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AUTHORITY TO INCREASE TUITION FOR CREDIT,
COMMUNITY EDUCATION (CED) AND CONTINUING
EDUCATION (CED) COURSES FOR THE 2003-2004
ACADEMIC YEAR

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REPORT: Due to the continued State budget shortfall, started about 18 months ago, State support funding to PCC in the upcoming biennium will be substantially reduced. The 76% employer contribution rate increase approved by the PERS board, resulting in a \$4.7 million benefit cost increase in the general fund of PCC, compounds our budget problem. The anticipated general fund shortfall for the FY 2003-04 is \$9.4 million. As part of the President's budget balancing plan for the 2003-05 biennium discussed in the March 20, 2003 budget hearing, the College needs to increase the tuition for credit courses by \$13 (28.89%) to \$58 per credit hour to balance it's budget in FY 2003-04.

The Proposed FY 2003-04 budget is built with this tuition rate increase. The \$58 rate falls in the middle of the range of potential rates that the 17 Oregon community colleges anticipate charging: \$55 to \$61.

For Community Education (CED), the minimum tuition rate will go up \$.50 (14.28%) to \$4.00 per contact hour.

For Continuing Education (CEU), the minimum tuition rate will go up by \$1.90 (50.00%) to \$5.70 per contact hour. This rate has not been changed for the past two years.

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. They are often higher than the minimum.

RECOMMENDATION: That the following tuition rates for credit courses become effective for the 2003-2004 academic year.

1. Credit Courses:

Resident

Oregon residents, who are under the age of 62, will be charged \$58.00 per credit hour effective Summer Term, 2003.

Border State Resident

Residents of the states bordering Oregon (Washington, Idaho, Nevada and California), who are under the age of 62, will be charged \$68.00 per credit hour effective Summer Term, 2003. The \$10 surcharge was approved in Resolution 03-056.

Non-resident

Persons who do not reside in Oregon or the states bordering Oregon (including all international students) will be charged \$185.00 per credit hour effective Summer Term, 2003.

Seniors

For those who are 62 years of age or older, a discount of up to 50% of the respective rate may be granted by the College at the discretion of the President.

Exception for Credit Courses

Higher rates for the respective tuition categories will not be charged. Reductions to the credit course rates must be approved on a case-by-case basis by the appropriate Executive Dean in consultation with the President. Reductions could be made for course sections offered at off-peak hours or for study skill classes.

2. Non-Credit Courses

Community Education (CED)

The minimum rate charged for CED courses will be \$4.00 per contact hour effective Summer Term, 2003.

Continuing Education (CEU)

The minimum rate charged for CEU courses will be \$5.70 per contact hour effective Summer Term, 2003.