return. I think the university does very little to accommodate their international students, until that changes, an increase in fees is out of question.

Canadian inflation rate is 1-1.5% over the last 5 years or so. I don't see a good justification for a 2-3% tuition increase across the board.

It seems quite unfair for the tuition to continue to increase for many students. UBC is suppose to be a place that provides many students with high quality and affordable education worldwide. It seems that UBC has lost its core ideals of education.

Lower the tuition. The fees are getting higher and it's only getting harder for us. Please find other ways to fund the school's necessities, not through us!

If UBC puts this tuition to good use then go for it but if it goes to stupid things like a new swimming pool we didn't need then no! Get your act together ubc maybe put it towards your shitty counselling service and support the people that kill themselves on campus every year!

I believe the increase in tuition is a lot. There are lots of constructions around the campus which I hate. I am not here for the buildings, I am here for the education, and instead of providing more classes, there are only new constructions. This makes me very sad since I am here for only the education. I believe the increase in tuition is not good.

Dear UBC,

Coming from France where college is free (or almost), I already find it appalling to pay such high tuition fees to access higher education. Although to be fair, your university provides a great number of facilities (which is also part of what makes it so attractive) that need to, somehow, be funded, we have a feeling that you are relying on us, international students, to provide those due to the huge gap there is between the domestic and international fees which creates inequalities among the student body itself. Finally, even though inflation is a receivable argument, you must also take into account the fact that the Canadian dollar is getting stronger on an almost day to day basis, which means that our tuition fees are already increasing already without you having to raise them, which strengthens the inequality between domestic and international students

So please, stop raising our fees.

Best regards

Honestly , it's already expensive enough. I think it's a little silly. UBC over head cost aren't that high compared to the revenue the students bring in. Unnecessary increase.

Everything is barely affordable already without drowning in debt. Between tuition, textbooks, and living expenses; increases would not be manageable without millionaire parents to cover expenses. Prices should be dropping not raising.

Tuition is constantly increasing. As an undergraduate student who relies on student loans to fund my education, I cannot afford to be pay more for my degree. My current tuition is already unaffordable for me, hence my loans and long-term debt. Although there may be 'financial pressure' for UBC, that is nothing compared to what students have to go through. UBC is already profiting from overpriced and unaffordable housing and student parking. There is no need to increase tuition every year, making it less and less affordable for individuals to obtain a degree or gain education.

Vancouver is incredibly expensive and basic costs are already on a steady hike. I cannot afford to also have an increase in my tuition fees. If anything, I personally believe UBC should be working tirelessly to decrease if not, maintain its fees. The fact is gat the purposely has gone as far as it has thus far is mind boggling.

No. This is outrageous, at this rate your fees are going to reach American university prices and you'll be losing a lot of potential students.

A tuition increase of 2% across the board would heavily affect the each and every student's financial situations. With the lack of value-based food options food and living options, students who live on and off campus will suffer from this. They will end up consuming less nutrient filled meals due to cost. For international students, charging an increase percentage in tuition would negatively affect UBC since that was tempt incoming and continuing international students to choose another university over UBC. This is because their cost are not only school based. With the housing prices in Vancouver on the rise, the international students will experience more than just a 2% rise in cost! In addition, increase for non-instructional fees for all students wouldn't affect domestic students as much since normally, the non-instructional fee for us is around \$1300 so a 2% increase in tuition there wouldn't negatively impact us that much. But for international students, it is close to quintuple our cost increase, equating to roughly \$100.

A 2% to 3% fee increase for continuing international students in undergraduate programs is too much.

Please do not increase the tuition for 2018/2019. Graduate tuition fees are already expensive. I believe that students are not directly benefiting from the increase in tuition fees.

I think the 2% increase in tuition for international students is too much, it is clearly shown that the total number depends on the base, which shows that the contribution of international students' s money has already given a lot of help and 2 % increase in tuition is too much.

It is my understanding that the inflation rate is about 1.2% annually right now. A lower increase less than 2% for domestic students would be more in line with the inflation in that case. No more than 1.5% would be reasonable in my opinion.

Wow, I don't think I've ever seen a budget with so few numbers. Looks nice but gives 0 info. I'm quite astonished that expenses have increased nearly \$1 billion in a decade. Seems more like UBC is leaking money, and maybe they're just stretching themselves too thin with more capital improvement projects to please overseas money-holders than needed.

"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." Every year that UBC pushes to increase enrollment with the same resources, excellence slowly diminishes.

No increase in tuition plz!!!!!!!

Already too expensive for international students!

It's increasing every year!

I would not like to see tuition increases for domestic students.



I think that the huge gap in tuition fees for international students and domestic students should mean that only domestic students tuition fees are inflated. Increasing international tuition fees will discourage potential international students from applying and improving UBCs diversity. I strongly disagree with increasing international fees in any shape or form.
Please don't raise the prices.
An increase in tuition shouldn't be implemented.
The fact that you guys are increasing tuition is completely unreasonable. All other surrounding universities in this area including Simon Fraser University have lower tuition. Everything around campus is already extremely expensive (such as food) and I have no doubt that your needs are being met after seeing all the construction all over campus and seeing how much to cost of living on residence is. The degree quality at UBC does not match the tuition costs you guys are charging. Check yourself before you wreck yourself.
The tuition is already higher than most other BC schools - it is unfair to increase it even further. Please understand the financial situation of most of your domestic students and do not increase the tuition.
Though it is stated that UBC is taking "action to reduce costs and pursuing other sources of revenue", every student's tuition is still increasing. I suggest that international students have a higher tuition increase (for example 5%), while domestic student's tuition remains the same.
Please do not increase the tuition. I can't afford it.
Greetings,  Given that international students are required to pay back half of their stipends each semester, increasing tuition without a subsequent increase in graduate students' stipends is debilitating. In order to remain competitive in today's market, graduate students hit the ground running once they get into school, and a lot of soft skills requiring time and money are invested into building relationships that enable these students to excel. Costs of conferences are also not covered in full, forcing graduate students to live in austerity in order to pay these costs. I have turned down at least one conference I was accepted to present at as a result. The housing market is unpredictable and highly stressful to navigate, and I am currently holding unpaid credit card debt from moving and conferencing this summer, all which adds considerable stress on my day-to-day interactions with faculty and students alike. In sum, the funding package provided currently and the costs of professionalization are not congruent, and this experience is crippling my opportunity structure ahead.  The students in the humanities and the social sciences will be most impacted, as the 4-yr funding package is not sufficient for degree completion. Please consider how an increase of this nature will adversely affect international student acquisition and retention. Stipends should be increased for these students or else more students like myself will need to consult enrolment support to navigate living expenses in Vancouver thereby hampering the potential of these students.  Thank you for your time.
Tuition is already expensive! Please do not make students suffer and stress out more by adding unnecessary increases to their expenses! I work 25 hours a week already and can't begin to imagine the negative impact on students mental health this would bring. Having to work more with a 5-course workload is not necessary when UBC is already extremely understaffed in counselors and cannot provide enough support for its students. I doubt you'll even listen to all the students that say no but whatever - I tried.
International students already pay enough, they don't need to be saddled with more debt.
Terrible terrible terrible
It is common belief among students to think the increase in tuition is related to the constant construction and renewal happening around campus, thus it would be great if UBC can show to students their tuition is well spent in providing resources for students and facilitating their learning in a meaningful way, rather than continue to let students think their tuition has gone to digging holes in the ground.  It would be great if UBC can stop increasing the tuition, nearly all students are under great financial pressures.
No no no. Our fees keep going up, and are already very high. Be considerate about continuing international students who have a budget when they selected to come to UBC. Charge the new international student and not existing
Aren't you getting enough money from the international students already? How much more do you need to hike the fees?

These tuition hikes are justified by "inflationary pressures," yet the inflation rate of the Canadian dollar is roughly 1.5%, (and it has only recently risen to that level due to a strong economy as of late. Since December of 2015, which appears to have been the last tuition hike, from the limited resources available on the matter, the inflation rate has been far below 1.5% on average) and tuition and fees hikes are 2 to 3%. This increase cannot simply be justified by inflation. Despite this, if I was confident that those margins would be going towards new and updated housing for the students, (an issue that desperately needs to be addressed) I would still support it. However, without a proper analysis of precisely how much revenue will be increased, (and from which groups it will be drawn) and how much expenditures will be altered, particularly with regard to housing, I cannot support this change.

Do not increase tuition.

I think the tuition for international student should keep constant. The tuition for international students is almost 10 times of that to domestic students. Also, we cannot apply bursary so the increase in tuition would cause financial hardship as we cannot receive any help.

not good

I would not be interested at all in an increase of tuition! Many students are already struggling with the current fees; thousands of dollars in not a small sum. Please be mindful of what budget many of us have! Thank you.

Increasing tuition for continuing students is unfair. Additionally, many students feel that money is spent on projects that don't benefit students. I'd much prefer we stop constructing new buildings, repairing fountains (seriously?) and focus on student services, hiring professors for understaffed departments, and offering enough sections of courses to stop delaying degrees. No one wants to be here for 5, 6, 7 years but it's impossible to finish in 4 years when you offer a core course in one section each term. How about solving problems before increasing tuition?

The increases seem unreasonable and I object to them.

I don't think students will be happy with another increase in tuition

Is UBC seriously trying to raise the already ridiculous amount international students have to spend on tuition? What a truly welcoming university for international students! It's not like we pay 4-5 times what a domestic student pays. Perhaps the domestic students tuition should be slightly raised? But no, let us instead force the people who already have to spend an incredible amount of resources, to spend even more. Thank you very much UBC! It is great that you will look at my feedback and then proceed to throw it in the trash and do what you feel like doing. Great job :)

Non instructional fees should not be increased 2%. I understand it benefits those the fees go to, but a large majority of students are never affected by most of the clubs/programs they contribute to in their tuition.

UBC should take into account that for international students a two percent increase is a big amount of money. If UBC wants to be a top University it is going to need great students that will help it achieve it. With rising costs UBC is only pushing away prospective great students as well as current ones.

Don't do it. 2% every year is adding up exponentially.

International students' tuition fee is 5 times to domestic and those money are the major funding to UBCO. If UBCO has the funding to improve research wise infrastructure, why don't you use the money to improve students' life first? Food, printing, gym studio renting, and housing are some of the most costly factors to students, especially international. Also, the limited programs and professors' qualities are not as well as Vancouver campus, I hope UBCO can use the funding to improve on these seriously. In terms of tuition fee, I suggest that UBCO can first understand students' economic ability difficulties, the problems of limited programs and poor professor qualities, those "required" MSA/Engineering Club fees which we never used, also dental fee and other stuff. International students are less familiar with how to seek those services by themselves and therefore they pay tuition fee for the "unused/never used" categories. As raising the tuition fee, UBCO has to consider the decrease in some other fees as well.

Tuition fees for international students should not be increased.

It is insane that ubc keeps increasing tuition fee because I have no idea what UBC provides for students especially, international students. UBC 's tuition fee is not worth its value now but if UBC increases, it will be worse. Please Please think of students at least a bit. WE ARE NOT ATM FOR UBC. We cannot afford it.

I think the international student increase should be higher than domestic, as in most cases, the international students are coming from wealthy families and have the choice of coming to UBC instead of a different institution. Many spots are taken from domestic students who are therefore forced to attend a lower-class school, or not go to school otherwise, because they are turned down at UBC. Many domestic students, like myself, have no option but to stay in British Columbia for family and cost reasons, so the cost should be lower and stay lower than the cost for international students. The cost will deter domestic students from pursuing post secondary schooling, but it won't deter international students who commonly have little regard for the cost and will come here whatever the cost.

You guys aren't very creative are you? I feel like you copy and paste the same excuses for why tuition needs to be raised every single year.

Everything increases every year - my landlord wants more rent, the cost of living in Vancouver goes up, UBC raises tuition... the only thing that DOESN'T happen is my supervisor increasing my stipend to keep up with all this. Increasing financial pressures are a huge component to the mental health issues experienced by graduate students and yet the university continues to do nothing about it beyond making it worse from year to year.

While I understand that tuition prices need to steadily rise with the rate of inflation I believe that international tuition for returning students is much too high. I don't really understand why it is going to be a higher percentage change for returning international students when compared to new international students. Also when looking at the total income from international students and domestic students, international tuition covers almost the same amount with much less people. I feel as though there should be less of an increase for international tuition because we already pay much more than domestic students

Even though my tuition will only be \$100 more, that is 10 more hours that I will have to work in the summer to pay for it therefore I am against a 2% increase in tuition.

Should keep the tuition for domestic students lower

The fees should be increased for the Domestic students, the international students already pay a lot per credit.

I believe that while a tuition increase might be stressful for some students, the experience that UBC provides more than justifies it.

I can barely afford to pay the tuition because it is so high. I would also love for UBC to have a scholarship for current students. For example, if I have all higher than 90, I could get a scholarship

Ensuring parity seems fair... though I'd note that such attempts never think of bringing any tuition down - ha! as if.

My question is: how often is tuition increased?

Have you thought of reducing lawn watering in summer? Wastes water, costs money to mow. I'm sure the costs are negligible but it's an utterly unnecessary expense - the grass ain't gonna die and it looks better for visitors to know that you're not wasting water / contributing GHGs in this totally unnecessary lawn care.

I also think it's absurd to have to pay to use the gym, esp. given how busy it is. Allegedly. I've never been, because you have to pay. How's that for promoting a healthy, active lifestyle in your students?

Speaking of, there isn't enough loose indoor space. Before the old aquatic centre was torn down, a group would go to do self-directed exercise there (top floor) on rainy days; now that it's gone, what equivalent space is there?

I know these complaints seem unrelated to the student tuition increase that you propose, but because they're all part of the budget, and I know of no other outlet for my irritated whining, I regret nothing in sending them to the Board.

I am against tuition fees increasing. I don't believe it is necessary and tuition keeps increasing every year, making it more and more difficult to pay for school. I'm poor and I don't want this.

International graduate students, are just on their budget, with enough stress from the study and research. This behaviour is inducing the graduate student to drop their degree, and rebel new poor students from joining the graduate studies, here in UBC. Instead the old minimum payroll for the graduate students should be revised for the same reasons you are revising the tuition fees. However, as an institute you can take the hit but for the individuals the hit is hard. Students from five years and more have the same payroll, however the inflation taking place and the tuition increase, is hitting us hard. I hope my sound really make an impact in your decision, as your sympathy can not reach me.

Bruh you no. You guys wouldn't be short on money if you didn't spend money on shit like construction. ALL. THE. TIME. School is already expensive as is. Don't make broke kids be even broke. Smh

I feel that tuition is extremely expensive enough as it is. If the university keeps increasing tuition fees like this, it would reduce the number of students that would be able to attend this university since they cannot afford it. One quote or saying that I always think about when universities say they are increasing rates is, "The cure for cancer could be trapped inside a mind that can't afford education".

its way too expensive for us to study commerce.

Tuition increases (nothing new here). You should also increase the GA and TA salaries the same rate (or greater). By default, it is very challenging to live as a student, yet tuition increases year by year. We are so underpaid as graduates. Other places in the world, Master and PhD salaries are way higher than UBC's, so be wise and think how you would attract international students.

A side note: I don't know if UBC is run as a business and the main objective is to make money. In my opinion, this is an educative institute and as such, the first and only thing that matters is education (not money), so stop increasing tuition

Increasing tuition by 2% to match inflation does not make sense when current wages earned by non professionals are not increasing proportionally. As an undergraduate student and a part time worker, this continuance in increasing tuition is almost impossible to allow for students to pay for school without parental support. Bright futures are helped by education and it should be attainable for students who wish to educate themselves to do so at a university level.

International tuition should be rising at a much higher rate than domestic tuition thus offsetting the need to increase domestic tuition every year. Additional fees such as athletic and law fees should be removed for students who do not have as much opportunity to use them, such as part-time graduate students. Charge the students who use these services for their use, and offset the cost for those who are unable to use them.

Please do not increase the tuition fee, it is already so much for MBA students at Sauder!!

International students already pay quite some money more than locals. A 2-3% increase for international students is much more than a 2% increase for domestic (given it's already higher, so the same percentage results in a higher payment). It would be nicer if you don't increase returning int. students' fees even more than domestic students. So please, make it more like a 1-2% than a 2-3%. We are already accounting for 50-50 of the income that the university has from tuition while being less of us.

You'll probably disregard this because this is not what you want to hear, but you've already increased tuition fees for international students by +10%, why are increasing it even more? Is the born-in-a-poor-country tax not enough already?

This is not ok, ubc is rising the tuition fees while accepting more and more students each year. It's very stressful especially for an engineering students who needs a lot of credit every year. I strongly against it !

No it's cool i don't want to be able to afford food I like going hungry. It's not like I have other crap to worry about.

Tuition for international students is already a lot and an increase would cause financial stress in my family.

I believe that international students tuition should be raised more than the domestic students because to deter students who live here, who are part of the Canadian culture, whose parents pay taxes and decided to live here for the betterment of their families opportunities is wrong. Compared to top universities in the USA Canada's tuition is extremely reasonable and therefore people who can afford to be an international student should justly be able to afford more of a tuition increase. In addition international students are less likely to stay in Canada after their education and therefore the investment in society is lost.

I am a student in a Masters program that has no funding available to its students. In addition, this program is a full-time program. which restricts my ability to work during its duration. Although I am deeply committed to being a full-time learner for the next 2 years, the debt I will incur and the savings I shall deplete in the meantime do cause me stress and concern. I disagree with the proposed fee increases and hope that you recognize how financially restricted students already are.

