



Langara Students' Union
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The Langara Students' Union Association is calling on the Langara College Board to reverse their recent decision to increase Regular Studies Tuition Fees for International Student by 6% per credit in September 2020.

While a 6% increase seems like a small amount, the reality is that International students, who must take at least 9 credits to maintain their study eligibility under Federal legislation, will end up paying a minimum of \$300 per semester, or \$5628.60 per semester. When one factors in the extra courses that students have to take that do not contribute directly to their degree program – redundant courses taken to make up a full-time course load when required courses are full – a relatively small increase can add thousands of dollars to their educational costs over the course of their degrees. This brings up a related point, the precarious financial security.

International Students are eligible, under Federal Legislation, to work a maximum of 20 hours per week off campus, or a maximum of 30 hours per week on campus. Langara College can only offer a limited number of job opportunities for students on campus, not enough to support the number of international or domestic students looking for work opportunities. Furthermore, all international students now pay twice as much per month for basic Medical coverage, rental costs continue to skyrocket, and job opportunities are often limited to minimum-wage jobs, which create a further financial burden on international students.

The Langara Students' Union Association Board is currently reaching out to its' membership to voice their opposition to this increase. Look for members of the Students' Issues Action Committee & Student volunteers in the A-Building Main Foyer, Cafeteria, or in S105 (LSU Reception) to sign our petition!