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AUTHORITY TO CHANGE THE TUITION INCREASE
FOR THE 2014-15 ACADEMIC YEAR APPROVED IN
FEBRUARY 2013 BY RESOLUTION 13-070

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REPORT: In February 2013, the Board of Directors approved Resolution 13-070 to increase tuition by \$6.00 per credit hour for the 2013-2014 academic year and by an additional \$5.00 per credit hour for the 2014-2015 academic year for all credit classes. The rates are \$88.00 for the current academic year and would be \$93.00 per credit hour for 2014-15. The Board wished to review this resolution for the 2014-15 academic year if the college financial resources changed.

The Oregon Legislature approved an additional \$15 million to the Community College Support Fund (CCSF) for the 2nd year of the biennium (FY 14-15) with the intent to relieve the burden of the cost of education for the students, by providing tuition increase relief.

With the goal to maintain a sustainable balanced budget for the long term, after exploring options with the Board and various stakeholders focusing on helping access and completion, staff recommends the following changes to the tuition increase approved in 13-070:

1. Reduce the \$5 tuition increase to \$4, a reduction of \$1; the tuition rate will be \$92 per credit hour effective Summer Term, 2014.
2. Use up to the remainder of additional CCSF revenue in 2nd year to help access and completion:
 - a) Provide additional College need based financial aid, or
 - b) Provide scholarships for subsequent term for students who enroll half time or more and have successfully completed 100% of attempted credits, or
 - c) A combination of a) and b).

RECOMMENDATION: That the following changes to tuition rates for credit courses for 2014-2015 effective Summer Term 2014.

1. Credit Courses:

Resident

Oregon residents, who are under the age of 62, will be charged \$92.00 per credit hour effective Summer Term, 2014.

Border State Resident

Residents of states bordering Oregon (Washington, Idaho, Nevada and California), who are under the age of 62, will be charged \$92.00 per credit hour effective Summer Term, 2014.

No change to other provisions in Resolution 13-070

And delegate authority to the President to implement the initiatives to help improve access and completion as stated in the Report Section.