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AUTHORIZE INCREASE IN TUITION FOR CREDIT COURSES FOR THE 2011-2012 AND 2012-2013 ACADEMIC YEARS (THE 2011-2013 BIENNIUM)

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REPORT: The Portland Community College (PCC) Proposed Budget for the 2011-2013 biennium assumes a tuition increase of \$3.00 per credit hour for the 2011-2012 academic year (3.9%) and \$3.00 per credit hour for the 2012-2013 academic year (3.8%) for all credit classes. The rates will be \$79.00 and \$82.00 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 many Oregon community colleges have not announced their tuition changes for FY2011-2012, and fees charged at most other Oregon community colleges tend to be higher than those of PCC. However, for those colleges that have announced, their rates of increase are substantially higher than those proposed in this resolution.

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 stay competitive. After research and discussion, staff recommends the rate increase \$1.00 (.4%) per credit hour to \$205.00 for 2011-2012 and increase \$1.00 (.5%) per credit hour to \$206.00 for 2012-2013 keeping the rate below Seattle area community colleges and about the same as the other three community colleges in the Portland metropolitan area. PCC non-resident tuition is about half of what Portland State University charges for international students per credit.

Six years ago, PCC substantially increased the minimum tuition rates for Community Education (CED) and Continuing Education (CEU) programs. Staff is recommending a minimal raise of \$1.50 per contact hour for CED and no increase for CEU for the 2011-2013 biennium. 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 2011-2013.

**1. Credit Courses:**

**Resident**

Oregon residents, who are under the age of 62, will be charged \$79.00 per credit hour effective Summer Term, 2011 and \$82.00 per credit hour effective Summer Term, 2012.

**Border State Resident**

Residents of states bordering Oregon (Washington, Idaho, Nevada and California), who are under the age of 62, will be charged \$79.00 per credit hour effective Summer Term, 2011 and \$82.00 per credit hour effective Summer Term, 2012.

**Non-Resident**

Persons not residing in Oregon or bordering states (including all international students) will be charged \$205.00 per credit hour effective Summer Term, 2011 and \$206.00 per credit hour effective Summer Term 2012.

**Students who are 62 years and older**

As mandated under HB 2011, the College will waive tuition for Oregon residents who are 62 or older who enroll in credit courses, on a space available basis when the course is taken for an audit grade.

**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 be \$5.50 per contact hour for the 2011-2013 biennium.

**Continuing Education (CEU)**

The minimum rate charged for CEU courses will be at \$5.70 per contact hour for the 2011-2013 biennium.