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AUTHORITY TO INCREASE STUDENT ACTIVITY AND
TECHNOLOGY FEES FOR FY 2006-07

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REPORT:

Staff and ASPCC leaders have been reviewing the student activity fees. Their recommendation to the President is to increase the student activity fee from \$1.25 per credit hour \$1.50 per credit hour. In addition, the recommendation includes lifting the cap of 15 credit hours for which the fee is applicable. Among other uses, the funds generated will be used to provide increased support for student childcare, assist funding student activities programs at the Southeast Center, supporting multi-cultural centers and help absorb the impacts of increases in student salaries over the past 5 years due to the mandatory minimum wage increases in Oregon.

Staff recommends increasing the technology fee from \$4.00 per credit to \$4.50 and lifting the cap of 15 credit hours for which the fee is applicable. Technology has become ubiquitous at PCC since the inception of a technology fee in 1996. While the fee was originally intended to partially support direct technology support for students, the needs have increased dramatically as technology has become more all encompassing in the College. Recent implementation of the board-approved telecommunications upgrade strategy and the advent of the PORTAL (MYPCC) highlight the high level of infrastructure investment needed on an ongoing basis to appropriately serve students. Uses for the increased fee revenue include software license and maintenance costs, replacements of computers (including servers), additional equipment for student checkout, enhanced access and storage for student-developed files, additional support for student computer labs, and continued significant investments in technology infrastructure. The increase of \$.50 is to defray the impact of increasing costs in providing technology at PCC through the technology and facility integrated plan.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Board authorize increasing the student activity fee from \$1.25 per credit hour to \$1.50 per credit hour effective Summer 2006. The fee will be charged for every credit hour for which a student enrolls.

That the Board authorize increasing the technology fee from \$4.00 per credit hour to \$4.50 per credit hour effective Summer 2006. The fee will be charged for every credit hour for which a student enrolls.