Please stop increasing the tuition and taking advantage of students.

Students already pay for using ancillary operations with their own money. I don't think they should be pay to use and also pay to create/maintain these operations.

The tuition is already extremely high for both domestic and international students. I know personally if the tuition were to be raised I would probably transfer schools. I do not support raising tuition. UBC would be loosing some extremely smart people in the future because they would not be able to afford tuition. Take the money from Robert Gateman's budget.

Sorry no

The annual increased tuition is still affordable; but the graduate school should also increase the tuition award amount along with it. Otherwise, it ought to waive the tuition fee for the advanced program(e.g. PhD program) or provide more waiver plan/quota.

For the certificate program, course-based or project-based program, the increasing rate could be adjusted higher. But for thesis-based program, it does not make sense to ask the program taker to pay more. (Otherwise the stipend should be increased as well.)

That is my own opinion on this matter; I am afraid that my friends all agree with this thought.

With these increases UBC's tuition will become absurdly high as they have been making similar increases every single year- and their expenses (which are not specified on the link we were given) do not justify these increases. We have not seen any increase in need based or merit based awards either.

It's extremely painful to pay for international tuition as it stands. Some of us have parents who give quite literally all they have for their children to study here; not all of us have Mercedes/BMWs at our disposal.

I think that tuition costs are not really the concern of a lot of students. For me, I am spending the same if not more money for housing and food within my residence plan. I am from Kelowna, but was forced to come to Vancouver due to the program I wanted not being offered. Textbooks are also adding unnecessary costs. Textbooks that could have been bought second hand now require access codes for online sites in order to complete homework. Is it fair to charge \$60+ for an access code that costs more than the book? I feel that there are more options available to UBC to streamline the homework and textbook process so that it doesn't require students to pay over \$1000/year for books and access codes unique to each course so that I have 7 different websites to have to manage for homework. I would rather have to do everything on paper than constantly be checking websites.

In relation to tuition, maybe ask yourself where students can get that money? If you increase the costs for graduate students, where are those students going to find the opportunity to get that money? Myself, how am I going to make \$25k in my summer months, as I cannot receive financial support from my family? What if I suddenly need to take summer courses? Or a fifth year of study? Where is a student going to legally acquire \$125k over five years with only a highschool diploma?

To be fair, I don't think there's a thing that anyone could say in this survey that has an effect on your decisions. UBC manages its budget as it manages its budget. \$25k is very insignificant to you.

Yikes y all. We pay too much already. Lower tuition. Have free tuition. Make post secondary accessible for all.

The Bank of Canada expects 1.6% inflation for the 2017 year and 1.8% for the 2018 year. By increasing rates by 2% for domestic students, tuition increases faster than inflation, which over the long term is unsustainable. Instead, tuition and fee increases should be adjusted to, at most, a 1.8% increase for the 2017/2018 year for domestic students. For international students, I propose a rate and tuition increase of 2.4% or more, matching 1.5 times the inflationary value.

I am beyond sick of UBC's faux concern. Every year tuition goes up, and every year UBC send out these token consultations. It is completely disingenuous and disgusts me. NOTHING EVER CHANGES and that is why UBC will never be a world class institution, and will never receive a penny in alumni contributions from me. I have attended and worked at 4 different post-secondary institutions and UBC is at the bottom of my opinion heap. Then we could get into the plagiarism and cheating which is accepted from international students (I have multiple documentations of this) because god forbid you endanger the golden goose...students know it, faculty know it, and administrators deny it. There are still some good profs at UBC but the way first years are treated is appalling and disgraceful...teaching gets worse (larger and larger classes, less and less support, mountains of bad technology in lieu of actual teaching) and tuition just keeps going up. But just go ahead and keep pretending you're consulting with students in a meaningful way and that you have any intention of listening to what people say, or actually changing the plan based on our responses. This is bullshit and there is no evidence that any of this money is making things better for students.

I can barely afford to go to school this year, and an increase in tuition would only lower my likelihood of being able to afford it. Ubc is already difficult as is to pay for as someone from the middle class, and increasing tuition only makes it impossible for those with lower incomes to attend. Public universities should be affordable for everyone, not just the elite.

NO. Tuition increases are not the answer--let's decrease the amount of money spent on top-tier administrative positions (like the board of governors, the president, vice president, etc). Canada's future workforce should not have to line the pockets of white, wealth, upper-class "fat-cats"!!!!

Tuition is already 5 times more compare to local's. Please do not increase any further

I have studied at UBC for the past 5 years- for my undergraduate degree and now my graduate degree. I understand there are budgets- but I have seen far too many tuition increases during my time.

No!

It's way too expensive to be paying \$36,000 for undergrad international when we are studying the same subjects and courses as domestic. There should be a reduce considering the number of international fees are paid yearly. Our parents are drained and working so hard just to pay school fees and I don't think it's fair that they have to pay so much as compared to domestic and just because we are not Canadians.

Provide more international scholarships. I can't handle increasing tuition fees with no help.

No.

For international students, the tuition is very high because there is no government subsidy. The facilities in the school are very satisfactory, while the financial pressure to the students and their parents is a serious problem. So maybe...

i very strongly oppose this increase. The cost for international students is already very high and as such a 2-3% will affect us significantly more than domestic students and put more of a financial strain on us. Many of us also applied and/or decided to come to UBC based on the tuition rates that were given at the time.

Tuition is already expensive enough, I'm busting my balls just to afford tuition right now and trying to maintain good grades. A rise in tuition will surely affect my learning negatively as I would have to either find another job or quit school altogether
Tuition is not the only cost incurred upon students, as we have to take into account housing, meal plans, books, and all the other extra costs needed for our education/classes. Thus, increasing tuition costs results in a greater financial burden for students trying to pay for all the other extra costs needed for supplies and living on campus. For some it could result in not being able to pursue extra curricular due to membership costs or buying supplies for class in order to be able to pay for tuition. Even a little increase in costs could result in having to cut out opportunities or resources.
This is an incredibly unfair increase - how about the administration takes a pay cut instead of taking it out on students!
To whom it may concern,  I don't have much to say other than the fact that it is becoming harder and harder as a domestic student who does not have many options to travel to other universities around the world for school (as it is too expensive) if he/she wanted to. Now with UBC increasing its already ridiculous tuition fees, paying for tuition will soon be nearly impossible for me. Unfortunately, I may have to be dropping out and switching schools just to be able to afford to go to university/college (even with students loans helping). Please reconsider this tuition increase. Thank you.
Stop increasing tuition for domestic students. Increase tuition for international students more instead. There are too many Canadians going to other institutions purely based on cost.
Why not cut down salaries for the employees and dismiss those whose positions aren't as needed, such as "building administrators" who do absolutely nothing. None of this is the students' fault, so it is unfair to punish them. Some students are already living on barely nothing, no need to make things even worse for them
An additional tuition fee hike is ridiculous as students already feel that they are not being given fair treatment or value for the prices already paid.
While I understand the need to increase tuition fees across the board, UBC graduate programs (with a focus on research) must increase graduate stipends (GTA and GRA funds) proportionally so that students can afford to meet their basic financial requirements and pay the increased tuition fees
The tuition fees are high as it is.  The average worker in Canada is struggling to put his children through college as it is.  Tuition increase would mean debt increase.
A 2% tuition increase puts further financial strain on all students, making university attendance more difficult. Furthermore, this increase is the maximum that the province will allow, indicating that the province must assume that it is possible to have a smaller increase in tuition and fees while maintaining the university's services and projects.
Don't increase the tuition because it's already expensive
I think this is a FANTASTIC proposal. Job well!  I find a certain thrill in giving up all of my hard earned money to UBC! :) I love the idea of a 2% increase due to "inflation". I find it quite brilliant that since Canada had a 1% inflation rate over this past year (went down from the prior year btw) that you increase our rates by 2%! That's some smart business thinking. I wish you luck as you bleed me dry, and hope your next pay check is a big fat one.  Your welcome =)
The information about the tuition and fees proposal has been read through. It is relatively expensive for international student to study in this university than the local ones
University is already expensive as it is - especially for the international students - so I can't really say much but disagree with fees being raised.
Do not increase tuition for graduate students without a commensurate increase in graduate support. Bump up your 4YF awards. Increase stipend top-up requirements. You're not the only ones with bills to pay, have you seen the new rent numbers for this city?
I know that much of UBC's revenue comes from international students, so increasing rates on them might be seen as a hindrance. However, as a domestic student, I think tuition fees are high enough as is. I should think that while it's awesome to have international students, we also want to focus on recruiting domestic students as well.  So I guess what I'm saying is, if you're going to increase tuition, perhaps do it less so for domestic students.

I am against the considered increase of international tuition by 2-3 percent because I believe that it will bring about more financial stress for international students and their families which could directly reflect an increase in academic pressure and stress on students which could then have negative effects of the overall wellbeing and mental health of international students and could potentially trigger a wide range problems for students such as anxiety, stress, panic attacks and depression.

I disagree with the proposed increase in tuition fees for the 2018/2019 year. Living costs are already extremely expensive and a tuition increase would make students less likely to be able to afford to continue an education at the University of British Columbia.

Tuition has been always been unfair enough for international students. Not every international student is rich to pay 5times as local students. Our lives will become more stressful as ubc takes those actions.

Please do not increase tuition. It is too high.

Do not increase the tuition of domestic students. Students should not have to pay more for education.

please no.

The fact that international students are paying more than 4 times the fees of domestic students and people with indigenous heritage pays nearly nothing, the tuition fees utterly scream "INJUSTICE!" I find it unfitting, more frankly speaking disappointing, for a highly praised university like UBC to take part in this discriminatory behavior. What's even more disappointing is that UBC also acts as if they take pride in their racial, cultural and national diversity. It is nothing but contradictory and hypocritical to both make that claim in the previous sentence and charge those people who you use as some form of commercial to convey this pseudo sense of equality and freedom. Another "funny" thing to notice is that it is tremendously harder for international students to both be accepted into UBC and to preserve their well being within, as we also have to deal with currency exchange rates, cultural adaptation, homesickness, loneliness and possibly language difficulties. Therefore, instead of what an intellectual and virtuous university should do, UBC punishes more effort and possibly more intelligence while rewarding traits that come without any effort put into to achieve, such as heritage and birthplace.

As an international student, one of the major reasons (perhaps the major reason) I chose UBC was because of the cost. Compared to universities in the United States and Canada, the university is far cheaper. From speaking with other students, this is one of the main reasons why students choose UBC, possibly the main one.

We now live in a reality where students don't view higher education in terms of quality, but in terms of cost. I earned my undergraduate degree in The United States, and I will be paying off my loan until I am 35. I know peers who are on a program where they make 20 years of payments, and then, their loan is forgiven. This means that, despite paying until they are 42, they will still have not paid off their debt - only through loan forgiveness can they escape the economic burden.

With increasing rents and cost of living, today's youth is pressed into tight economic circumstances. The extra burden of student debt adds to their struggles. With less disposable income, millennials spend less on other goods, like cars, food, and luxury items. We're already starting to see the effects of this. There are many articles online about how Millennials are 'killing' certain industries - simply because they don't have the money to spend.

As an international student, I have an extra burden because of increased tuition compared to domestic students. There is also an extra restriction on my study permit - I can only work 20 hours a week, which means I may graduate with even more debt, even though I could potentially earn enough to pay off my loan when I graduate. While I understand the restriction is to keep me studying, we have to face the reality that increased tuition means that less students will want to take the financial risk to attend UBC, and those that do may face economic hardship that won't just affect themselves, but have ripple affects throughout the economy.

I implore you, that if you do seek to increase tuition in the future, year over year, that you lobby the federal government to lift the 20 hours a week restriction on international student's work. This prevents them from both living at a decent standard, gaining industry experience along with vital contacts, and potentially getting the cultural experience they need to stay in Canada if they wish to do so after they graduate.

i strongly oppose with the new change in tuition fee. I think for the best sake of the students(both domestic and international), it's better to cut some of the unnecessary budget ex, the AMS and some of the recreation fee. So far many of the student fee are not applying to every student in this university. I really think keep the increase in 2% is the best way to keep good student resource on the campus and remain the vitality of this university.

The increases in fees are too much, I disagree with the proposal

Wow. This is not a good move. Many students, including myself, are paying their entire education out of pocket. If there's an increase in the fees, that will put students in a lot more debt with student loans and could potentially cause students to transfer to other schools where the cost is lower. This is not a good thing for ANYONE who isn't being payed by this increase. Half the courses my friends and I are currently in are not teaching us anything new, so I don't want to pay more money to be told to read a textbook page and then have a quiz where you regurgitate the info given and then never use it again. I also have courses I don't want to take but need to because it's a requirement for my field. I dont want to pay any more for those than I already am. Not happy about this.

D O N T

The tuition fee increase should be followed by an increase of the minimum guaranteed income that supervisors must provide for graduate students. As it is, some (if not most) graduate student live with an income inferior to British Columbia poverty level of income (around 18 500 CAD per year) after they paid their tuition fees.

In other countries like Germany, graduate PhD students are considered employees of their university to better reflect the fact that their University benefit from their work. Performing grad students contribute to the reputation of their University and therefore help attract undergrad students.

I am generally not supportive of any tuition fee increment of more than 1.5%. As an international student first received the offer of admission to the 2015/2016 Winter Session, the admission package stated that tuition fees for international students are at \$799.99 per credit. Now I am in 2017/2018 Winter Session and tuition fee is at \$1163.76 per credit. This averaged out to an increase of over 20% per academic year for the past 2 years, which is definitely not in line with what the University claimed of 2-3% increase per year for the past 2 years.

I am against it. It's already extreme difficult to pay tuition, I can't even begin to worry about how to afford an increased fee.

Do not increase fees

Why are you building a new huge buidling if you have financial struggles? Tuition is already high, especially on top of the absolutely INSANE cost for parking. You are spending your money in needless ways and you do not care about the well-being of your students. You are greedy.

Absolutely not! I chose UBC to keep costs low; it will be very enraging to find it go up when I simply could have gone to another university!

The proposal mentions increases for international student fees, which are already significantly higher than domestic fees. UBC prides itself as an "international school," and should not be doing anything to discourage potential international students from attending. What should be done to raise funds is limiting the criteria for who qualifies for domestic tuition. For example, I know of someone who was born in Alberta but lived in the US for all but the first two months of his life. People in scenarios similar to this should be paying full international tuition- the rest of us should not have to pay more.

I find it ridiculous and peculiar that UBC proposes a tuition fee increase virtually every year due to "inflationary pressures," but don't propose the same increases in student awards for \*\*current recipients and future recipients\*\*.

I don't understand how tuition fees increase because there are "inflationary pressures" but awards given to current students remain virtually the same.

Do the admin and board folks at UBC really think "inflationary pressures" only affect them and their budget? If that is so, it is a painful reflection of those who hold the reins because they appear to be very blind to their students' realities.

Think how ridiculous this would be if we said:

- a) If I stub my toe, I hurt and should be given the day off. However, if you stub your toe, neh, nothing wrong so no time off.
- b) X and Y share a room; there is inflation and it's difficult to make ends meet. X, you will pay the same amount for rent. But Y, you (who earns less money), you should pay more to help cover X's cost.

It would be different if UBC at least acknowledged that their students, too, face increased cost of living in an already VERY expensive city (note: Staff get cost of living adjustments, so clearly, UBC recognises it). I can understand that raising funding for current recipients is a big task, but don't sweep it under the carpet like the burden on your students doesn't exist. I would also very much support increasing # of financial aid to new and incoming students. But if your increase in tuition affects all students (current and incoming), the very least is to look into how you can help them as well.

Because right now, this is just disgusting.



<p>I feel very strongly that tuition increases should not be implemented. Given the high cost of living in Vancouver I think any tuition increase would be a barrier for post secondary education in this city as most students are already struggling to survive here.</p>
<p>I am in support of the proposed tuition and fee changes. I think more of the budget should be allocated for student financial aid.</p>
<p>Stop raising tuition.</p> <p>End-stop.</p>
<p>Disappointing that tuition is once again being increased but I understand that it's necessary to keep the school running. But in that case can we at least provide some more resources for commuter students. It feels like we get no benefits for commuting. Getting here on the 84 or 99 is hard enough but then the food prices are insane and there's limited places to stay overnight. So please create a free space where commuter students can stay other than the small commuter dorm.</p>
<p>I don't want my tuition to increase and increase the financial burden on my father.</p>
<p>I was really frustrated to see an email advising me that again tuition fees are being proposed to increase. As someone who completed my undergraduate degree and am now completing my graduate degree at UBC this is disappointing. The costs of living in these communities (Kelowna or Vancouver) is extremely high. The debt that results from completing post-secondary as a result is astronomical.</p> <p>I understand there is expenses to run and maintain a school, however this burden is continually coming to the students not the larger bodies (IE government) to address this need. I would like the school to push and challenge our new provincial government in addition to federal to address the growing needs expressed by the university.</p> <p>If costs continue to rise - I believe students will look else where for their post-secondary needs.</p> <p>I am VERY dissatisfied about the proposed changes. I do not support further increases.</p>
<p>Continual increase of the tuition rate every year without a tangible return for students is not in the favor of the students of UBC.</p>
<p>Few thoughts.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. You have a golden opportunity to poach American grad students. But, your financial aid packages need to come back into line with them. Specifically for students who take more than 4 years (which happens often). Just try to match what a peer school like Wisconsin of Illinois is providing.</li> <li>2. You need to be more open and transparent about fees. I tried to get a good gauge of how much one year of UBC would cost, but shockingly a number of people I talked to neglected to mention that fees are nearly 20%. That is a lot of money. If you bought a pizza and they charged you 20% extra for the box, you would be unhappy.</li> <li>3. You need to share this information with professors. I have not met a single professor in my department who knows how much tuition is. Most are off by a shocking large margin.</li> <li>4. You know that housing costs in Vancouver are astronomical. UBC needs to take serious thought into how to fix this for their students (not for the whole city) or it will start to hurt the school.</li> </ol> <p>Thanks for listening and providing this forum. UBC is a great school and we can do even better.</p>
<p>A lot of us international students are paying an exorbitant amount already to be able to attend UBC. Adding a further 2-3% increase in our tuition fees is absolutely unacceptable. While we do understand that the university needs to find other ways to make revenue, increasing our fees is not the way to do it. At this point , many of us have settled into life here and sacrificing a lot to be able to study here, so if you do increase the fee we have to silently pay the excess amount as well. Please do try understand the financial difficulties of us international students and please do find other ways to make revenue.</p>
<p>As it's for inflation and other costs that rise the tuition increase makes sense. As of course a student myself I don't like to see the cost rise often but if it is absolutely necessary then I cannot disagree.</p>
<p>The tuition increases nearly every year, giving students much pressure, not to mention the living cost in Vancouver, which keeps increasing. It will be harder for international students studying in Vancouver, so if the tuition keeps increasing, there will probably be more concerns for International students to apply for UBC. So maybe the tuition should remain the same or even lower for International students.</p>

NO! No more fee increases! This is inconsistent with the standard of living in Vancouver. This will further increase the inability of some students to be able to attend university.

