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Huge Increase in Tuition for International Students will Hurt

SURREY, BC – The Kwantlen Student Association (KSA) is disappointed with the recent decision by the Board of Governors to increase international student tuition by 15%. The decision was made abruptly, without consulting or notifying students. Both student representatives on the Board of Governors voted against the decision.

The increase is significant, and will result in an increase from \$572.20 a credit to \$658.03 a credit which is \$19,741 for students taking a full course load. International students, who already pay significantly more than domestic students in tuition, are taking fewer courses per semester now than they were previously, as a result of the high cost of tuition.

“This is a huge increase in costs for international students” said Caitlin McCutchen, KSA President **“the general impression is that international students are all wealthy and so can pay higher fees, however most of our international students are from the middle class, and this increase will put a strain on them and their families.”**

While the University must increase tuition occasionally to cover the costs of providing services, the recent increase was too much, too quickly. Many international students will struggle to adapt to this change.

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