



### **My Statement on Tuition Fee Increases for August 1<sup>st</sup>, 2025**

Looking through the minutes from the CNC Board of Governors and seeing the decisions they've made without proper student consultation—decisions that directly affect both current and future students' finances, right in the middle of a crisis caused by multiple factors—is deeply disappointing and concerning. It tells me that either CNC isn't working to help students, or that they can't. And either way, something above them needs to change if we want to see meaningful difference at a level that actually matters.

This can't be solved by overcharging students or cutting courses. These decisions only work against students and the college, resulting in increased dropouts and financial instability for everyone involved. With students having to consider dropping out just to afford living, and the college continuing to cut back on its own resources, we're quickly reaching a point where there's nothing left to cut.

I'm hoping that through collaboration with CNC, BCFS, and the government, we can reach some stable ground and better fund colleges across BC—but to get there, we need more than just college representatives. We need collective voices, too.

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