You should stop giving tenure-track professors salary increases before you increase student fees.

When I applied to this school I already had in mind what I would pay and I think it's absolutely ridiculous and unfair that there is an increase to the fees once I am already accepted and have no choice but to pay it. If you are going to implement an increase in the fee, implement it at least 2 years in advance so that it can be planned for; do not push it on the students last minute like this. I do not agree with the increase and as someone who has worked in another university environment for years I think it looks terrible and sloppy on the organization.

Do not support tuition increases

Against tuition increase

I think it is very unfair that the tuition costs continue to rise at UBC, but the student wages have not followed suit. Most students are struggling to get by between tuition, the outlandish cost of required textbooks, and living costs, yet every year UBC raises our tuition and I'm not really seeing what we are getting in return. We don't have professors making textbooks less expensive or accepting the old version of a book. Instead we have custom course pack that change every year and 400\$ science textbooks. I don't see student jobs at wage levels that are a helpful contribution. In the time I've been attending UBCO the tuition costs have risen by 10%, I just don't see how costs have risen that much.

I don't pay for things in '%'

What is the dollar value for these increases?

Thank you.

2% increases seem in line with inflation, and thus reasonable.

As for increasing the specified cases by 5% and 9.2%, the argument for it appears to be bringing things to equality, but I am not sure that this is the case. By not getting a degree out of the program, such a student actually receives less than those in the degree program. While knowledge and improved analytical skill are the core of education, an actual degree has a lot of worth in the modern economy. Non-degree programs should have tuition reduced accordingly.

Thus, while increases may be warranted, making the cost per course equal between the degree and non-degree programs appears to produce inequality: the non-degree program should cost less.

I'd prefer no increase in any amount of money I pay. School is expensive enough as it is.

The 9% increase for international students is an absolute joke. This University needs to increase diversity in fund development, not merely through international students. It further creates a corporatization of education for those with high economic backgrounds. Not what Canadian education stands for. And I am a domestic student.

The increase in tuition does help fund the current studies that are being done in the university, as well as support students in financial situations by providing awards and scholarships. The only problem that evidently will occur is the selection of students able to attend UBC. UBC students are only able to be financially supported at UBC because they have enough money to pay tuition fees. Unfortunately, some students are unable to attend UBC because the tuition in itself is too expensive for their household. Increasing the tuition fees will nonetheless cause toll on the majority of the population that works part time jobs to satisfy payments. Many students have a lot of potential, and yet they are deprived of the opportunity to attend a well-known university such as UBC because they cannot afford it. To conclude, the magnitude of the negative consequences of raising tuition must be considered in great respect so the students are able to continue pursuing their goals.

Many students are already struggling to pay off student loans, if ubc chooses to increase tuition, increase international tuition and give BC residents who pay taxes a lower tuition. Why should there be a 2% increase for domestic students when it can easily be covered by internationals willing and able to afford ubc?

Considering the already high tuition fees for international students, I don't agree to increase the tuition fees for international students since a 2% or 3% increase in the tuition of international students is much more than a 2% increase in the tuition of domestic students, who pay much less.

Reasonable increase for domestic because the fees are already reasonable.

Please cut unnecessary administrative costs instead of raising tuition. Impact assessments as to what services or programs are actually being used by students (not only what sounds good in theory, what might build the university's reputation). Thank you.

Vancouver is an extremely expensive city for international students to live in and my stipend as a graduate student is not enough to cover my living expenses. As someone new to the city and without any connections, the cheapest available living situation I found costs me \$1400/month. I make \$1600/month as a graduate student. I have already had to take out US federal loans just to make ends meet here. An increase in my tuition would make my living expenses that much more difficult to cover and would dramatically increase the amount of stress in my life even after I receive my degree. I have worked really hard to be a part of UBC. Please remember us students when evaluating a tuition increase. Thanks for your time.

If El Salvador, a country with an immensely lower GDP than Canada, can provide free tuition for its citizens so can Canada.

The tuition hike -- especially for international students -- is shameful. You are rendering education inaccessible and unaffordable. The student body will protest the ongoing erosion of affordable education. I would not attend UBC if I had to make the decision again.

I budgeted for this program with the given tuition rate, not expecting an increase for the 2018 portion of my studies. I imagine others will feel this way as well. Tuition hikes should be made with more notice to incoming students so they can prepare and plan accordingly. For that reason, I do not support this rate hike.

I am poor, sorry.

I can understand the tuition policy and the rise in tuition fees recently.

The teacher's program is one of the most expensive ones at UBC. Increase in tuition will just discourage students to apply and get higher education.

Graduate students in UBC make very little money. If you wish to increase tuition you should increase salaries. Living in Vancouver is already absurdly expensive. How would you live with less than \$2,000.00 CAD per month?

This university is full of millionaires. Why don't you find a way to charge more to the rich students in UBC?

It would be much better if there's no increase in tuition every year. And for international students, percentage increase seems so unfair.

I would encourage exhaustively exploring alternatives prior to raising tuition for any student. I appreciate acquiring additional revenue is a necessary evil to insure UBC remains a global top-tier university, but placing any additional financial burden on attending students is, in my view, detrimental to this goal. Vancouver remains a financially hostile city to study in and anything that worsens the current situation only serves to decrease the quality of life one must endure through their studies.

I don't know if the consultation is necessary because the tuition still goes up every year! Anyway, my feedback is NO! I don't want it to increase. It keeps increasing every year, but the fellowships remain the same.

Dear Responsible,

Please note that the tuition is increasing every year without a parallel increase in the salaries of the graduate students. Those salaries that are already low and much below the minimum wage if calculated per the actual worked hours not the hypothetical working hours.

In addition, the international graduate students at UBC Okanagan do not have the same treatment of having the "international student scholarship" that is applied in Vancouver for most of the international graduate students reducing their fees to that similar of the domestic students, which is actually half fees. And hence, the UBC-O international graduate student is already paying double fees comparing to domestic and UBC-V international students.

Finally, I hope that you consider the above in either reducing the annual fees increase for UBC-O international graduate students and in trying to treat them the same as those at UBC-V in terms of the "international graduate student" scholarships.

Best Regards,

As an American, I came to UBC because it was more affordable than almost all of my other university options in the US. I hoped to avoid that which many of my peers already experience, the debilitating student debt crisis, by coming to UBC but the continued increases in tuition for both domestic and international students show the disregard for financial well-being of all UBC students. Most UBC students already live below the poverty line, and as a student who also works to support herself, these increases just push us lower and lower.

I disagree with any tuition increase. Compared to other schools in Canada, UBC already has one of the highest tuition fees.

An increase in tuition fees yearly should also impact the increase in teaching quality in the campus. As all students want to be educated and have no choice but to pay the increasing tuition fees, please ensure the quality of teaching increases too. It has to work both ways. Students pay for quality education.

The yearly tuition increases continually make it difficult to be a student , especially when sources of income do not increase by 2% every year.
If tuition increases due to inflation, graduate student stipends, awards, and other funding should as well.
Every year UBC increases their tuition due to "inflationary" reasons yet wages and other items in society do not increase by that much. University has become completely unaffordable for students from a lower socioeconomic status. I am one of those students and I continue to pay off ridiculous student debt, which I will continue to pay for the next 10 years. I find it laughable that UBC is even asking for student's opinions on the matter because I highly doubt that they will actually consider what students have to say. How about we take your money and build 100 more public art displays on campus so that the rich students can continue to enjoy UBC while the poor can continue being poor because they cannot afford to go to university and continue to work their low-income jobs due to lack of education. The cycle continues.
Stop increasing tuition without increasing service. Inflation is a weak excuse.
Increased tuition fee should only be applied to new students not to continuing ones.
Plz do not and if you do make it 2% I won't to go to this school and I can't if you keep upping tuition.
Tuition should free free, like in Germany! Otherwise, raising it two percent will not help when wages still stay the same at most student jobs. It will be too much.
To whom it may concern,  Thank you for offering the option for students to respond and provide feedback to the proposed tuition changes for 2018/2019.  As an international graduate student, my concerns with the proposed changed stem primarily from a lack of access to grants and scholarships available to international students to offset these tuition changes. As you may know, international students do not qualify for many scholarships, such as the Tri-Council awards, and current available scholarships provided through the university are limited. The Affiliated scholarships are very specific in which types of projects or students qualify, and they have only grown more competitive in the time I have been a student. In addition, by choosing to attend an institution outside of my home country, I also no longer qualify for many scholarships I could receive including government funding for higher education. This gap in funding opportunities has not improved in the time I have been on campus, and I anticipate the proposed changes will only exacerbate the problem. The International Student Award is an immensely helpful funding source and, while it does not cover most of tuition costs, I would ask that you consider increasing this award in future years to match the proposed increases in tuition for international students. I would also ask that you only raise continuing international graduate student tuition 2%, rather than the proposed 2-3%, given the particular difficulties students have in finding outside funding opportunities they qualify for. Continuing students are also vulnerable in, having already budgeted and committed the expenses to relocate to another country, they have few alternatives if tuition costs become unaffordable.  Many thanks for your consideration.
Personally, for domestic students the 2.0% increase doesn't increase fees drastically. It's a small change and I know that the university will use the money to ultimately benefit the student population. I feel like it's a fair solution to rising university operating costs while still keeping tuition at a manageable cost for its students.
I disagree with tuition increases, unless it matches inflation.
It is clear that UBC revenue has increased significantly from other sources (like housing), however that is not reflected in a decrease of the fees, contrary what to what the university have stated, and to what all students hope. Which is that the achievements reducing costs and finding new sources of revenue should lead to a better and more accessible (i.e. cheaper) education.
I agree.
UBC needs to improve its budget through external sources and not by increasing tuition fees.
DO NOT increase tuition for graduate students. We should have DECREASED tuition for the years we are not taking courses. We are paying you for nothing.
I find it outrageous that you're increasing tuition on students, yet can't seem to hire competent construction workers at an appropriate time of year to perform construction on the new library (that students are paying 1/3 for). The daily commute for drivers at certain times is nearly doubled given the lane closures and sporadic traffic changes, and given the construction of the glenmore connection to hwy 97, the daily commute for non drivers living on Academy hill is also nearly doubled. Charge students more money, and make it harder to get to/from the classes they're paying more for. Brilliant idea.

The continued tuition increases from UBC are unacceptable. If UBC continues to raise tuition like this, it will only attract very rich students, no other students will be able to afford this tuition, on top of living in a very expensive city. This might lead to a decrease in capacity and excellence at the university, as applicants will no longer be from the true pool of talented people, but will only include a small range of very rich families. UBC's claim for diversity will not be able to be fulfilled and class diversity will decrease.

Furthermore, the financial hardships that follow from this continued increase in fees in particular for graduate students with long degrees will reflect in the academic behaviour. No person can provide world-class excellent results while being under significant financial pressure. Every year UBC increases student fees and to be honest, no real return benefits are obvious for students. In contrast, this continued hardship leads to ambiguous feelings towards UBC, and many students can no longer identify themselves with this university that continues to suck out as much money of students it possible can.

Another issue for graduate students is that tuition fees increase, while TA and RA salaries do not increase. Furthermore, often limited funding is available for PhD students towards the end of their program. These financial hardships cause significant mental health stress for students, and again, this will reflect in the academic output and publications students can provide - and might ultimately lead to decrease in UBC academic output, which in many ways is supported by graduate student research.

Every year UBC argues with the financial stress on the university and tries to justify tuition increases with this. However, I can see no efforts of UBC trying to save money so that it does not constantly has to increase tuition fees. Constantly, new and more and more fancy buildings are built, to attract more students that will pay even higher student fees. This is an endless cycle into a more and more expensive and selective university, where all calls of diversity seem very hollow.

As much as I dislike having to pay even more money, I understand the need to increase costs. Therefore, I do not oppose these propositions.

It doesn't make sense to me to see another two to three per cent increase in international student tuition. It was just increased this past fall. We already pay three times higher than domestic students, and yet, I still don't see how our money is possibly used to benefit us. It's not used to provide career guidance for international students post-graduation, it's not used to solve the urgent housing issue (yep, still at 1600 something on the waitlist for housing), and you don't even provide scholarships or financial aids to international students. Yes, UBC is building new residences, but when they are finally finished, we'll be gone already. So where is this money actually going into? I read a report saying that UBC largely depends on international students for financing daily functions, and is that all who we are to UBC? Fast cash? Very disappointed at UBC and such decision. Please think of a better way to finance your school, other than draining all money out of international students' pockets.

I hope for the tuition fees to be as stable as possible in the next few years.

Please, don't raise the tuition. I'd rather UBC stop building a new fountain every week and save money that way.

I suggest to lower 20% the salary of Deans, Professors who only teach 1 class per semester and get paid over \$100K, coordinators and area directors around UBC. That way we don't have to increase the student fees. That's the most moral and reasonable thing to do.

Thanks

Not in favour of raising tuition fees.

Does the financial pressure correlate to the increase of the amount of students? It would make more sense if the cost breakdown is displayed to the amount of students.

Also the costs for off campus students should not go up because facilities are a lot harder to make use of.

Also, It is outrageous that the tuition keeps increasing where stipends stay the same. I have no faith that UBC is doing 'Its absolute best' to reduce operational costs.

There are already an excessive amount of fees graduate students cannot opt out of for services we do not use, a 2% increase would be an unnecessary blow to our budgets.

It is an acceptable fact that due to inflation fees have to be increased accordingly. But considering the increase, it is an Injustice to continuing students as selection of UBC as final destination also depends upon the initial fee structure one looks at. Regarding MEngg. Program in [...] department, the education is not upto the mark.. The guidance towards career is a destruction. Lack of important courses or faculties going on leaves is a normal affair in UBC which is not mentioned upfront. I wish someone really reviewed the insides before rating the University so high.

