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AUTHORITY TO INCREASE TUITION FOR CREDIT  
COURSES FOR THE 2005-2006 ACADEMIC YEAR

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REPORT: When the Citizen Budget Committee approved the FY 2005-2006 Budget on May 19, 2005 for Portland Community College, included in the budget was a tuition assumption of \$2 per credit hour increase (3.22%) for all credit classes. The rate will be \$64 per credit hour. The \$2 increase is average among the 17 Oregon community colleges, with increases ranging from \$1 to \$5 as of the writing of this resolution. However, the majority of the colleges have not announced their tuition increases for FY 2005-2006 yet, and the fees charged at most other Oregon community colleges are higher than those of PCC.

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. Staff recommends that the rate remain at \$190 per credit hour for 2005-2006. That is \$10 to \$20 a credit hour less than the Seattle colleges.

Since PCC increased the minimum tuition rate substantially two years ago for Community Education (CED) and Continuing Education (CEU) programs, staff does not see a need to raise the rate again for FY 2005-2006. These programs are designated to be self-sufficient. In addition, 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 2005-2006 academic year.

**1. Credit Courses:**

**Resident**

Oregon residents, who are under the age of 62, will be charged \$64.00 per credit hour effective Fall Term, 2005.

**Border State Resident**

Residents of the states bordering Oregon (Washington, Idaho, Nevada and California), who are under the age of 62, will be charged \$64.00 per credit hour effective Fall Term, 2005.

**Non-resident (no change)**

Persons who do not reside in Oregon or the states bordering Oregon (including all international students) will remain at \$190.00 per credit hour.

**Students who are 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 District President.

**Exception for Credit Courses**

Higher rates for the respective tuition categories will not be charged. Reductions to credit course rates must be approved on a case-by-case basis by the District President.

**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 2005-2006.

**Continuing Education (CEU)**

The minimum rate charged for CEU courses will remain at \$5.70 per contact hour for FY 2005-2006.