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AUTHORIZE INCREASE IN TUITION FOR CREDIT
PROGRAM COURSES FOR THE 2017-2018 AND
2018-2019 ACADEMIC YEARS (2017-2019
BIENNIUM)

FINANCIAL

RESPONSIBILITY:
Administration

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REPORT:

Staff has previously reviewed with the Board the preliminary projections for the 2017-19 biennium and that the growth in revenue is being outstripped by unfunded mandates and contractual obligations. The state support fund (CCSF) continues to provide a lower level of support per eligible student than in the 2007-09 biennium and is not projected to increase significantly for the 2017-19 biennium. PCC currently ranks 13th from the highest in annualized tuition and fees of the 17 Oregon community colleges.

The Staff recommends that the proposed budget for the 2017-2019 biennium be based on a tuition increase of \$7.00 per credit hour for the 2017-2018 academic year (7.22%) for resident and border state resident students and \$14.00 (6.19%) per credit hour for non-resident and international students. Similarly, the staff recommends for the 2018-2019 academic year an additional tuition increase of \$7.00 (6.73%) per credit hour for the resident and border state resident students and \$14.00 (5.83%) per credit hour for non-resident and international students. Under this proposal tuition rates for resident and border state resident students would be \$104 per credit hour in 2017-18 and \$111 per credit hour in 2018-19. Tuition rates for non-resident and international students would be \$240 per credit hour in 2017-18 and \$254 per credit hour in 2018-19.

At the time of the writing of this resolution many Oregon community colleges have not announced their tuition

changes for FY2017-2018 but the discussions among the colleges so far range from \$1 to \$10 per credit hour increase for resident students for FY 2017-2018. Fees charged at most other Oregon community colleges tend to be higher than those charged at PCC.

PCC competes with Seattle area community colleges as well as Portland metropolitan colleges and universities including Portland State University for international students (non-resident). The current PCC rate of \$226 per credit hour compares favorably with Chemeketa (\$242), Clackamas (\$257), Mt. Hood (\$236) Seattle (\$280) and Portland State (\$523)

Twelve years ago, PCC substantially increased the minimum tuition rates for Community Education (CED) and Continuing Education (CEU) programs. 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. As such, staff recommends no change to the minimum rates charged in these programs.

RECOMMENDATION: That the following tuition rates for credit courses become effective for the biennium 2017-2019.

1. Credit Courses:

Resident

Oregon residents, who are under the age of 62, will be charged \$104.00 per credit hour effective Summer Term, 2017 and \$111.00 per credit hour effective Summer Term, 2018.

Border State Resident

Residents of states bordering Oregon (Washington, Idaho, Nevada and California), who are under the age of 62, will be charged \$104.00 per credit hour effective Summer Term, 2017 and \$111.00 per credit hour effective Summer Term, 2018.

Non-Resident

Persons not residing in Oregon or bordering states (including all international students) will be charged at

\$240.00 per credit hour effective Summer Term, 2017 and \$254 per credit hour effective Summer Term, 2018.

Students who are 62 years and older

As mandated under ORS 341.534 (HB 2011 in 2009), 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 College President.

2. Non-Credit Courses:

ESOL:

Level 1-3: Will remain at 10% of credit course rate per contact hour.

Level 4-5: Will remain at 30% of credit course rate per contact hour.

ABE: Will remain at 10% of credit course rate per contact hour.

Community Education (CED)

The minimum rate charged for CED courses will remain at \$5.50 per contact hour for the 2017-2019 biennium.

Continuing Education (CEU)

The minimum rate charged for CEU courses will remain at \$5.70 per contact hour for the 2017-2019 biennium.