<p>Tuition increases are in stark contrast to educational models that enhance long-term lifelong learning educational practices that help individuals better themselves. This is because education that is equated with charge or costs makes puts undue burden on the concept of education or being educated. People should all have the option to go to school for little or no cost. The fact that we already have to pay so much and only few people receive SSHRC or NSERC grants and the same people will continue to receive them are not conducive to building a Vancouver and global population of UBC learners who feel that they have to be rich to be smart or successful. Please with urgency do not raise tuition. If possible there please lower tuition and raise entrance requirements.</p>
<p>These tuition increases follow a disturbing trend of UBC throwing its students under the bus to increase revenue. Considering the outrageous living costs both at UBC and more generally in Vancouver, the continued squeezing of students to deal with increasing operating costs shows either a total lack of awareness or a complete disrespect for the financial challenges facing students. Decision makers should remind themselves of UBC's mandate as a higher education institution (as opposed to a development company).</p>
<p>I think it's a fair increase as long as you give incoming students plenty of warning ahead of time, before they have to make their decision to accept, and go through the process of obtaining visas, arranging loans, booking flights, etc.</p>
<p>Not agreeing with the need to increase. It has already been increased last year. Enough/</p>
<p>Neither I nor most of my domestic classmates can afford further increases. Please, please do not increase tuition further.</p>
<p>The constant increase in tuition costs makes attaining a university degree continuously unattainable. The future of Canadian society depends on university graduates but if UBC continues to increase their tuition costs every year UBC will have fewer graduates representing their name in society as the cost of attending UBC is getting too extreme.</p>
<p>If you are going to hike the tuition by 2-3% for inflation, then it is only fair that you increase wages of employees by 2-3% for inflation. You don't get to ask for more money for inflation, and not payout more.</p>
<p>While I understand the need for inflationary increases in tuition costs, I wish there was a more progressive form of this increase. A better model might have different increases that takes financial differences of students into account (e.g.: whether one currently receives funding and the amount of that funding, where one is at in their program, etc). A blanket increase to all students (with the sole discretion between domestic versus international students) is regressive.</p>
<p>I support an increase in tuition fee for international students only and not for domestic students.</p> <p>Higher education should be more accessible to domestic students, and tuition should remain as low as possible.</p> <p>Truly yours,</p> <p>[...]</p>
<p>I have found it difficult to keep up with the increasing tuition since becoming a UBC student in 2010. The increasing tuition fees are not matched by increased wages on or off the campus, or by increased opportunities for bursaries or scholarships. This means that students are having to contend with increased costs off of campus, such as rent, food, and transportation, as well as increases to their tuition. I believe that the university could find other solutions to increasing revenue rather than asking the students to pay more tuition.</p>
<p>Just raise funds from international students. I know this is the case but a 2% increase for domestic students is just silly. The amount of international students at UBC is not unnoticed. There's no reason that domestic students need to shoulder the burden for 'inflationary pressures' (even though inflation is incredibly low) when international students are still coming to UBC in large numbers. Off set it from them.</p>
<p>I don't have a problem with tuition increase per se, but how about a concomitant increase in funding support to graduate students?</p>
<p>I've been attending courses as both an undergrad and grad student at UBC since 2012. Every year, the tuition has gone up! Why even solicit opinions on this anymore?? Those who should pay the most are international students, yet in my program, as with most/all grad programs, their tuition is essentially comparable to mine as a domestic student. How is this fair to those who pay taxes in BC and/or Canada are subsidize higher education? Your payment structure is pathetic and the primary reason why, as a future alumna, I will NOT be contributing a penny to UBC.</p>
<p>I'd prefer not to have increase in tuition</p>
<p>As a first semester masters student, I'm disheartened that UBC would take such immediate steps to raise tuition in such a short time period. I carefully considered the cost and benefits of my degree. A 2% increase implemented as early as January would have a significant negative impact on my quality of life and ability to complete my studies within the time period that I set for myself.</p>
<p>The program I am in currently 2017-2018 was advertised at a specific price. To increase the price now, in the middle of my degree seems sneaky and unprofessional.</p>
<p>Further tuition increases will continue to make education even less accessible.</p>

University tuition is already quite high, with the cost of living in Vancouver almost prohibitively expensive. I am against even a 2% tuition increase, considering how much I already cut costs (living situation, mental health consultations, physical health consultations, sometimes food) to afford my education. Notwithstanding the fact that the government should be providing greater grants, the university should not be nickeling and diming its students to operate.

UBC students like to joke that there are two seasons in a school year. The first is Lynne Mcphearson season, where we are bombarded with course evaluation emails. The second is "Tuition Increase Proposal" season, where UBC tries to explain to us how "Costs are really going up". You're right guys they are! For us. Tuition is going up, books are going up, rent is going up, ICBC is going up... its all going up guys. And yet you're asking for a bailout....nice. So where did all of the money go? You're going to tell me that you guys spent 40,000,000 dollars last year? And that's just a simple 7000 students multiplied by an average 6000 bucks. Plus or minus a bit. Because let me tell you what I have seen in my 5 years here. I have spent five years here watching Ms. Buzzard host five thousand dollar luncheons, have watched the university pour money into useless projects, and have watched this university consistently fail its students. I've watched this school get ripped off by business and I have watched it buy products that I could have bought on Amazon for half of the price. I've watched it throw thousands of dollars towards ponzi clubs that are run by students who funnel the money into the real target club (Cough Cough JDC and MSA)(But hey you didn't hear that from me) I've watched you embarrass yourselves. And me. I honestly don't feel proud to walk the stage. I'm ashamed of this school, to the point where I would rather say I graduated from the community college. Regardless of what the student body says the fee and tuition increases will go ahead. This is just a show of good faith to make people think that they have a say in what we are charged. My advice would be to deal with real problems UBC. Talk to the students, and you will see that we are worried about clean food that doesn't bankrupt us, food security, housing, and transit. Maybe when you do something there we will start to respect our administration again. Until then, this is just an empty form that a miniscule percentage of the student population will fill in. Too expensive to have real people go out huh? Probably the 5000 dollar catering for your board of governors meetings for food not supplied by Aramark. But at least the food was healthy right? Read this verbatim as you sit at a large table in a board room. Look around for me governors... what do you see? Do you see a smartboard perhaps? Or a platter of sandwiches and coffee sitting on a black tablecloth? How about the windows governors, do you see the people outside the windows? How about the ones who are hungry this morning because they can't afford eggs after paying tuition? You can't see that, but you sure as hell can prevent it. Stop wasting our money. We deserve better.

#### A starving Student

I don't agree with a tuition fee increase. The government of BC and the federal government should fund university programs more. The fees go up every year without fail. I don't see any direct benefit from the increases, my university experience will stay the same.

This university always increases tuition and never gives back to students. Start catering to the international students and start providing affordable housing for domestic students and appropriate student services. It's a disgrace to see a university care so little about its students and so much about making money.

It is not a good idea to increase the tuition fees every year. It's already quite high for international students. With limited TA and RA funding, it is difficult to pay fees and survive in a costly city like Vancouver. I suggest increasing the TA and RA rates if you plan to increase tuition fees.

The annual rate of inflation in Canada is not 2%, so why must the university achieve the maximum increase that provincial legislation allows? Obviously, it cannot be simply for inflation, as the report indicates.

As an international student in the [...] program, I fell in love with UBC and was very serious about ending my acceptance to [...] and doing my remaining time at UBC. But looking at the cost, this university was far more expensive and therefore out of my range. I understand the raise of tuition, I have looked at the budget of UBCO and its making a lot, but can always make more, that's business. It makes sense to increase tuition, my opinion is however that international students should not be subject to the increase. I may not know all the facts and the exact specifics of the budget, I am only 18, but I felt as if I should make my thoughts known. Sincerely, [...].

Please do not increase the fee for current domestic graduate students. We are already paying too much and most of us have families that we are barely able to support financially with the current tuition fees.

#### Search for other sources of revenue!

I believe any increase in tuition should not be necessary and other solutions should be considered as well. Perhaps we should consider other funding methods to seek more donors... or maybe consider how to host more international students to pay more. However, it's unfortunate I can't think of many solutions, but if this is the only way to maintain the guarantee of our school, it is not too bad. Perhaps with the increase create more scholarships and funding opportunities.

I don't understand how every year tuition is increased, housing is increased, and even food prices go up. While at the same time you don't increase RA-ship and TA-ship with same percentages? Is the goal to make just rich students come to UBC or what is it? Of course I am against any increase, instead, I think tuition should be decreased

No. Just no. No more tuition increases for anybody across any category. We already pay way way too much. I cannot accept the argument of "inflationary pressures" when students are struggling to live of income that is barely considered "living" in a city with unrestrained housing and food inflation. This proposal is incredibly tone deaf and incredibly insulting.
Tuition is proposed increased to match inflation. Speaking as a teaching assistant, our wages have not been increased to match inflation.
The proposed increases are across the board too high. As a graduate student living in an already very expensive city, and being given a stipend significantly less than students at other universities, an increase is a slap in the face. It shows that UBC does not care about their students - in particular their well being and ability to handle stressful situations.  If UBC cared about their student they would not approve this proposed increase in tuition.
"Please, take more of my money"• Said no one. It's just a coincidence that tuition goes up every year, right? Your plan to get costs down is so vague that it's rendered meaningless. A professor might say 'expand'. Be more accountable, please.
Please stop increasing student fees for domestic students.
WILD SUGGESTION: don't raise my tuition and instead maybe stop paying Santa Ono and company \$470,000 per year.
It doesn't make sense to charge international/domestic students who are in their later years of graduate studies for the full amount of tuition fees.  Graduate students, especially phd students, are often only required to take few courses, and the course requirement need to be meet in the first 2-3 years of the graduate study. After that, phd students are usually not taking any courses from UBC. The average time it takes a student from a phd program in Education and some other social science is about 6 years or more (according to the stats published by UBC). I don't think graduate students in their 4th years and later (and students who are on extension to write their thesis) should be charged the full tuition fee every year, let alone having the tuition fee increased every year.
These increases are not very fair. It is already expensive enough to go to this school.
the percentage of tuition might higher than I expected
I value the services provided by the university. However, increased tuition fees can be a difficulty for the future students. BC is an expensive province to live anyways. Then books and increase in tuition fees might be hard on students.
I think that the increases make sense and are being thoughtfully implemented. UBC continues to offer exceptional value for tuition and these amounts, as related to the budget, seem appropriate.
Its another huge increase for international students of almost 10% while domestics only have a 2% increase, it is logical that international pay more then domestic however the gap is already unrealistic, making that gap bigger feels exagerates especialy for students how are already in UBC as it is to late to change univercitys and some students have a buget for tuition that might not be able to cuvee the increase in tuition
I can never find a table to study at with a group,  and there is no parking, and the passes sold out in the first couple weeks. if increasing tuition fixes these problems, then go for it
I personally disagree with this because I feel tuition is expensive enough especially for international students. I think UBCO is well funded enough.
I agree.
No
Do not raise the tutition again. I do not agree with it. No student is benefitting from this.
The proposed tuition increases seem minimal to administrators as it will only be 2% for domestic students, although, being a student here for four years tuition and parking prices have rose exponentially. The rise in cost will continue to be a deterrent for those who cannot afford all these extra fees and increases. For example - H lot parking passes for a full year were \$252.00 in 2014, \$285.60 in 2015, and \$378.00 in 2017... if you think these small increases do not make a difference they really do. I am glad to be graduating when I am, because in 10 years these hikes in cost would make it completely unaffordable. Not to mention that H lot overflow is a dirt parking lot with zero lighting making it dangerous and undesirable to park there; at least use some of the increased budget to pay initiate safe places for students to park.
Stop raising tuition. School is unaffordable.
No, I do not support raising tuition 2-3% for future students.
If you're going to increase tuition every year by 2% why bother asking what our opinions are you're never going to NOT increase tuition. Moneygrabbers.
I deeply believe increasing tuition for already ubc students



I completely disagree with this proposal as it is quite an inconvenience for many of my fellow peers who already are struggling to afford pay tuition at the current rate.
NO.
I don't support the increases.
The international students tuition is already at an alarming value. I suggest we do not increase the tuition especially for those who are already enrolled.
Tuition is already ridiculously expensive. To ask students, the majority of which have to work extremely hard just to pay for their schooling, if they think it should be increased is insulting.
Increasing tuition will greatly affect many students lives as university is already costly enough, adding to the fact that people still have to pay for rent and groceries. Students that aren't dependent on their families and have to make it on their own do not need an increase in tuition as this will decide who can even get into university instead of their grades. During this time, anyone who is looking for career opportunities have to obtain at least a bachelors, but students can only do this if education is affordable, not expensive.
University is expensive enough. I'm curious if salaries increase for faculty when we pay more...
Until there is free parking for students, there should be no increase in fees.
I apologize for the late submission of the tuition fee. I just submitted my rental so I need less than a week to receive the deposit. I am sorry for the inconvenience. I will pay the fee as soon as I have enough money on my debit card.
Tired of tuition increasing every year. Make it more affordable.
I ask for a decrease for tuition in 2018/19 for international students especially those from developing countries. If the tuition was still increasing annually, international students would not regard UBC as their first choice and prefer to McGill and other high-ranking university.
I already cant afford tuition. Why do you need to make it worse for me and many other students who cant afford to learn anymore
I think that increased tuition is ridiculous seeing as in the last three years there has been no improvement in facilities, lectures, or general campus appearance/life while a tuition hike has been enforced all three years. Meaning a 8/10% increase over the life of most students degrees with no benefits to the students paying.
Why are you robbing me?
The UBCSUO has been accused of embezzlement and mismanagement of funds, however I never saw or read about an audit for that fiscal year. It angers me that tuition goes up nearly every year, but the misappropriation of funds never seems to be investigated. Audit the UBCSUO or I will be encouraging every prospective student to look elsewhere for school as the management and lack of transparency at this school is embarrassing.
Tuition is already extremely expensive and I have to work full time as well as get a student loan just to afford it. If this happens there should also be a increase in financial assistance and bursary options. The selection right now is awful.
Post secondary education is already expensive. Students work multiple jobs while attending post secondary school in order to afford an education. Why make it harder to make ends meet than it already is? There should be no tuition increase
I understand that the increase in tuition helps fund the school's budget. Which in turn, allows multiple resources to surface to better student life and education. However, increases in tuition so often, is very difficult to cope with. Textbooks, tuition, accommodation, basic necessities like food and hygienic products all tend to add up. I suggest there be some compensation as in lower textbook rates. University should not be so difficult to provide for. This should be treated as an aid for a students future, not as an opportunity for business.
I have yet to see a peer reviewed article stating inflation in Canada is 2-3% year over year. Tuition fees have increased every single year since I have been here, along with enrollment numbers. The campus is overcrowded with funds being spent on artwork rather than the creation and maintenance of study spaces for students. The quality of the campus has deteriorated significantly since just 5 years ago. Until tuition money is spend transparently and for the greater benefit of all faculty and students, I can not stand behind another tuition increase. - UBCO student
Pls I'm too broke for this
Tuition should be decreasing, not increasing. If anything increase international tuition
I would have to say no, the tuition already is a lot for domestic students and especially ones who have to take out student lones, along with the price of housing and food.
It's hard to be accepted by an international student, since the base of the original tuition fee is really high.
not agree, international fees are already expensive and more than a half of domestic students fees. The increment should be equal for all students. or better not an increment at all.

While inflation affects the economy as a whole, I'd hope that some of the tuition goes to better food and housing for students on campus. While I live off campus and this isn't even applicable to me, the year long road construction for Academy Hill and overly expensive food choice (most of which aren't even healthy) are detrimental and frustrating as a student.

I understand there is a requirement to fund UBC's programs. My question is; is the University currently operating at a loss and is in need to increase tuition starting next academic year? My mother and I are both working to fund my tuition, so an increase in my tuition directly effects my mother and I. Facing financial hardships is difficult already while trying to afford my education, so I personally don't desire to have an increase in my tuition which would just lead to me reaching out for more financial aid which will be funded by said tuition increase.

Tuition is ridiculously expensive. The university proposes tuition increase every single year. At least give us a break for one year.

Increasing tuition, EVERY YEAR, doesn't help students out.

Stop doing it. It is expensive enough as it is! One used to be able to work all summer and pay for a full year of tuition. In today's world, no way in hell can you do that.

**STOP RAISING TUITION!**

Fair

Tuition, textbook costs, campus services (including food) are already comparatively higher than other universities offering equivalent programs to domestic students. The annual tuition rises are a tremendous financial burden for parents and students. Please consider this prior to another increase.

I already feel like I am not getting the level of education that I am paying for. I feel like my needs as a student are not being met. I do appreciate that we are seeing money go towards study space, however, things as simple as having enough janitorial staff seem to me to be lacking due to the amount of consecutive days that washrooms have been out of paper towel or soap. As well, things that make the on campus experience more comfortable such as accessible microwaves in each classroom. I would like to see teacher reviews be taken more seriously because I have had to take too many obligatory courses taught by professors whose teaching is not adequate. I appreciate that the university wants to minimize the costs for domestic students but even still I do not feel that the university does enough to warrant what I am paying.

Better start paying me too then

If tuition is increasing then price of textbooks should somehow be lowered by offering free online textbooks or something that can offset the increase in tuition.

I don't think you should increase the tuition fee by 3% or 2% because we international students are already paying a lot and it just increases a lot of pressure on our parents if you increase the tuition fee, because besides the tuition fee there are other expenses as well such as housing, food and books and everything on campus is really expensive, if you could subsidise the books or food on campus to compensate for the increase in tuition fee that would be great other than that an increase in tuition fee for international students is not a good idea

This is insane! Every year I have attended this school you have increased the tuition bit by bit. Unfortunately, our society is relatively dormant in the ways of social protests and dissent. How about an increase in free schooling/grants to accompany your tuition increases? There is no reflection of inflation in Kelowna rent, wage labour, and living costs! It should not take \$50k to graduate with less than enough education to accomplish my goal as an elementary teacher. I will be taking my education diploma elsewhere. I know, it is not your fault.

I don't feel that the tuition increase should be occurring as a result of the deteriorating level of education being supplied.

The current educational services provided are in no way matching to what the current rates are.

There is poor education provided at the UBCO campus.

The services provided are in no way equal to what we pay. I'm Very disappointed in this institution.

If you plan to increase tuition rates, I would expect a huge increase in quality of education being supplied.

Increasing tuition year after year is making it harder for future and current students to obtain post-secondary education. Speaking as a second degree student, this at face value is unethical in practice for students. If there must be an increase in tuition, provide scholarships and bursaries to every student that is in financial need. Which seems like the better option here?

Stop jacking rates unless there is an equal return for students in the form of enough seats for students as there currently is not as classrooms have been wrongfully selected and I am tired of paying more to sit on the floor and not be able to participate in classes. There is NO fiscal need to increase tuition, this is pure greed!

The tuition is extremely helpful. My grammar and content have been checked for many times so my final grade of my writing assignment is pretty good.

