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03-056

Implement Tuition Surcharge for Border State Students
Enrolled at Portland Community College

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REPORT: Students who reside in border states and enroll at PCC currently pay tuition at Oregon-resident rates. As such, they do not contribute to that portion of College funding that is attributable to District property tax revenues. Property tax revenues provide approximately 20% of the funding for PCC's general fund. Additionally, current PCC resident tuition rates are substantially lower than the rates from neighboring out-of-state colleges, such as Clark College and Lower Columbia College, each of which have tuition at \$65 per credit or above.

Border state students enroll for approximately 24,000 credits annually at PCC, with approximately 12,000 of these at Cascade, and the remainder roughly equally divided between Sylvania and Rock Creek.

College counsel has advised that approval of such a surcharge needs to be adopted by the Board of Directors, even though it is a surcharge not applicable to all students, under a strict interpretation of Board Policy B 503, which states that "The Board will periodically set and publish tuition rates." Further, Board Policy B 404 states that "First priority for classes and services shall be extended to Oregon residents."

This proposal has been reviewed with ODCCWD staff who have advised that there are no statutory or administrative rule prohibitions on this surcharge.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Board of Directors approve a \$10 per credit tuition surcharge for border state students who enroll at PCC. This surcharge would be effective with Spring Quarter 2003, and would apply to all credits for which a border state-resident student is enrolled.

Resolutions 03-056 and 03-057 were moved for approval by Director Germond and the motion passed unanimously.