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AUTHORITY TO INCREASE TUITION FOR CREDIT COURSES AND COMMUNITY EDUCATION (CED) FOR THE 2002-2003 ACADEMIC YEAR

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REPORT:

For each of the past few years, tuition for credit courses has been increased by \$1 per credit hour. However, due to the anticipated \$930 million State budget shortfall which, in turn, translates into significantly reduced State funding to the College in this biennium, the College needs to increase the tuition for credit courses by \$5 (12.5%) per credit hour to balance its budget.

The Proposed FY 2002-03 budget is built with this tuition rate. The \$45 rate falls in the middle of the range of rates that the 17 Oregon community colleges plan to charge.

For Community Education (CED), the minimum tuition rate will go up \$.50 (14.2%) to \$3.50 per contact hour. The rate has not been changed for the past two years.

For Continuing Education (CEU), the minimum tuition rate will remain at the current level of \$3.80 per contact hour.

Actual tuition and fees in the CED and CEU programs are usually determined by what the market will bear and the costs of providing such programs.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the following tuition rates for credit courses become effective at the start of the Summer 2002 Term.

Resident

Oregon residents, and residents of the states bordering Oregon (Washington, Idaho, Nevada and California),

under the age of 62 will be charged \$45.00 per credit hour effective Summer Term, 2002. Those who are 62 years of age or older will be charged 50% of the Resident rate.

Non-resident

Persons not residing in Oregon or the states bordering Oregon (including all international students) will be charged \$175.00 per credit hour effective Summer Term, 2002.

Exception for Credit Courses

Higher rates will not be charged without Board approval. Reductions to the credit course rates must be approved on a case-by-case basis by the appropriate executive dean. Reductions could be made for course sections offered at off-peak hours or for study skill classes.

Community Education (CED)

The minimum rate charged for CED courses will be \$3.50 per contact hour effective Summer Term, 2002.