<p>It would be nice if, for once, the university/government would try to make education more affordable rather than more expensive. Tuition is hard enough to pay for as it is.</p>
<p>This tuition increase seems to greatly affect students at UBC Okanagan, as those students see the opportunity at this campus as a method of saving on living and tuition costs. UBC Okanagan looks to increase the number of international students at their campus and the tuition increase would drive them away.</p>
<p>Yearly tuition increases for domestic students should be pegged to CPI and not surpass that.</p>
<p>Although I understand that Canadian students are prioritized over international students, the tuition for international students is more than 10 times of that of Canadian students. I also know that education is one form of economic enterprise and good education often requires one to invest some amount of money. However, at this point, I believe that UBC's education is overpriced and is on the brink as the increase in the tuition is not a guarantee to an increase in quality of education. At this point, I believe that the education here is not worth the price anymore. i.e. quality of education and the quality of what one can attain at UBC &lt; the fee an individual pays. It is just not worth the price.</p>
<p>Please stop increasing the tuition so much, it is not economical for students to earn and pay that while being in school full-time. I'm already trying my best to graduate on time, by taking summer school, and working full time in the summer. It is very difficult to pay tuition and keep doing well in school. And the 9% raise for some other students is downright frightening. Please have some empathy, we don't need all the construction that happens on campus and I'm sure if we don't do that, we won't need an increase in the first place.</p>
<p>It's understandable to raise the tuition fees due to inflationary pressures. However I am not OK to know that the school is proposing an increase and then on the other hand, using that money for a project called "the Shadow" which in my opinion is a complete waste of money that is clearly needed for actual educational purposes. I do not agree with charging us more money and then wasting that money on a project that does no contribute in any way to my academic education and is purely for an aesthetic reason!</p>
<p>I disagree with the tuition increase. I've been a student at UBC for many years from undergrad, to B.Ed, to M.Ed, and tuition just keeps increasing. While this increase is happening, salaries and income is not matching up with the proposed "inflationary pressure". It's unfair that education has become expensive and unaffordable for many, and the frequent increase is not acceptable. There are many additional fees that are mandatory beyond our course/ program tuition too, that perhaps should be relooked at to see what's fair.</p>
<p>Each year you "consult" and each year the tuition goes up anyway. This is a pantomime of consultation.</p> <p>When my fellow graduate students are bouncing rent cheques, using the food bank, and have close to 0% increases in our CUPE 2278 wages, it is hard for me to accept that UBC needs to increase tuition. For what? More fancy buildings? The building I teach in stinks and are full of mold. To rebuild University Boulevard yet again? It has been under construction constantly since 2008. To line the pockets of BC Contractors who are friends with UBC Board of Governors members?</p> <p>Each year my tuition goes up, and as a graduate student I get no change in the services provided for this increase.</p> <p>For these reasons and more I oppose the tuition increase.</p>
<p>While the university increases tuition costs every year, I am very comfortable saying the value of my education does not increase proportionately. I think UBC oversells itself in regards to the quality of education it is capable of delivering. In addition to increasing tuition to cover costs, it seems UBC is very interested in increasing the size of the student body to further leverage the benefits of increased tuition. I think there are far too many students in many of my classes. Moreover, I find it disgusting that nearly a billion dollars is consumed annually by 'Faculties'. There is little value provided by some of the people I have taken lecture from and I think it is safe to say there is fat to be trimmed there. Ultimately, it seems that Canada is willing to let access to education be a commodity just like everything else and the burden is passed down to the line the some of the people who can least afford to pay and least afford to be remain uneducated.</p>
<p>Nothing</p>
<p>As an international student already paying up to three times more than the domestic students, and considering the tuition increase this year as well, I feel another increase in tuition would slowly make the university very difficult to afford. Many students chose universities in Canada due to less financial pressure compared to those in the US, however with the living costs in Vancouver as well this is no longer going to be the case. I disagree with the decision to increase international fees for already enrolled students as classes are already more expensive in the higher levels, and as a science student, the course loads are high meaning we are required to take more classes as well.</p>
<p>Why is this feedback necessary. Why would students actively say YES I want to pay for for an already expensive education. Why not even increase it by 4% or 10% like the international students why stop at 2%??? If this institution wants to increase tuition, it will, regardless of these surveys. Thank you for pretending to care about the students opinion, and now that these surveys have done out you can claim you do.</p>

Students are particularly susceptible to the impact of inflation as many of them rely on loans to cover the cost of tuition, living, and other school-related expenses. I do not support any increases in tuition, particularly considering UBC's position as a publicly funded institution. Increased operational costs should be met through other initiatives. New construction, leases on university property, property taxes, and government investment seem more reasonable alternatives to provide for increased operational costs.

still too expensive for all students and not beneficial

I would hope this increase in tuition can be a little less for all of us, especially for international students... our family already have a huge burden for sending us to Canada for a better education. I don't want my family to suffer more because of me. I would like to see the tuition increase less (1.5% for international students compared to domestic) since we originally already pay around 6 folds of the domestic tuition fee.

Maybe less constructions i.e. installing meaningless art pieces could help the school to save a bit more money?

There has been a 15% increase in the international student tuition fees in the 2016 and 2017 academic years, which are expected to increase again by 7% in the 2018 academic year. Michelle Suderman, the international student development director at UBC, informed me that while there is a cap beyond which the provincial government cannot increase the tuition fees for domestic students, this is not the case for the international student tuition fees. Furthermore, international students are not eligible for most Canadian government loans and/or bursaries. Thus, as an international student, whose tuition fee expenses were already increased by 22% for this academic year, and who does not enjoy the same financial advantages as domestic students, I kindly urge you to consider the financial struggles and stresses of UBC's international students in light of this tuition-fee-increase-proposal. As any further tuition fee increases will merely work in favor of UBC but only worsen international students' financial struggles, I would support and, once again, I strongly urge you to at least consider my vote, to NOT implement a 2% to 3% increase for all continuing international students across all programs for the 2018/19 academic year. • I am in favor of a 2% to 3% increase in tuition for NEW INCOMING international students • or a democratic and fair 2% increase in tuition that is to affect all of UBC's students (i.e., both domestic and international students).

I am in \$26,000 in debt from a 1 year programme. If I was in the same situation to choose whether to do the program or not, I don't think I would because tuition is too expensive for the quality of education received. If you raise tuition even more, then you lower your chances of getting exceptional students to UBC. I went to Oxford University and paid less tuition per year as an international student there. With your prices, you should be providing a much higher quality of education than you are.

Freeze tuition as any increase creates an additional student debt burden. The additional costs of residence and food are also high.

No more increases unless there is an increase in available funding for graduate students. It seems that real estate on campus is prioritized over student experience and support from educators (as opposed to staff). Administrative bloat is a problem here and elsewhere, the university is losing track of priorities.

It is extremely difficult for us to continue supporting ourselves and paying such a high amount of tuition fee. Either you should consider increasing support for us in the form of stipend/salaries that you provide or not increase tuition fees at such high rates.

I do not agree with the increase in tuition. I believe that it is wrong to put the burden of financing university projects that have not been approved by all of the students, on the students. Those of us who are attending university, are not working members of society yet, but will be positively contributing to our society as a whole when we gain the knowledge necessary to become professionals. During our practice, however, finances are already strained just to pay to cost of living necessary to attend this University. To burden those with the least amount with the costs decided by those with more is unjust and sets us up to be even more burdensome on the society when we depart our university studies with a debt to pay before we even start working. Tuition increases should not be implemented.

I believe there should not be any fee hike for the international students. First of all, it is already expensive enough for the international students to come and study all the way across the world. Second of all, if the fee hike takes place, it is highly possible that many may leave midway.

Hello

I am glad to receive an email in which I can express my concerns about tuition increases for all students, domestics and international. I firmly believe that the increase of tuition is making higher education unaffordable for both groups: local and international students. I am an International Graduate Student from [...] and I would like you to invite to live a day as International student since many of us live a day thinking about how we are going to pay the next rent bill, MSP health insurance and simple living expenses as groceries and utilities. Every day we wake up with our bodies fill up of worry, uncertainty, stress about how we are going to pay the next bite of food, the next rent as well as the tuition for the next term. This whole year my account has been on hold just because I haven't had enough money to pay, my grades have been affected and my health is very vulnerable right now just because I simply don't have the money to pay. I wish you could have better options for international students, more economic resources and support to guide us through this financial stress that we live. I am [...] and I haven't dropped out of my program and my courses just because God has granted me with faith and courage, as well as wonderful people who is holding me right now to finish my program in this December, otherwise, long ago I would drop out or even make a decision that put on risk my health and personal and professional goals.

I think that you, all of you, stakeholders, administrators, Honorable Board of Governors should have the humility to ask face to face to some international students how is to live with few coins in your pocket, or invite us to a table in which we can expose our ideas about how to create better opportunities and options for international students who are in risk of dropping out of their courses just because they don't have the money to pay. If you see well your proposal in increasing tuition fees, the most affected group is international students, in which there is no legislation that can protect us from sellers of education and marketing and neoliberal ideas of education. In this 21st century, Education should be for all and not just for those who can pay it, especially Higher Education, I still believe in public education, in education for those in the most vulnerable situation, because we all have something to learn and something to share, higher education institutions are those spaces to create democracy, freedom, social justice, equity. I hope this feedback you have asked online to UBC student turn into new policies, approaches and really helpful ways to support student learning and student success, those students like me living in the limits of their pockets but moving on in their professional goals and moving against rigid structures that legitimate heartless policies for learning and knowledge.

It is true inflation in inevitable and the plan does sound nice however I do not agree with the tuition increase for three reasons. First, student services used 36 million however student services does not actually help the students. Just the past year the president of UBCO embezzled a significant amount of money from the students and the university. So why should the students be paying more for what is not actually going to them. Secondly as a prestigious university I would expect the system to be run more efficiently, some of the services can be automated such as paying tuition to be only online. Or if we actually need librarians. I think that there needs to be revision to how things work at the university and this is largely due to a discrepancy with how UBC is run versus how UBC is imagined to be run, this goes back to the thought about how this plan sounds nice. Lastly, with more students each year should increase4 in students maximize profit per class.

I am currently a domestic graduate student in my first year of a two year program. My tuition fee for the 2 year program is around \$44K. I am strongly opposed to the suggested increments in tuition fees as the current fees in place are already a staggering amount and very financially unaffordable for someone like me who still has their undergraduate loan/debt to pay off and needs to scavenge and muster any and all external financial resources (which are scarce in the form of savings) to finish the program at hand. I simply can't afford this as it is yet alone to have it be increased next year.

I believe there is absolutely no reason at all to raise tuition for any group of students but a very real need to lower it instead. There should be better allocation of resources and management should differentiate what are real necessities to students and what our lower priorities are. To be honest, many students are not impressed with the amount of 'useless construction' all around campus. The construction on the fountain area by the bookstore, the huge number of random fenced off areas scattered around campus, that make students wonder, what even are they constructing there?? A more pressing concern would be our dorms instead, for example, I live in Vanier and the living conditions are not great to say the least, broken heating that won't turn off, lack of ventilation (my room is like a tomb), strangely shaped windows that allow no wind to come in but instead has no netting to stop bugs from coming in! General cleanliness is also an issue as there are bug infestations; my friend in the Mackenzie building found an entire family of larvae living in her drawers. My point is, the tuition is already expensive, the point of university is to make education more accessible to more people not to make it exclusive only to those who can afford it. The current tuition demands that most people take out student loans and is not an amount anyone in the middle class could easily dole out. Raising the tuition any higher makes it dangerous to people who are already barely paying the current amount. Students such as me. Many are taking a chance with pursuing higher education to arm themselves with the tools needed to succeed in society. However if tuition becomes a financial burden too strong to bear for the student and their family, what is the point then of pursuing this education? Why can't a first world country like Canada make it's tuition completely free just like Germany or Finland? Prove to us that UBC's top priority is educating its' students and is not just an institution focused on making profit from those who come here to learn.

Please don't raise tuition.

I believe it would be better if the university could apply the new tuition standard among incoming students, and keep the original tuition standard for the continuing students.

Dear Mr. Szeri, dear Ms. Cowin, dear members of the board,

I'm an exchange student from [...], so far enjoying the first two months of a wonderful yearlong stay at UBC. I'm very glad to have the chance to comment on UBC's tuition proposal and I'm looking forward to attend the next meetings of the Board to see what happens with the student feedback and what the discussion generally is like. I dispense with all confidentiality if otherwise any information would be cut off.

I strongly oppose every proposal to raise tuition fees. In Germany, like in several other European countries like in Denmark, Irland, Poland, Sweden, Finland, Hungary etc., we require no general fees to continue learning after school. Like the majority of the people of Germany, I'm convinced that education is a basic right to that people should have the least complicated access possible. Today education more and more becomes an important factor for the distribution of chances in life. Therefore everybody should have the chance to learn as much he or he wants and should be supported in doing so. However, tuition fees complicate and restrict the access to education and hence should be abolished.

Education is an enormously important factor that enables or facilitates access to many aspects of life. In a society where we define ourself and our fellow human beings so much by work/job they do and where degrees count that much, we should give people all the chances they need. We know that people with an university degree enjoy a lot of advantages in life: they live more healthy, they live longer, they can participate in the cultural and political life more easily, they can find better jobs. Education helps people becoming mature and responsible members of our society. Better educated people have to fear poverty less. For that reasons we should help people participate in the educational system as much as possible. But being confronted by fees of about 20.000 Dollar for a degree additional to the other costs of studying is unquestionably a big obstacle that will deter many young people from beginning a program.

What is especially important about this point is that these costs result in a social segregation of the prospective students. Affluent or even wealthy people can much more easy afford the expenses of studying whereas poorer people just can not afford the expenses at all or are offen more insecure and less courageous towards an uncertain future. This way tuition fees promote a social division of the society. The fact that only of \$19,8 million out of \$119,5 million (16,6 %) of UBC support for students is allocated based on needs suggests to me that UBC should care more about their students' financial woes. A much greater deal of the awards should be given to the students that really need them to be able to study.

This reasoning doesn't contradict the general claim that students should pay for their education because of the big financial advantages they gain. And, of course, the universities have to be paid. The solution to this problem is a fair system of taxation. Education - from kindergarten to university - should be paid by the community, represented by the state. We need a state capable of acting to ensure rights to all people, to offer good education for everyone and to mitigate the social segregation of society. The money needed therefore should be collected via taxes. For this reason the University and it's Board should advocate a better public financing to enable more public spending on education.

Studies suggest that universitiy alumni already pay their education anyway because they pay much more taxes over their lifespan that they degrees had cost.

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I'm looking forward to hear of you, if you like to further discuss this topic. My e-mail address is: [...]

Yours sincerely,  
[...]

As a working part time student it is already challenging to get together the funds to pay for school. Because I am part time I hardly qualify for any scholarships. The money you require to continue to provide great quality education should come from the government not the students. As a goal we should be aspiring to have a system like Europe not the US. Thanks for considering my opinions.

To whom it may concern,

I have reviewed the financial information provided by UBC regarding the Total Operating Revenues vs. the Total Operating Expenses and the reason why UBC is asking for a two percent increase yet I remain strongly against the tuition increase. The institution of UBC is currently not running a deficit and although costs are going up, the Canadian inflation rate has not been 2% since 2011, which means that a 2% tuition increase is over the amount that would be required for UBC to address the issue of "inflation." As such, I see no need for a tuition increase for the plain reason that it is not absolutely necessary at this time and as many students, myself included, are already struggling to pay tuition and university bills as it is. The fact that UBC, an institution which gets over half a billion dollars in government grants annually, is still claiming that it needs to increase tuition to maintain their budget is disappointing. An institution of this size and magnitude should be more capable to manage its revenues and expenses so that is never in a position where it believes that a tuition increase is the best option. Frankly, I am disappointed that the idea of a tuition increase was proposed and is even being considered, and I know I am not alone. The bottom line is: forget the 2% tuition increase and pull yourself together UBC. We have no more money to give to you because you have already taken all of it.

It would be great to have more mental health support on campus; I know many people who want to make use of the excellent counselors on campus, but the wait time is up to a month between appointments.

I strongly disagree with the proposed increase. I do not feel that UBC has done enough to attempt to bring costs down elsewhere, and I feel that UBC students should not have to shoulder this financial burden. Postsecondary education is increasingly vital in today's world, and increases such as this raise barriers for disadvantaged students. Additionally, I do not think UBC has adequately consulted students the time frame for this is very short, and no town hall is being held. I ask UBC to 1) hold a town hall to ensure students are fully consulted and 2) rethink any and all tuition increases.

Any tuition increase is unacceptable. Education is a right, not a commodity. Student Aid is horrendous at assessing financial need and does not provide adequate loan funding for basic existence in Vancouver's expensive rental market, let alone enough to cover tuition and education expenses.

I fully support any student effort to pressure the university, province or federal government to fix or eliminate tuition fees, including student strikes and other acts of civil disobedience in solidarity with Quebec's Red Square movement. Any tuition increase will be met with protest.

Thank you

In regards to the 2018/2019 Tuition Proposal, I understand that the university faces rising costs, partly attributable to inflation rates. Addressing the 2-3% increase proposed for continuing international students, I personally feel that it would be fair if the tuition increase does not exceed the proposed increase for continuing domestic students at 2%. Although international students are not Canadian citizens or PR holders, for the duration of our studies and stay in Canada we are paying Canadian taxes and living costs. Thus even though we may not have contributed to the Canadian economy prior to the start of our degree program at UBC (in the form of taxes and the like), we are currently making such a contribution at the same rate as Canadian citizens. It should also be taken into consideration that the general international undergraduate per-credit tuition rate is already 6.7 times higher than the domestic rate (at \$172.99 and \$1,163.76 respectively) for the 2017/2018 academic year. (As an international student entering UBC in 2015 in the Faculty of Arts, I currently pay \$933.56 per credit; still amounting to over 5 times the domestic 2017/2018 rate above, and a 6% increase from the \$879.97 rate I paid for the 2015/2016 academic year.) This means that applying a 2% increase for both continuing domestic and international students still amounts to a greater increase in total dollar contribution to UBC's income by international students compared to domestic students (at an increase of \$23.28 and \$3.46 respectively from 2017/2018 per-credit rates). Another factor that should be taken into consideration is the recent strengthening of the Canadian dollar around the second half of 2017. This has affected the Canadian exchange rate and made tuition and living costs considerably more expensive for international students like myself, particularly if our home country's currencies are relatively weak. In my own experience, my parents have found it harder to amass the necessary fees for this term.

