“They [lecturers] tell us to be open minded, but they are not! Just because we say the wrong word like ‘what’ instead of ‘pardon’, they misunderstand us and we come across as being rude or as stupid. If they only got to know us, they will realise we do understand the subject, we just cannot express ourselves in the ‘right’ way.”

“If we don’t want to talk [in class], that should be our problem. We should not be forced to talk.”

“We often expect international students to take on our culture, our values and our language and do as we say instead of encouraging international students to maintain their own cultural identity.”