Tuition and Fee Recommendations from the University Budget Committee for 2016-17

The University Budget Committee, including student representatives from Corvallis and Cascades, has reviewed the tuition and mandatory fee rates for Oregon State University and recommends the following changes for fiscal year 2016-2017. Summer rates recommended are for summer term, 2017.

In making these recommendations the subcommittee has considered:
- Access and affordability for students
- Projected cost increases for FY17 and revenue projections
- Fall 2015 enrollments and enrollment targets for Fall 2016
- Comparisons of tuition rates with strategic plan peers
- Requirements from the Legislature and Higher Education Coordinating Commission on setting tuition and mandatory fees

**Corvallis Campus Rates:**

*Undergraduate Resident Tuition*

The committee recommends a $4 increase per credit hour from $183 per SCH to $187 per SCH. This is a 2.2% increase. The $100 flat charge would remain the same.

*Undergraduate Non-Resident Tuition*

The committee recommends no increase in undergraduate non-resident tuition to encourage growth in non-resident enrollment and because OSU’s non-resident tuition is already near the median of our strategic peers.

*Graduate Resident Tuition*

The committee recommends no increase in graduate resident tuition as that tuition rate currently exceeds the median of our strategic plan peers.

*Graduate Non-Resident Tuition*

The committee recommends an increase of 4% or $31 per credit hour for non-resident graduate tuition, recognizing that OSU’s graduate non-resident rates are significantly below peers.

*Pharmacy and Veterinary Medicine Tuition*

The committee recommends that tuition rates for the Pharm. D. program be increased 3% and those for the Doctor of Veterinary Medicine program by 2%. This is based on recommendations from the Colleges after discussions with their leadership and students.
**Cascades Campus Rates:**

**Undergraduate Resident Tuition**

The committee recommends a $4 increase per credit hour from $174 per SCH to $178 per SCH (a 2.3% increase) and an additional $2 per SCH to close the gap between Corvallis and Cascades tuition rates. The total per SCH would be $180, a 3.4% increase. The $100 flat charge would remain the same.

**Undergraduate Non-Resident Tuition**

The committee recommends no increase in undergraduate non-resident tuition to encourage growth in non-resident enrollment and recognizing that OSU’s non-resident tuition is near the median of our strategic peers.

**Graduate Resident Tuition**

The committee recommends no increase in graduate resident tuition as that tuition rate currently exceeds the median of our strategic plan peers.

**Graduate Non-Resident Tuition**

The committee recommends an increase of 4% or $31 per credit hour for non-resident graduate tuition, recognizing that OSU’s graduate non-resident rates are significantly below peers.

**Differential Tuition Rates:**

**Undergraduate Differential Rates**

The subcommittee recommends that all differential tuition charges for undergraduate programs be kept at their present rates except for:

- An increase of $90 per term for Honors College differential tuition to maintain and expand access to Honors classes, for a total per term charge of $431. Based on the analysis by the Honors College, there is expected to be a second increase in FY17 of $69 for a total charge of $500 per term. [This is a placeholder pending discussions by Honors with their students, the final increase may be between $70 and $100]

These increases, in combination with the recommended changes in the base rate, do not increase tuition rates more than 5% for a student taking 15 credit hours per term in any program.

The recommendation to hold other differential rates constant is based on the committee’s work on the development of a policy for differential tuition charges. That policy will need to be reviewed and considered by the campus committee before additional charges are approved. The charge above addresses pressing issues for the Honors College which has had significant enrollment growth over the past three years. The committee is also preparing a
draft policy on course fees to make sure that the use of course fees and differential tuition are appropriately aligned.

*Graduate Differential Rates*

The subcommittee recommends that the differential tuition rates:
- For the MPH remain unchanged.
- For the MBA, keep the differential fixed in FY17 and move to a per credit hour charge with a differential tuition of $249 per credit hour in the fall of 2017, if that policy change is approved.
- For Engineering graduate programs remain unchanged.
- For Medical Physics, the differential is set to align with OHSU tuition as students register there. Those discussions with students and OHSU are not complete yet.

*Ecampus and Summer Rates:*

*Summer Tuition*

The subcommittee recommends no increase in the rates for Corvallis summer undergraduate tuition and recommends a $2 per SCH increase for summer credit hours at Cascades to more closely align tuition rates between the two campuses. Rates would be $193/SCH at Corvallis and $185/SCH at Cascades.

The subcommittee recommends no increase in the rates for summer graduate tuition. Rates would remain at $450/SCH at both Corvallis and Cascades.

No increases in differential tuition rates are recommended except as noted above.

It is recommended that summer tuition for resident and non-resident students continue to be charged at the same rate.

*Ecampus Tuition*

The committee recommends that Ecampus base rates remain the same at $200 per SCH for undergraduate programs and $441 per SCH for graduate programs. This is based on a recent evaluation of online tuition rates for Oregon State vs. peer institutions completed by Eduventures. The differential charges for the Computer Science post-baccalaureate program will stay the same; other differentials are as noted above.

*Mandatory Enrollment Fees:*

The Tuition and Fee Subcommittee currently reviews and recommends rates for the Building Fee, the Ecampus Distance Education fee, and Matriculation Fee.

The Building Fee, Matriculation Fee, and Distance Education Fee are recommended to remain at current rates.