As a graduate student who is no longer taking courses and is fully active in research, any increase in tuition seems unreasonable. Registered graduate students continue to have to pay full tuition costs even when they are no longer taking courses. While certain services are still provided like access to libraries, databases, etc., it seems unreasonable to keep charging higher and higher amounts for tuition.

Is there a reason why the tuition fee is increasing? I feel like most of the UBC students already feel like the fee is very high. Rather than just stating "we are going to increase this much of percentage," it would be great if students could actually read the reasons why there is an increase of the already demanding fee.

Too much increase for international tuition fee. Already a lot.

As a science and engineering graduate student, all I can really see from this increase in fees is targeting international students with the assumption that we are all here only to get PR in Canada and pay any price for it. While in reality many of us have come to UBC for a good technical education and the affordable tuition that comes from a Canadian public university.

Moreover, you are rendering the university even less competitive on the international scale with increases in tuition.

In technical/STEM fields, where graduate students are receiving significant financial support in return for research done for the university, most top global universities do not require that graduate students pay tuition, or at the same rate as other graduate disciplines without the research component.

In fact, to truly be competitive, on a Canadian level, and even more so on an international level, you should be decreasing tuition fees or granting tuition waivers, to truly attract the top graduate students from across the globe. Otherwise, it does not make financial sense to come and struggle along as a graduate student in one of the most expensive cities in North America where industries will probably start moving out of as operating costs, especially those associated with land/rent costs, become unfeasible for many businesses.

I do not agree with increasing the tuition each year. Tuition is already expensive enough and each time the it increases, it makes it more difficult for students to afford it. The minimum requirement nowadays is often a bachelor's degree and people should not be denied a job because they simply were unable to pay for their education.

I'm tired of this fatalism about "inflationary pressures." There's an alternative to shifting the burden more and more to students: cut back on administration. I would also like to suggest cutting back on excess expenses for leaders at UBC, as well as "fun" student events. This is an educational institution. As such, the priority should be on education, not bureaucracy, creating some artificial sense of student community, or maintaining a relatively luxurious lifestyle for people closest to the top of the hierarchy. In fact, it must be the administration and superfluous activities that get cut, because, without additional government funding, "inflationary pressures" will continue to pose budgetary problems, and UBC cannot continue to burden students more and more every year. Doing so makes a university education increasingly unreachable for many people in society.

I believe that the tuition increases in line with inflation are fair. However, tuition for international students is already very high, combined with high living expenses and a strangely expensive meal plan, and the costs are almost too high. I believe that the increase for international students should be as per inflation only as a result.

Alternatively, the university could consider reducing the cost of housing and meal plans to counter the increase. The meal plan in particular offers opportunities. Considering the scale that the food services have in UBC, their costs and prices should be much lower simply by utilizing economies of scale. Instead, the cost of dishes is as much, if not more expensive than what I could get at a eatery outside.

I feel a larger increase should be placed on International students. This is not to say I disagree with the inflation related increase to Domestic students. I just believe that higher rates may deter international students and open more spots for local students.

Increases to graduate student tuition fees, whether domestic or international, further restrict our already meager stipends. As it is, cost of living in Vancouver makes it difficult for graduate students, particularly international students who already pay increased health care costs and additional fees, to live comfortably. There is already disparity amongst graduate student salaries - students may be paid thousands more or less than others depending on their ability to draw external funding. A tuition increase would further increase that disparity, and add additional stress to students who should be focusing on their research and/or study.

Don't raise the tuition more.

I think an increase to fees would be upsetting to most people as university expenses are so much already just to be able to learn. Even with scholarships and financial support many people struggle to pay their fees. Also seeing that some of my tuition fees are going into scholarships and grants for other people who ubc wants to keep while I am struggling to pay for ubc is rather upsetting. I may have misunderstood the data provided or the actual impact on my own personal fees but either way I believe that more support should be given to those who need it rather than such a large portion of scholarships being merit based and given to the top smartest students. Everyone deserves a chance to attend university and with ever increasing costs for general living that idealization becomes far less practical. If it has to be done to satisfy requirements for provincial funding then so be it but if not I see no benefits to us the students who already have so much access to services and technologies.



While I understand inflation and the large amount of expenses required to run universities, any increase in fees is hard to accept. Being in engineering and paying more than average already due to the larger amount of credits I find fees to be extremely hard to cover even after scholarships and with savings. On top of the fees for courses we pay large amounts for residence or suffer commutes around an hour and a half for many people. There is simply no affordable way to attend ubc and live in Vancouver as it is so student loans are many peoples only option. On top of the fees stated in our actual payments to ubc we are expected to spend more money on our courses for things like professional printing and business attire or else we are penalized in our courses. I can't really see any student being for an increase in fees and I am no different. As a commuter I also don't get to benefit from many of the clubs and services that these fees are applied to. For example I had been hoping to join clubs and get involved. This is simply not practical with a commute and I simply cannot afford residence. With ever increasing fees and no benefits of the services provided at ubc which the fees are going towards, I would be strongly opposed to any increase in the cost to get an education. Thank you for considering my lengthy response!

I am a transfer student and overall the tuition seem okay. however as someone who also works and attends classes at the same time it be great if tuition increases won't increase much.

I think that it is ridiculous that you are considering increasing tuition again. I am an Indigenous student, and it has been so hard for me to study at UBC because it is so expensive, and I received no band funding. You are creating a situation where only rich people with rich parents can afford to study at UBC. It is especially terrible because I work for UBC and the rate at which you pay students is so low it is embarrassing. For work learn and for notetakers, you earn next to nothing, but then have to pay so much to attend. And there are very little scholarship opportunities for Indigenous students. I will be graduating with about 57,000 of student debt, and then another 30,000 of credit card debt, just so that I could fund my education. On top of this, I have to face the ever present discrimination from other students who think that Indigenous people don't pay anything for university.

The proposal of Increasing the tuition is not acceptable. It will prevent people people from disparate societies in particular financial minority from entering the university. This will result in making the university lose its diverse which is one of the most important values in the world.

Raising an already exaggerated tuition is going to prohibit those students who want to be here, but cannot afford to take out loans from getting a higher education. Frankly, streamlining administration and undoing unnecessary bureaucracy would be a better way to deal with budgets than overtaxing students.

Things like ancillary operations can't possible be this high considering that we ourselves are paying for these services already so where is the money going. The bookstore, for example, we don't get books for free and have to pay for textbooks and on top of that some of our tuition money is also going to that! Also a lot of services that are used only by some students and yet all students have to pay toward could be made into paid services instead so not all of us have to deal with tuition increases with a tuition that is already high enough that many can't afford. At this rate, some students will have to drop out or transfer to other universities due to such high tuition on top of dealing with commuting from cities outside Vancouver or paying inflated amounts to live on campus.

Using the increased funds to support students through scholarships, bursaries, and loans should be a top priority.

It would also be a great opportunity for special guest lectures (across the fields) to come more frequently to inspire students and show them what's going on in their areas of specialization.

I am not sure if there is ever any positive feedback to a tuition increase, nor have I have yet to hear about tuition fees being lowered as a result of receiving feedback from students after a tuition increase. This raises a question, which I hope UBC can address, of how our feedback has an impact on the decisions of the members of the Board and if our feedback has any impact at all.

My main concern with the tuition increases is if UBC is using the money in the best way possible to protect the mind and body of the students who are attempting to study here. It is understandable that with inflation the university would be required to spend more money as well, but from my experience as a student at UBC, I question how well my tuition money is being spent. It appears that UBC takes on many projects every year to add art installations around campus while it is well known among the student community that the university's professional counselling services leave much to be desired. UBC counselling's incredibly long waitlist, even for those who request immediate help, is well known among students. A number of us have also heard the story of a student who heard back from UBC counselling only after they had already graduated. With an attempted murder in the first year residences last year, knowledge of the stress and hardships we face at home, at work, and at school as students, the recent death of a student who jumped/fell off a crane this year, and common knowledge of UBC's counselling service's shortcomings it is clear that UBC is in need of better counselling services for its students than it has now. Additionally, the issue of security and lighting around campus at night and why money has not yet been spent on ensuring the safety of UBC students could also be brought into question. There has been multiple reports in the news over the years of intruders being discovered inside residence buildings and assaults occurring on campus at night. Especially as a victim of one of these assaults, I have first hand experience of what it feels like to be grabbed from behind on a dark street in UBC with my attacker's hand covering my mouth, preventing me from making any sound. The sense of dread washing over me and my heart falling to the pit of my stomach knowing that in that dark street, nobody could see what was going on, nobody could see what was happening to me which meant nobody could help me. Bright, well-lit streets may be too intimidating for an attacker to engage in an attack as such altercation would be easily seen by a passerby or someone looking out their window. I would prefer for tuition fees not to increase, but if they must, then I would be much happier knowing it is resulting in a positive contribution to my fellow students to help protect their mental and physical well-beings while attending this institution.

Why is tuition used to fund need-based awards? My money should be going to my education, not to other students.

Changing the terms of a contract, program, in the middle of the program is not fair. Fees for current students should not be increased. Students budget their programs tightly and this increases just puts more pressure on already tight situations.

I don't see the need to raise tuition as a benefit to the school. Even if it did increase, there would be no noticeable effect to the students. Most students already struggle with current tuition costs. STOP RAISING IT.

I don't agree with increasing tuition prices once again. The cost of living close to campus or on campus is too high, so I think school tuition shouldn't put more pressure on students; it is not right, it is not sensitive to the common domestic student.

I don't think this level of increase is necessary at this time. Are there no other options to cover the costs?

I don't understand the need to increase tuition fees when most students already have trouble trying to pay for all the fees regarding the school, especially for international students. Of course, as a student, I would not like to pay more for an already costly education.

I believe that it is completely unfair and unethical for UBC to use revenue gathered from incremental tuition increases to existing students to finance patents and commercialization. Your proposition is to increase costs to individuals you have effectively entered into a non binding contract with, at the agreed upon initial degree price set out by your institution. You then propose to take that revenue and invest it in patents and commercialization projects that seek to improve the assets of the university in the long term. You are building your long term assets, not maintaining or improving operations for existing students, at the expense of those very existing students.

On the back of this, revenue generated from us, your students (customers) will be used to finance massive research projects that funnel funds into demonstrably biased and unethical studies. ex Autism in Mice study run by an incompetent biased individual on the dime of the student body. If you are proposing an increase in students tuition, there should also be a publicly published increase in researcher fund allocation scrutiny. The university is one of the best in the world for graduate research and it is the reason I am here, however I cannot abide an increase in my costs to pay for studies where data will be manipulated for political means. That is unacceptable.

As your existing students have planned long term to meet the previously agreed upon rates of tuition and sacrificed accordingly, it is completely unfair to raise these costs. If costs must be increased, the rates for newly admitted students should be increased at a greater percentage than those of existing students to account for this discrepancy. If not this is a case of institutional strong arming.

No, I would not like a tuition increase in the 2018/19 school year.

As an international student from a third world country, studying or even attempting to study abroad is already not an easy task. As I pack my baggage to move to Canada, I feel the weight of my parents on my shoulders: they have wrung their own bodies dry, collecting each and every cent to be able to pay for my tuition fees. They wear torn clothes, cut down on all costs, just so that I could get a valid education, to improve our lives. If the tuition fees were to increase even more, I couldn't imagine how my parents could afford it.

Since international students are already paying 5 times the fees that a domestic student is paying, I thought that if there HAS to be an increase in fees, it should be on the domestic students, instead of leeching on us international students which have already sucked dry.

It's gonna happen anyways regardless of what we say here.

I like it. It looks well balanced and reasonable. I appreciate the time taken to show how the money is used. Much better than how the international student rate hike in 2014-15 was handled.

As the university claims that the prices of providing education is increasing every year,

I would like to point out that the living expenses for students are also increasing every year. Each year the prices of getting accommodation go up, which means it is becoming ever more difficult to support your time at the university.

Such an increase in the tuition would definitely not help the students.

On the other hand, I would be willing to accept such a hike in tuition if other measures are taken on the campus to support the students. I find that the UBC bookstore and other stores on the campus are incredibly overpriced with respect to the market in the city of Vancouver. Essential things like notebooks, fruits and stationery should actually be more affordable on the campus, and not more expensive than the city. I have to travel far away from the campus to buy these essentials at the right prices.

Thanks.

First of all it is preposterous to mention that this increase is due to inflationary pressure. Inflation within Canada is at 1.4% and to tackle that the solution is an increase of 2-3% average being 2.5%? To make situations worse, a surcharge on international students and not just by course but an additional 5-9% per credit. Stop mistreating international students as cash cows, they're just students like everyone else here to get educated and make the world a better place.

I do not believe the justification for increasing our tuition has been made sufficiently clear.

I understand there is a need to increase in tuition but increasing tuition for international students should be higher compared to most of us domestic students. I have been with UBC Okanagan Campus for the past 3-4 years, there has been an increase about 2% on tuition each year. I am student that is on bursaries, student line of credit, and student loans. It is become even harder to attend this school as bursaries and scholarships are not guaranteed each year. I hope there would be a reduction on domestic tuition than international tuition.

I completely understand the inflationary pressures that the university is presently facing (and will continue to face). For students who receive financial support from family or similar measures, this increase will often not be a huge inconvenience. However, for students who are working and saving every dollar they earn to pay for their tuition, unfortunately an extra \$10.38 per 3 credit course slowly adds up. That is over \$100 that may come from a students food budget. For myself, my main source of income to pay for tuition and living is StudentAidBC. This causes the frustration of the increases in tuition and rent, without proportional increases in the amount of loans I receive. When increases are made for funding students through StudentAidBC, these decisions are made indecently of the increases in UBC's tuition and residence fees. I understand the need, however these small decisions have a major impact on my budget and whether I get to spend \$30 on food in a week or \$40.

Next year will also be my final year of undergraduate studies so I would be grateful if tuition did not increase for the 2018-2019 academic year.

For many international students, inflation seems like an irrelevant factor in deciding tuition increases. This is because a lot of the international students have calculated their resources prior to attending, and that the option of going to university has been made with the tuition of the applying year in mind. This is to say that the financial resources that were made available for each student to enter university, for the most part, already existed at the time of applying to UBC. Since inflation is often not matched equally in both income and in already existing financial resources, the tuition increases based on 3% inflation are outrageous, for this aforementioned reason, but also that inflation hovers at around 2% in Canada. Why then are international students even more negatively affected by the increased tuition proposals compared to domestic students?

In essence, the increased proposals are not indicative of inflation; are not taking into account that international students

do not miraculously have increased incomes; and that it is not conducive to academics you seem to strive for, as the increased financial strain on international students will cause more stress and will overall affect their performance.

I strongly feel that we should not increase tuition for domestic students because I cannot afford that financially as a full-time student. I feel as if with all the stresses of a university life, additional financial stress would make grades of students go down due to worry or balancing multiple jobs and there would be an overall general decrease in average for the student body. Increasing tuition would also promote income inequality because in today's world university degrees are increasingly becoming a requirement for jobs and an increase in tuition would make post-secondary education less accessible. The university is an institution meant to better the lives of individuals and overall society and lessening social constructed gaps, such as education, so it should not be promoting social or financial inequality. It can be also be argued that student loans will cover financial cost, but student loans do not increase when tuition increases. These are few of many reasons why tuition should not be raised and I strongly advocate for keeping tuition as is.

I do not approve of any of the increases in tuition. Last year ubc had an insane increase in international tuition "to stay competitive with other schools" which really isn't an explanation and I don't see any difference since that increase. So I really really don't get why there should be another increase. I hope you take this into account.

Thank you

As an undergraduate international student, I obviously do not welcome an additional increase in tuition to the 15% plan instated last year. Moreover, as a diligent, and successful (if I may say so myself) student, who finds it terribly difficult to find financial assistance or scholarship, despite the fact that I, objectively, am more in need and deserving than many other students who receive scholarship or bursaries, another raise in tutiotion is a harsh blow to this effect. Please do not do it. Or dynamically select international students to pay extra based on their ability to do so. I assume you have have the resources and ability to make every student happy, so please figure that out.

I disagree in increase tuition costs. Considering all the detailed info that you provided, the major costs annually for UBC is the payment for faculty. Professors have high salaries and I think that to increase the costs for students is ok. Many times students need to ask loans or use their little salaries to pay their tuition and I think this is not fair.

Tuition and fees increases due to inflation should see a similar wage increase for employed students. I think 2017 sees about 0.7% increase or so for workers under CUPE, much less than the 2% for domestics or up to 3% for internationals.

As with the previous tuition hike it is disgusting that there are different rates of increase for domestic vs international students, especially when it is claimed to be due to inflation.

High tuition costs are already keeping many brilliant minds out of university. Increasing tuition will only increase this gap. I strongly urge that a tuition increase does not go forward, as there should be less barriers to education not more

As a funded graduate student, I believe that if the university increases fees of various types to respond to inflationary pressures then graduate student funding packages should be increased in kind. If funding packages are not increased as fees rise then the university is only compounding (on top of losses due to inflation) the devaluation of the funding packages it offers.

