

Statement of Concern Regarding Proposed Tuition Increases

I am deeply concerned about the College of New Caledonia's decision to raise tuition by 2% for domestic students and 4% for international students, especially considering that these increases are pre-approved through 2027. The approval of automatic tuition increases by CNC through 2027 eliminates accountability and removes the need for future consultation or reassessment with students. This sets a troubling precedent where financial decisions are made without transparency or input.

These increases also come at a time when affordability is already a crisis. Many students are dealing with housing and food insecurity, stagnant wages, and growing debt. Any additional financial burden risks pushing marginalized students, such as those from low-income, rural, Indigenous, or newcomer backgrounds, out from being able to access post-secondary and continuing education.

Education is a public good and should be funded as such. We urge the college to reconsider these tuition increases and engage in open dialogue with the student body to develop solutions that prioritize affordability, inclusion, and long-term student success.

Respectfully,
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