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AUTHORITY TO INCREASE TUITION FOR CREDIT-COURSES FOR THE 2006-2007 ACADEMIC YEAR

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REPORT: The proposed FY 2006-2007 Budget for Portland Community College assumes a tuition increase of \$3 per credit hour (4.69%) for all credit classes. The rate will be \$67 per credit hour. The \$3 increase is about average among the 17 Oregon community colleges with potential increases ranging from \$1 to \$5 as of the writing of this resolution. However, the majority of the colleges have not yet announced their tuition increases for FY 2006-2007, and the fees charged at most other Oregon community colleges tend to be higher than those of PCC.

The College competes with Seattle area community colleges as well as the Portland metropolitan colleges and universities including Portland State University for international students. In order to be competitive FY 2005-2006 tuition was not increased for international students. Staff recognizes that the non-resident (international student) tuition rate at PCC needs to be slightly less than the Seattle colleges. After research, staff recommends the rate be increased by \$5 per credit hour, to \$195 per credit hour for 2006-2007. That rate will still be slightly lower than the Seattle colleges and about the same as the three community colleges in the Portland metropolitan area.

Since PCC increased the minimum tuition rates substantially three years ago for Community Education (CED) and Continuing Education (CEU) programs, staff does not see a need to increase the rate again for FY 2006-2007. 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 cost of providing such programs and they are often higher than the minimum.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

That the following tuition rates for credit and non-credit courses become effective for the 2006-2007 academic year.

**1. Credit Courses:**

**Resident**

Oregon residents, who are under the age of 62, will be charged \$67.00 per credit hour effective Summer Term, 2006.

**Border State Resident**

Residents of the states bordering Oregon (Washington, Idaho, Nevada and California), who are under the age of 62, will be charged \$67.00 per credit hour effective Summer Term, 2006.

**Non-resident**

Persons who do not reside in Oregon or the states bordering Oregon (including all international students) will be charged \$195.00 per credit hour effective Summer Term, 2006.

**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 respective tuition categories will not be charged. Reductions to credit course rates must be approved on a case-by-case basis by the appropriate campus and 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 2006-2007.

**Continuing Education (CEU)**

The minimum rate charged for CEU courses will remain at \$5.70 per contact hour for FY 2006-2007.