The small increase in tuition to better student facilities sounds good and i would love better facilities, but the increase can be detrimental to international students and as a domestic student it does not affect me very much. But I still would not like the increase it is costing me extra money that will add up over a long period of time.

An increase in tuition would be detrimental to towards my financial situation and impact me and my family significantly. Deciding to attend UBC impacted my financial situation drastically and increasing tuition would further impact it. Many of us do not come from financially stable families and rely on government loans to attend UBC.

Please do not increase tuition. I cannot afford an increase in tuition. An increase in tuition would be detrimental to me. IF you increase tuition by 60\$ that means i will not have food for the week since my food budget is 60\$ a week.

I don't see any increased value in my education for the constant increases in tuition. My classes are too large, mental health services are sorely inadequate, and student supports are dismal. I strongly oppose these tuition increases. This is already a crippling expensive city and UBC has done nothing to help domestic students with housing. We can't afford to pay more tuition because the cost of living is so high.

I agree that costs for operating an education institution would rise every year and increasing tuition fees is a way to compensate, but it would make much more sense for students to decrease expenses on ancillary operations and facilities and significantly increase funds on student services and research support. The overall student satisfaction for the university is very low compare to other components and I believe the school should prioritize on giving an enjoyable education environment with sufficient supports. This will not only attract students and researchers with high potential but also encourage the current students, our future alumni, to contribute to the institution in return in the future.

I don't understand why tuition for international students should increase more, in percentage, compared to domestic students. Isn't the current inflation rate in Canada the same for both categories of students? This policy as is would be discriminatory.

I strongly DISAGREE the increase in the tuition fee of the international students. The financial burden on international students is heavy enough. Our tuition fees are as 6 times as our counterparts. Plus we are not offered the way to get the student loan and the chance to get bursary is very limited. We are already under the huge stress of both financial and academy (for using the second language learning and compete with the native students). I sincerely hope the school do not put more stress on us because I know almost all the international students around me are working so hard to earn the money for their living in the expensive Vancouver and the difficult school courses. Thus, I do DISAGREE with this proposal

I think the proposal is fair, an approximately 2% increase due to inflation is expected

I'm disappointed to hear about this for the first time. In the email I recieved there was no rational or budget breakdown of why the 2% increase is happening. New students did not have an opportunity to provide any input. We were also not able to provide creative solutions to addressing needs. Most importantly I'm very disappointed in the increase for international students. Such a high cost on an already expensive university fee will be detrimental for a lot of people. Have we seen any studies on how severe a 2-9% increase could be? Do you understand the real implications of this on students? What percentage of students will be impacts and how?

As an undergraduate student in my first year of university who plans to continue on into graduate school, I believe the tuition fees are high enough as they are. Further increasing the costs deters from the education experience and serves as a distraction from completely focussing on my studies as I have to worry about the looming debt.

Our tuition fees should be put to better use with regards to student services for mental health. I have seen far too many complaints online and heard many people express their discontent with the services offered at UBC. Many people have to spend months waiting for help and support that they should have received much earlier, which should not be the case in one of the best universities in the world.

In general, I do agree that the increase in tuition fees is necessary, but the university needs to adapt to the modern world by making sure that our tuition fees really do cover the cost of our courses by prioritising the use of online and free resources. These tuition fees can be a heavy burden for some, and reducing the cost of other expenses will help alleviate the effects of an increase in tuition fees.

Wages do not increase 2% per year to reflect inflationary pressures, yet every year since I began at UBC domestic tuition fees have. Why is that? Students (and parents) are expected to grin & bear the continued financial pressure from rising tuition, housing, and living costs year after year, "providing feedback" where none is truly wanted or wholeheartedly considered. Would it financially devastate UBC to wait at least a couple of years between 2% increase in tuition, or even three or four?

I believe that an increase in tuition is not justified. While inflation does occur each year, the price that international students have to pay is already quite large. I believe that an increase in will turn students away and may even deter returning students.

It is pretty ridiculous that tuition fees go up every year, making it even more unaffordable for students already struggling to pay bills. For a university that boasts about diversity and concerns for the welfare of the students, this action is contradictory to what we have been told about the goals here at UBC. With the rising tuition fees, only a certain percentage of people will sooner or later be able to afford to be in this post-secondary education, limiting UBC's diversity. Education should be a right, not a privilege.

And so far, the money does not seem to be going elsewhere besides building more international buildings to favour more international students because they ultimately pay more. Can we learn to take some notes from other very successful countries and institutions that have free education (many European institutions)? We're not asking for free education, but we are asking you respect the existing and future students' plights in having affordable tuition. Thank you.

I believe funds can be redirected and re-prioritized rather than increasing tuition on students who are barely making it month to month.

do not raise tuition fee, since the international student tuition fees are 6 times of what domestic students pay. Also, Please renew some campus facilities and increase overall campus capacities.

It is already extremely expensive to get a "higher" education and the incentive to get one has gone down over the years. Increasing the already incredibly high tuition cost only makes going to university at UBC less appealing.

Obviously I am sensitive to the pricing of tuition, but 2% seems reasonable. I would even pay 3% if I knew the "extra" was being directed to people of color and disabled people.

with inflation being at an all time low and interest rates increasing the tuition hike will make it more expensive for students and it is not justified using inflation as a reason as inflation has been low in many economies

I find the tuition increases extremely inconvenient. I graduate in December. Although I have had to pay MORE money to the university, I wont be present to actually reap the benefits that the tuition increase will supposedly provide. The construction on campus (although I understand necessary) has proved to be very challenging. The traffic flow has increased substantially and time getting on and off campus has proved to be quite frustrating.

After reviewing the current proposal, I see no reason that tuition should be increased. If the university is so hard-pressed for money that it must turn to those who can already ill afford it, maybe it should consider replacing some of its lavish projects with more practical ones. As a simple example, the different coloured lights outside of the Nest and Alumni Centre are completely unnecessary. I understand that part of the charm of UBC is the beautiful campus, but this takes it too far. That lighting is to help students get around campus after sunset, not host a disco party. The money used on those lights could've been put towards purchasing more Safewalk cars or more of the blue safety poles instead. Collecting more money is not the solution, spending the money wisely in the first place is.

Tuition increases are never welcome, especially with the already high cost of living in Vancouver. It was unclear in the document as to what exactly is causing this increase, and it's hard for students to just take an administration's word on general expenses being higher when it's our money at stake.

1. The explanation provided does not specify where our tuition is spent. It is so general.

2. As an international student, I do not have access a lot of the scholarships available. This should be reflected on my tuition.

3. Why I can not opt out of student financial services if I am not eligible to use most of them. I am only eligible if I am on crisis which I hope no one reach. Reaching a crisis is very rare because to get the study permit you can not reach that level. This makes the financial support that UBC offers to their international student useless.

4. I am not a student with disability. However, I have a medical condition and religious restrictions that prevent me from using the athletic facilities and I do not understand why I can not opt out from that too.

5. If inflation affects UBC making the university wants to increase the tuition for their student. It is also affecting the students and their families. Increasing the tuition will put the students and their families in financial difficulties and that will affect their studies. I do not think UBC have intentions to do that.

6. increasing the revenue could be done by increasing investments and decreasing the expenses by freezing salaries and stopping parties.

I disagree. While I've been a student, I saw a rise in tuition twice, and each time, the "consultation" process has been ignored. I wonder if this illusion of participatory democracy is how we placate our conscience in light of the fact that UBC has become the most inaccessibly expensive educational institution in British Columbia.

I vote no.

As the cost of attending university increases, will the financial support available also increase accordingly? (ex. bursary, renewable scholarships, etc.)

To not increase.

I think that there should not be an increase in tuition as proposed. Students are already paying so much, some supporting themselves.

The international undergraduate tuition fee is already too high this year: \$1,163.76, about seven times the tuition of domestic students (\$172.99). Thus, increasing the international tuition even more is a "tragedy" for international students like me. My parents will to pay for my education. However, I do not want to take all of my family's money. Each school year tuition fee of UBC is worth the total salary of my parents in five years. What if my grandparents have cancer? What if my dad loses his job? What if one member of my family has a car accident? We need saving money, and this increasing tuition fee is "spoiling" it. I do try to work, but it is impossible to earn enough for the huge tuition (\$10/hour so I will have to work for at least 11 hour every day to pay for more than \$40000 a year). Most of the scholarships are \$10000 maximum so how can you expect me to pay for the left part - more than \$30000, which will be even more?

We international students come here with the hope to study, to do research, to do the work that we could not have done in our home countries. We do not come to UBC to carelessly use our families' "blood money". This increasing tuition will steal away the chance of many international students to graduate. Furthermore, there will be less international students who want to apply for UBC since the tuition seems too high for them.

I understand that UBC needs more money, but do not put that burden on international students who are already paying seven times more the domestic students are. If the tuition must increase, please at least increase the amount of scholarships, too.

Please do not increase the tuition fee for both international and local students.

I find that a 2% increase in tuition for undergraduate programs to be mostly reasonable. However, the tuition costs for programs which cost over \$10,000, a 2% increase is too much. Considering that most students in post-baccalaureate programs to have very intensive studying required, they will choose to live on campus. Adding to that the cost of an increased tuition, students which come from low-paying families will have no way to afford their child's tuition, even when the student has been accepted into the said program.

I really hope UBC don't increase the tuition fees, because it's already been really really expensive for Vantage students. I can't imagine what will happen if my family knows this news.

Good day,

I would just like to inform you that some international students such as myself come from[...], a very economically challenged country, especially now. People have limits on how much of their own money they can spend a day and transferring large sums of money outside the country takes upwards of two weeks (at the present moment, but will surely rise).

Please consider the countries we come from before you raise our tuition. Some of us are struggling as it is, especially since my tuition is payed mostly by single parent income.

Thank you

[...]

Don't see why tuition keeps increasing. It doesn't directly contribute to my education or university experience. All I see is the dollars go towards construction and trivial matters such as outdoor art

No comments at this time

I've been always astonished by the ridiculous and enormous disparity of high tuition fees in undergrad level between Engineering/Science based courses and Sauder School of Business. Currently, business studies cost like \$45k for International folks while around \$40k for Engineering. What lab facilities or "extra-ordinary" technologies in Business department justify such high fees? For example, Engineering/Science departments need to have latest computing processors, software modules, FPGA boards, lab equipment/chemicals. How come Sauder needs more than Eng. and then spend on what? Lab. computers/Accounting software for business students? Or their faculties are more expensive to hire? Can't we divert some money from there?

On another note, the average tuition fee for undergrad international students for Eng. in 2007 was about \$25k. Now it's going to be more than \$45k- about 80% increase in 10 years! From my personal experience as both Grad and Undergrad, the quality of education or the student funding or securing job after graduation --none of these factors has climbed to 80%. This is evident from UBC's insignificant change in International University rankings (39th or 40th?) in the last decade.

I know UBC always use inflation excuse as a pressure every year to increase fees. Maybe UBC should take a step back and reflect at their net achievements against money spent/charged. It's very clear somewhere down the line UBC is not efficient in providing students "best value" for the money charged. An 80% increase in tuition in a decade but no such climb in improvements for students in terms of quality of education or landing a job is a failure.

My advice: please utilize your operating fund efficient to improve student's education quality and likelihood of securing job instead of burdening them by debts after graduation. Work with the Prov. and Fed. govts to come up with better solution than increasing tuition fees.

Every year, UBC asks its students for their thoughts on the proposed annual tuition increase. And, sadly, every year it seems our words fall on deaf ears. I have been a UBC student for over six years, having completed my undergraduate degree and now working on my masters, I have yet to see the administration take students' needs and concerns to heart. Vancouver's vacancy rate continues to sit below 1%, the waitlist for student housing numbers in the thousands, and our transit system is not yet fulfilling the growing needs of UBC's students who are forced to live further and further away from campus. Raising tuition not only increases students' dependency on loans, it may force them into riskier housing situations in order to save money.

A second pertinent issue is mental health. As an undergrad, I worked at least two jobs to make ends meet while studying at UBC. Now, I have had to move back in with my parents, and continue to work to support myself and pay off my student loans. I can only speak for myself, but the financial strain of being a working student has been hugely detrimental to my productivity as a graduate student and on my mental health.

As an institution, I truly believe there are other ways to contribute to the budget. Asking for more money from students will continue to define UBC as a corporate entity that does not value the health and stability of its 'workers.' I urge you to reconsider raising tuition fees and reevaluate how the institution allocates salaries, administrative costs and the perception that the growing number of UBC graduates may have after leaving an institution that increased its fees more often than it began construction.

I have only recently begun my graduate studies at UBC, and will have to decide whether I can continue should there be a tuition increase.

From the perspective of an international student, this increase in tuition would be very tough on certain people. I come from middle class background and it is already very tough for my parents to be paying the tuition for UBC as I did not receive any financial aid/scholarships. A 2% increase would mean my family would have to pay 3,200 dollars extra per year (if not more), which is akin to taking an extra class. I'm sure there are many others like me who come to UBC despite the tuition being out of their range simply because they would like to receive world class education.

Furthermore, the fact that UBC is cheaper than their US counterparts actually makes it very appealing for international students to come to UBC rather than go to an Ivy. I feel that if this increase continues, it might actually decrease the number of international students coming each year as UBC would lose that edge over their competitors.

The increase in International Tuition is absolutely fucking absurd. I'd ask for you to forgive my use of strong language but I feel that its use is the only way to properly convey my anger at the proposition. I am already paying an exorbitant fee to attend this wonderful university. A 10% increase would turn the price from unreasonable to ludicrous. I am livid at the thought of this University taking advantage of us international students. Don't we have to pay enough already? This is not a cheap school for us, most of us have accepted that fact but this is akin to being spat at by the higher ups. I am thoroughly disappointed.

Sincerely,

A pissed off student who is already going to be in crippling debt who doesn't want to be deeper in the hole.

I agree with increasing tuition 2% due to inflation but I feel the university should try to reduce spending. For example, lowering administrative costs and unnecessary construction/maintenance costs. Also reduce costs for public outreach events. More of the budget should be spent on research and providing support to faculty and students, not maintaining image.



I find it interesting that despite the downturn in the economy, this is the second year in a row that UBC is proposing another 2-3% hike to tuition rates for domestic students. I have no issue with this year's proposal to increase the tuition rates of international students and those students who are unclassified but I do have a problem with the continued increase in fees, despite not seeing any direct impact from the previous years increase. If UBC continues to increase tuition fees year after year, I imagine that there will be increased demand for tuition support and scholarships, so students can continue to go to school. I know with the downturn in the economy, it hurt my family. I was living in Vancouver, and my mom, dad and sister were all laid off from their jobs in Alberta. I was paying for my grad studies education myself but there went any sort of help, assistance or financial backing I had (when my entire family lost their jobs). I felt the pressure to all of a sudden financially support my family while currently on leave from my job/not working while completing an intensive dual Masters program and also trying to pay for school and live in one of the most expensive cities in the country! With limited financial assistance/scholarships from UBC or externally, I found it emotionally and financially stressful trying to balance my studies, finances and help my family while they tried to get back on their feet.

In regards to other fee increases to accompany the tuition fee increase, I am 100% against any sort of increase to non-instructional fees! These are the most aggravating fees that UBC charges to its students. Offering mandatory classes, required for program completion via online/distance (DL) only where a student may have at most only have email contact with their professor or TA once a month and everything is put on blackboard there is no need to charge an extra \$50 for the course on top of the regular course/tuition fees! This is a total cash grab by the university with no seen or added benefit for the student. Take my situation for example, a student living on campus where I had to take 4 classes during the last 2 years of my program via distance (because that is the only method for which the class was offered once in that entire academic year) and had to pay extra, for the privilege to take the class online when I purposely chose to take an in person/in class Masters program and NOT the alternatively offered DL Masters program, because I learn better in a classroom setting. The fact that students cannot get out of paying this fee, and that enrollment services cannot accurately tell me where that money is going and what it is used for, or how I will see it used to better my educational experience is aggravating beyond belief!

no pls

As an international student, I pay 600% more tuition than domestic students. However, I see my fees being spent on irrelevant projects to me. For example: South Gage Residence, fountain renovation, and Vantage College. For international students we are only here for undergraduate studies. But these projects can take years to complete.

I do not believe that raising the tuition by 2% for the sole reason of inflation is justifiable. Annual inflation from 2016 was just over 1.50%, thus begging the question how the school can justify for the extra 0,5%. Now, this is not saying I approve the 1.50% increase in the first place. People often rationalize that inflation forces or propels the price to rise. However, they forget about the income side. My parents' salaries did not rise, why should my tuition. If we are all about balance and fairness (if not, why would UBC ask to raise the tuition rate based upon inflation rate?), it is important to realize that a lot of students' parents' income is not increasing as fast as their tuition. And if UBC continues to stand by their motto: "It's Yours," then it should start by making it ours by giving us the ability (at least try to) to own it. If not, UBC should reconsider its values and motto.

As an international student who's tuition will increase about 1% more than domestic students I would appreciate having a few more options for scholarships destined only to international students as the amount of money we have to pay is greater and is difficult to manage for some parents. I understand this is completely necessary to do and the University is doing its best to help us but this would be great news for people who could use a bit of financial help.  
Thanks!

As an international undergraduate student I am finding that estimate/year I was given before applying for the degree is higher than what I am having to pay to complete the degree in 4 years as I have to complete 120 credits. Therefore, further increase in cost will seriously jeopardise my possibility of completing my degree.

