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AUTHORITY TO INCREASE TUITION FOR CREDIT  
COURSES FOR THE 2007-2008 and 2008-2009  
ACADEMIC YEARS (THE 2007-2009 BIENNIUM)

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REPORT: The Portland Community College (PCC) Proposed Budget for the 2007-2009 biennium assumes a tuition increase of \$1.00 per credit hour for the 2007-2008 academic year (1.49%) and \$2.00 per credit hour for the 2008-2009 academic year (2.94%) for all credit classes. The rates will be \$68.00 and \$70.00 per credit hour respectively. The increases are in line with the Board's direction to not radically increase tuition charges to students. At the time of the writing of this resolution, the majority of Oregon community colleges have not announced their tuition changes for FY 2007-2008, and fees charged at most other Oregon community colleges tend to be higher than those of PCC.

PCC competes with Seattle area community colleges as well as the Portland metropolitan colleges and universities including Portland State University for international students. Staff also recognizes that the non-resident (international students) tuition rate at PCC needs to be slightly less than the rates at Seattle colleges. In order to remain competitive, staff recommended not increasing tuition for international students in FY 2005-2006 and a \$5.00 (2.67%) increase in FY 2006-2007 to \$195.00 per credit hour. After research and discussion, staff recommends the rate remain at \$195.00 per credit hour for the 2007-2008 academic year and go up \$3.00 (1.54%) per credit hour to \$198.00 for 2008-2009 academic year keeping the rate below Seattle colleges and about the same as the other three community colleges in the Portland metropolitan area.

Since PCC increased the minimum tuition rates substantially four years ago for Community Education (CED) and Continuing Education (CEU) programs, staff does not see a need to raise the rate again for the biennium 2007-2009. These programs are designated to be largely self-sufficient. In addition, actual tuition and fees for CED and CEU programs are usually determined by what the market will bear and the cost of providing such programs. Tuition for these programs is often higher than the minimum.

**RECOMMENDATION:** That the following tuition rates for credit courses become effective for the biennium 2007-2009:

**1. Credit Courses:**

**Resident**

Oregon residents, who are under the age of 62, will be charged \$68.00 per credit hour effective Summer Term, 2007 and \$70.00 per credit hour effective Summer Term, 2008.

**Border State Resident**

Residents of 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, 2007 and \$70.00 per credit hour effective Summer Term, 2008.

**Non-resident**

Persons residing in Oregon or bordering states (including all international students) will be charged \$195.00 per credit hour effective Summer Term, 2007 and \$198.00 per credit hour effective Summer Term, 2008.

**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 appropriate Campus President 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 the 2007-2009 biennium.

### **Continuing Education (CEU)**

The minimum rate charged for CEU courses will remain at \$5.70 per contact hour for the 2007-2009 biennium.