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AUTHORITY TO INCREASE TUITION FOR CREDIT COURSES FOR THE 2004-2005 ACADEMIC YEAR

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REPORT: As a part of the budget balancing plan for the 2003-05 biennium approved by the Board in April 2003, the College needs to increase the tuition for credit courses by \$4 (6.89%) to \$62 per credit hour for FY 2004-05.

In addition, staff recommends repealing the border state surcharge of \$10 per credit that was instituted in February 2003 by Board Resolution 03-056. The incremental revenue derived from this surcharge was not enough to offset the loss of tuition revenue due to the loss in enrollment of the border state students. Effective Summer 2004, border state students will pay the same amount as in-state students.

The College competes with Seattle area community colleges for international students. In order to be competitive, staff recognizes that the non-resident (international students) tuition rate at PCC needs to be less than the rates at the Seattle colleges. After research, staff recommends an increase of \$5 (2.7%) per credit hour to \$190. That is \$10 to \$20 a credit hour less than the Seattle colleges.

The Proposed FY 2004-05 Budget is built with the tuition rates described above. The \$62 rate falls on the high end of the range of rates that the 17 Oregon community colleges currently charge: \$53 to \$63. However, the majority of the colleges have not announced their tuition increases for FY 2004-05 yet, and the fees charged at most other Oregon community colleges are higher than those of PCC.

Since PCC increased the minimum tuition rates substantially this year for Community Education (CED) and Continuing Education (CEU) programs, staff does not see a need to raise the rate again for FY 2004-05. These programs are designated to be self-sufficient.

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 2004-2005 academic year.

1. Credit Courses:

Resident

Oregon residents, who are under the age of 62, will be charged \$62.00 per credit hour effective Summer Term, 2004.

Border State Resident

Residents of the states bordering Oregon (Washington, Idaho, Nevada and California), who are under the age of 62, will be charged \$62.00 per credit hour effective Summer Term, 2004. The \$10 surcharge approved by 03-056 is hereby repealed.

Non-resident

Persons who do not reside in Oregon or the states bordering Oregon (including all international students) will be charged \$190.00 per credit hour effective Summer Term, 2004.

Students 62 years and older

For those who are 62 years of age or older, a discount of up to 50% of the respective rate could 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

campus president. For example, reductions could be made for course sections offered at off-peak hours or for study skill classes.

2. Non-Credit Courses—No change

Community Education (CED)

The minimum rate charged for CED courses will remain at \$4.00 per contact hour for FY 2004-05.

Continuing Education (CEU)

The minimum rate charged for CEU courses will remain at \$5.70 per contact hour for FY 2004-05.

Director Germond moved to approve Resolutions 04-123 through 04-135, 04-137, and 04-138 by consent agenda and it carried unanimously.