I do not think that UBC should be increasing tuition at such a steep rate. In particular, I do not think that UBC should be increasing International Student tuition fees by 9.2%. International students already pay much more than Domestic students and it is shocking that this tuition is proposed to go up by such a huge amount (it is hard to understand why UBC needs to make such a large increase). It also causes me to think that the focus for UBC is not so much on students as these changes seem to be approached through a business lens and while I understand the importance of budgets, it is also important to recognize the real-life and human impacts of tuition costs and the stresses that this can place on students/people/society.

UBC does not seem to have demonstrated much deep thinking or creativity in presenting these challenges or funding the university in other ways and it does not seem like they are trying to make an effort to reduce the costs and stresses placed upon students. UBC also has emphasized diversity in the marketing I've encountered, but this does not seem to be supported by the actions of the university -- including increasing costs for all students (especially international ones).

I also think that future consultations with students should include more variety of platforms and more accessible surveys to make it easier for students to engage in these conversations and the decisions the university is making (e.g. multiple choice ones that are faster for students to engage with, open houses/town halls, etc.).

So for a first thing, it would be good to actually have proper graphics/figures. Of note: scales/axes? Also, not using areas (pie charts, rectangle areas) to represent things because humans are notoriously awful at that, and being more consistent with percentages vs absolute amounts (when you switch from saying percentages to plotting absolutes without a scale, it feels like we're being deliberately deceived).

I found the proposal overall lacking in specifics - it's a fine high level overview, but it would be good to be able to look more in depth at things. A focus on how the tuition increases might affect the student body (other than simply having higher tuition) would be helpful - especially if there were clear goals to be met.

For the increase in non-instructional fees, without knowing more about what they are currently going for, or what they will be used for, I have a hard time understanding why the increase is necessary (unless it's simply to keep up with increasing operating costs).

Other than that, I don't see anything terribly odd about raising tuition, just that it seems to be quite frequent (again, I haven't looked at the operating costs) - it might be interesting to see more ideas on what could be done more cheaply.

As a student in chemistry department, I felt the increase my tuition did not reflect at all on my education. Chemistry building is big yet old, and major chemistry lecture halls B250/B150 are dark, depressive, no natural light. In general the quality of classrooms need to be improved, and I remember during my second year's class, the projector stopped working. I have worked in a chemistry research lab in chemistry A-wing and the quality of lab did not match the quality of the research. Great researches deserve better labs, and even for the lab courses in chemistry, better facilities will be helpful (more and better glasswares/ fumehood etc).

I do not mind an increase in my tuition as long as it can be reflected in my own education. However I do not feel it, especially after I have seen the classrooms and labs in biochemistry building or sauder. Why do we still have a classroom like B150? I like the historical feeling but I think some spending on that will never be harmful.

I like the new swimming pool and all the cool things happening at UBC, but an increase of 2% in international tuition is not a small number. I want my tuition increase to be reflected in education material/environment etc before anything else. Thanks for reading.

Education should be free, I do not support the increase in the 2018 tuition.

Graduate Students that are not based on campus, like BC Children's Hospital or VGH still pay for a full tuition, even though we never take advantage of the infrastructure or other 'perks' of the Point Grey campus.

Also, the tuition and housing prices at UBC are already absurd. I am sure the budget (that is not small) can be more well spent. There is no transparency whatsoever to where the money that should be invested in the different departments (e.g. [...]) is actually going, and I really have the feel that there is a deviation of funds scheme happening.

Since this will be presented in a summary I can only imagine it doesn't matter much what I say individually.

First, piss off with your rampant construction. I understand renovations since you originally built certain buildings with asbestos (well done on that), but the amount of time these projects have taken is obscene and I can only imagine the cost in paying the workers, since we don't know and are not told how many days the projects have been going and how much money per project this is.

Second, did it ever occur to you, instead of figuring out how much you have to increase tuition to match inflationary pressures, how to cut costs to NOT increase tuition? Is this a novel concept to you genius overlord bureaucrats, or do you not really care because it's waaay easier to have more of other people's money to play with than try to spend less money? Try it some time. I bet you do it in your own lives, how about you try it here? Don't propose idiotic construction projects like a shadow of a pine tree in bricks that will cost over \$300,000 in NOT your money? How about you speed up the ongoing construction and save money? Just a crazy idea.

I understand that expenses have to be made to keep the university running at its best, but it is hard for students like myself that have little to no income to support ourselves in the first place. Why can operations in the university not be kept constant at a level that can be maintained so that tuition does not have to increase by multiple percents?

Please do not increase fees for students!!! They are already too elevated and it is difficult for any student in any position to be able to pay each term, without signing off large amounts of loans from either banks or the government.

I am currently a first year grad student and am still paying off my loans from my Bachelor's degree which ended 3 years ago. It is very stressful to have financial strain weighing down on you. At least if for domestic students the fees only went up by 0.5%...but why by 2%?

Thanks for asking us though. Hope you take my comments in consideration.

First of all, I congratulate the university for providing state of the art facilities in the campus. Infrastructure is world class! Nevertheless, I would like to bring into your attention that with the increase of fees, there is no increase in graduate fellowship. It is becoming harder to survive in this expensive city. I receive a graduate fellowship of 21,000 per annum from my program. Moreover, being an international student, there are only limited scholarship opportunities. Also, average rent in Vancouver for a single room is \$750 which makes it very difficult to live in or near campus. As a result, I live in Burnaby and bus 1hr up and 1hr down everyday (I share a 2 bedroom place with 2 others). Another issue is, majority of the eating places on campus is super expensive and for sure I am not able to afford to have food on campus. I am depending upon high carb based meals (cheaper) day to day to survive. I wish the university consider the financial stress the students are in. Thank you for the understanding!

There's no point saying anything here since the university does whatever they want anyway. We didn't want the stupid tree shadow thing in the nest plaza but you're going ahead with it anyway. These feedback forms for annual tuition increase come out every year, no student ever wants tuition increase yet it gets raised every year. Mind as well stop having these feedback forms since they're a waste of time for students to fill out and a waste of time for the person who's tasked to go through the comments.

I have been a student at UBC for over 7 years now, and will continue to be student for another 3 years. Almost every year, I witness a raise in tuition. It is all well and good to raise tuition for both domestic and international students.

However, this is not a one way street. As a graduate student, who has to deal with the pressures of the real world - making ends meet - granting bodies and agency is not a reliable source of income for us. Tuition is not the only thing being raised - rentals are increasing, food cost is increasing, daily living costs are also increasing. Yet, there is minimal change to our student stipend. Yes, the financial pressures on UBC has increased by almost 50%. I will take your word for it. But I would strongly urge to make the case to raise the students capacity to enable them to afford your institutes education. It is all well and good to raise the tuition, but as students, our life does not boil down to just tuition. We have a very unique relationship with UBC - we are your customers but we also rely on you to empower and equip us to have a better future. It is all well and good to raise the tuition, but please consider raising the tuition consistently and its effect on your students entering a vicious cycle of having to pay back loans, that only get deeper and deeper.

It is all well and good to raise the tuition, but please be aware, that the individuals UBC serve, primarily students, are aware of the age old proverbial frog in hot water. If our voice truly matters, then please note that raising the tuition is well and good. But is it necessary to take place as regularly as it has?

While it is understood that the University is subject to increased financial pressure, the same is true for UBC students. A tuition increase would be fairly justified just if student stipends and scholarships will receive the same treatment.

Do not raise tuition costs. Do not raise tuition costs, we cannot afford to pay more.

I don't approve. I think the university has more than sufficient funds to operate next year; I do not believe that it is necessary to increase tuition across the board.

I also know that my voice doesn't really matter, and that this is just an empty gesture to make it seem like UBC cares about its community.

UBC isn't a university, it's a business. That's why tuition is going up.

I think the difference between domestic students' tuition and international students' tuition is great which is a little unfair.

Dear review team,

I would like to vehemently disagree with your proposed tuition increase of 2% for the next year. I am an international student, and my 2017/18 tuition for School of Journalism was subject to a staggering 22% increase in fees compared to last year. I felt duped by this move because the tuition fee that was quoted when I accepted the offer was about CAD 18,000, and when I accepted the offer, I got a revised letter from the Provost that quoted around CAD 23,000. This also jeopardized my prospects of coming to UBC, and I am not ready or capable of paying any more than what is already quoted.

PLEASE, at least spare the students who were subject to this drastic increase in fee. Thank you.

Dear Sirs,

Re: Parity fees between Access Studies and those charged to Regular Students.

I believe I have benefitted immensely from the past Access system of no tuition fees.

I like the written proffer of Dr. Santa Ono in July, 2016 to UBC students. Take risks in course work, Change the World.

Yours truly,

[...]

I believe that the tuition increase for international students is insufficient. International tuition at UBC is dramatically cheaper than most institutions in the United States of similar extrapolation and significance. I urge the board of governors and pertinent authorities to increase international tuition by a minimum of 6%.

The increase for me is acceptable.

I believe that a further raise in our tuition fees is not a step in the right direction. Following last year's increase of tuition fees this will make UBC even more non-affordable for a lot of students. UBC tuition fees are one of the highest in Canada and that will also have an impact to the selection of new undergraduate and graduate students that will choose a less expensive program that is equally reputable (e.g. SFU, Ryerson, UofA, UVic, etc.)

In my opinion, the 2% -3% of increase in the tuition fees is little too much given that our stipend for graduate students appointed as research assistant doesn't increase with that rate. Also, the inflation in the living cost in Vancouver adds a lot of stress on us as students! This mental stress will affect our studies and work. I would suggest 1% increase in the tuition fees and other non-instructional fees.

Thank you!

Dear UBC Board of Governors:

The 9.2% increase in international tuition has made a lot of students angry and it will impact many future students negatively as they struggle to pay for their education. This financial stress will have adverse effects on the mental health of these students and puts a huge burden on the students and their families who may not be from the wealthiest and most privileged backgrounds. This prevents students with lower financial support from applying to and attending UBC. These increases put a large and unnecessary stressor on the students and can affect their academic performance negatively. Many students have to take up several part-time jobs to pay for their degree. International tuition increased a couple of years ago and many students are questioning why there is another increase yet again. This proposal of 9.2% increase in international tuition does not take into account the well-being and perspective of the future students attending UBC. Education is a basic human right and students shouldn't have to pay an arm and a leg to access it, or put their mental health at risk due to financial stress. I can say, very confidently that the majority of students at UBC, (domestic and international students) are not impressed with this proposal to increase international tuition (yet once again). I do not support this increase in international tuition and hope that for the sake of students that UBC decides to reject the 9.2% increase in international tuition. Thank you.

Sincerely,

A Frustrated Student

Please allocate more funds to education/research/faculties/scholarships and less funding for building repairs/renovations/etc (there's always construction at UBC and a lot of it is unnecessary)

As an international student from [...] paying full fees, it is a burden to me. Since I received my acceptance to UBC in May 2017 to the time I paid for my winter term fees, the Canadian dollar has increased 6% relative to the Malaysian ringgit. A further 2% increase would be an additional strain on my budget. Financial aid for international students are limited or almost non-existent, and some parents had to sell their houses to send their children here.

I understand that these services are important for UBC Faculty and students as the community continues to grow, but I think tuition is becoming extremely unaffordable. Some services we pay for aren't very necessary. For example, I think we could cut funds for the CitR radio, Bike Kitchen and Ubysey newspaper. I don't think anyone actually uses the radio, and I don't think the Bike Kitchen is really necessary for a university resource/service. Finally, I find those who read the Ubysey usually go online to read it. It would save a lot of ink, paper, and money to cut this service. I hope this feedback will be helpful for future tuition decisions.

As a graduate student I can compare myself to students in other institutions across Canada. Some graduate students do not have to pay tuition fees at all, or they are greatly reduced, which is not the case here. Other graduate students get supplies such as research laptops, second monitors or office supplies. I had to buy my own laptop because there was no UBC computer provided to me for my research; I had to buy a fairly powerful computer to have the power and space that I require. This is a problem because I also have to buy all the software that I need because university provided software cannot be installed on non-UBC computers. Otherwise I can do my research from a public computer at the library, which is definitely not ideal. Secondly, I have to complete four courses as part of my program. One is a seminar whereas the other three are directed readings. I understand that I have to do a certain amount of independent research, but there are no graduate level courses offered in my department, so what are my tuition fees used for? I decided to attend a conference with workshops, plenary sessions and fieldtrips next semester to compensate for the lack of education that I receive here, but I have to pay for everything from my own pocket. Thirdly, as part of my tuition fees I am paying \$63.00 per semester for a bus pass that I haven't used. Finally, I do a lot of outdoor activities, but it can be difficult sometimes in between seasons and when things get very busy at the university. I considered going to the gym here, but I just found out that it is not even free for students, even though I have to pay athletics and recreation fees every semester. At the moment I am not getting very much value for the large amount of tuition fees that I already pay, so UBC should consider not increasing the fees, but rather increasing the quality and value of education that it is providing to students.

Our tuition should be spent mainly in a way that benefits the students of UBC educationally and emotionally, not to improve the university's aesthetics by placing otherwise defunct decorations or renovating structures for reasons other than safety or student comfort. If the installation or change is absolutely necessary, the students should decide what is to be done (e.g. designs of a mural). More of our tuition should be spent on establishing more mental health support communities or facilities, as stress and depression rates are skyrocketing within the university.

I do not agree with the proposed tuition increases. Perhaps if UBC's finances were handled better, tuition increases would not be needed. It is already difficult for many students to pay tuition if they are both in school and working part time.

I sincerely request the Board of Governors to not increase the tuition fees for continuing international students as it would impose a huge burden on me. I hope you will consider my request whilst making the decision as this will benefit the university in the long run as its popularity among international students will increase.

All increases are between 2% to 5% which is too high. In my opinion, expenses are very high for an international student anyway given the living costs including housing in Vancouver. I do not know if the funding given to grad students increase proportionally to the increase in tuition fees etc. However, an increase that may seem fairly small numerically may cause a student to struggle financially.

The tuition for international students is too high to afford. It is unfair to increase the tuition.

The [...] PharmD program had a massive tuition hike approx 2 years ago, another hike based on a percentage of the already increased tuition should be unnecessary.

Especially for an undergraduate program I had to think twice about paying the current tuition (~\$17,000 per year) to attend, If tuition were increased I would seriously consider not applying if I were a new student.

It's unfair for continuous international students. Every year UBC increase too much in the tuition even for the continuous students. Tuition for international students is already too high, don't increase that much while the teaching quality and students' opportunities remain the same. That's not reasonable!

Please consider international students who are also struggling to pay tuition. International students have to right to receive the same privileges as domestic students. We are NOT money-making revenues. With increased tuition, please provide more financial aid to international students OR please do not raise.

Tuition is already a big (if not the biggest) part of student's expenses while attending UBC. An increase of 2% will only worsen the finances of student on top of beating inflation and skyrocketing housing prices. For these reasons, we ask that all tuition hikes should be kept to a minimum and only used as a last resort

The UBC tuition has doubled in a decade - from 1.6 billion to 2.3 billion. Students are not getting what we're really paying for. From all this, only 36 million goes back to us, the supporters of this business, when over 50% of this goes to you (staff). We have higher tuition than SFU and other local schools, which is very saddening. I don't think that raising tuition fees is an innovative move for UBC. Why can't the money come from other sources - somewhere other than students? Like what my geography professor says, "we're only worsening the gap between the rich and the poor". For once, can we please not increase the tuition? Thanks, on behalf of all the tuition payers.

I clearly don't like that you raise prices, as I already pay a ton of money for my degree.

PLEASE FOR THE LOVE OF GOD GIVE US A FALL READING WEEK

Fee for international students is already high enough compared to local students. The suggested proposal would increase the difference between them. Being an international student i would start looking for different options, as would others, because this fee increase would make this college inaffordable.

Please take this into consideration

Being an International student at UBC puts a lot of financial stress on graduate students due to very limited scholarship opportunities. Most of the prestigious competitions and/or loans options are only open to Canadian nationals or permanent residents. Finding a residence in Vancouver is not even close to being affordable. This is already putting a lot of financial stress on students. Increasing tuition fees will increase the financial burden on students and this will surely impact their academic performance.

D: University is becoming something only the rich will be able to afford. As tuition costs continue to increase, some students will be pushed out just because of the costs. You may say that there are bursaries and financial aid, but with increasing costs and the same level financial aid offered, potential/current students are going to get pushed out because they just will not be able to compete. Such is the way of things, I just think it is unfortunate. I think it also may start to limit the diversity at the university... it will be like the movies where there are a class of rich kids and one small-town kid who got there because they just managed to scrape enough together... (plot line diverges) until they must leave school because it is just too dang expensive. There will be a limit in thinking styles if everyone comes from a rich home.

I do not agree with the 2% tuition increase. After reading the budgets the university still came out with 5m last year. I believe with the amount of students that ubc okanagan hosts the campus could get away with a 0.5-1% increase in tuition.

Personally, I believe a raise in tuition will cause more problems than not. Many of us, including myself take student loans that we will need to pay back after graduation. This increase may force students to take out larger amounts of loans or for those without previous loans to begin and apply. For those students who are relying heavily on student loans aren't getting an increasing amount as the cap remains the same. If the cap is reached too quickly and students are still unable to complete a payment for their tuition, it forces them into situations where they depend on bursaries, scholarships or may be forced into a program with a lower cost. This is problematic because this problem might occur during our third or fourth year of study, which by then a discontinuation of study due to economic conditions would have created a waste of years worth of time and money. UBC is currently in a great state without any major problems. It is unnecessary to make student lives harder to make small developments that may be overlooked.