

Policy Concept Form

All policy proposals including new policy concepts, recommendations to revise, or requests to repeal must be submitted via this form to the University Secretary. The Secretary will forward completed concept forms to the President's Policy Advisory Council for consideration pursuant to I.03.01 Policy on University Policies. When submitting a policy concept form, please keep the following university definition of "policy" in mind:

A University Policy ("Policy") is a policy that (1) has broad application or impact throughout the University community, (2) must be implemented to ensure compliance with state or federal law, (3) is necessary to enhance the University's mission, to ensure institutional consistency and operational efficiency, or to mitigate institutional risks; or (4) is otherwise designated by the Board or the President as a University Policy subject to the Policy- Making Process authorized in section 4. A policy establishes rights, requirements or responsibilities. Excluded from this definition are things such as, but not limited to, implementation guides, operating guidelines, internal procedures, and similar management controls and tools.

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Policy Subject Matter (please included existing policy number(s) if available)

OUS Board Policy 52 - Tuition Policy [NOTE: This was a statement adopted by an ad hoc board committee outlining overarching sentiments of the now non-existent State Board of Higher Education. Even the Vice Chancellor at the time recognized that the recommendations set forth in this Board Policy could not be adhered to under economic circumstances.]

Statement of Need and Desired Result (please describe what we accomplish with the proposed action)

This is an outdated OUS policy that should be repealed. Tuition is governed by statute (see ORS chapter 352) and the university has all required policies under separate cover (see Board's Policy on Tuition-Setting Process adopted September 11, 2015).

Affected Policy Stakeholders (please list all known impacted stakeholders and the nature of those impacts)

Universities have not been in compliance with this policy so no one is affected directly by a repeal. Offices consulted regarding repeal (all in favor) include: Enrollment Management (responsible office which requested this repeal), General Counsel, Finance & Administration, Provost.

Proposed Action (i.e., new, revision, repeal)

Repeal

Board of Trustees of the University of Oregon

Resolution: Amendment to the Tuition- and Fee-Setting Process (Earlier Student Input)

Whereas, ORS 352.102(2) requires the Board of Trustees of the University of Oregon (the "Board") to establish a process for determining tuition and mandatory enrollment fees pursuant to the authority granted in ORS 352.102(1);

Whereas, the Board of Trustees first adopted such a process in December 2014 and now wishes to make adjustments to ensure that student input is solicited and available earlier in the process so that it can be taken into consideration as the advisory group develops recommendations;

Whereas, this resolution amends only part three (3) of the process components and does not alter any other section or language;

Whereas, the Finance and Facilities Committee of the Board of Trustees of the University of Oregon has referred this matter as a seconded motion to the full Board recommending approval;

Now, therefore, the Board of Trustees of the University of Oregon hereby resolves that the University shall annually establish tuition and mandatory enrollment fees pursuant to a process specified and managed by the President and that such a process must include the following components:

1. Advisory Group. The University President (the "President") or his/her designee shall convene an advisory group comprised of faculty, students (including both undergraduate and graduate representation), and staff. This advisory group shall make a recommendation to the President regarding tuition and mandatory fee rates for each academic year, and it may generally advise the President on matters relating to tuition and fees. The President will consider the advisory group's recommendations, along with other information the President deems relevant, when preparing his/her recommendations to the Board. Membership of the group is at the discretion of the President or his/her designee, however the President shall include two students nominated by the Associated Students of the University of Oregon (ASUO).
2. Considerations. In making recommendations to the President, the advisory group shall consider (i) historical tuition and fee trends; (ii) comparative data for peer institutions; (iii) the University's budget and projected cost increases; and (iv) anticipated state appropriation levels.
3. Student Forum. The President or his/her designee shall hold an open forum with students early in the tuition and fee development process each year such that students are given an opportunity to provide input into the process before recommendations are developed. The ASUO shall have the opportunity to participate in the planning and convening of this public meeting.
4. Opportunity for Review and Comment. The President shall provide an opportunity for public review of and comment about the tuition and mandatory fees recommendation prepared for the Board. Based on information received from the public review and comment, and other information the President deems relevant, the President may modify his/her recommendations before submitting them to the Board.
5. Recommendations Submitted to the Board. The President shall submit to the Board a written report outlining recommended tuition and mandatory enrollment fees. The report must be submitted with

sufficient time for analysis and feedback prior to the meeting at which the Board will consider tuition and fees each year. "Sufficient time" shall be determined by the University Secretary.

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the President and the president of the ASUO shall submit to the Board a joint written report recommending the authorization, establishment, use or elimination of any incidental fee as proscribed in statute. For purposes of conducting an analysis authorized under ORS 352.102(3) and ORS 352.105, the report required by this resolution shall include: (i) the mandatory incidental fees the ASUO requested to be collected; (ii) the process by which the ASUO establishes such fees; (iii) a statement of whether the requested fee amount is different than the previous year, and if so by how much; (iv) the use of such fees; and (v) if requested by the President, an explanation of how the fees are advantageous to the cultural or physical development of students. The report due to the Board pursuant to this resolution must be submitted with sufficient time for analysis and feedback prior to the meeting at which the Board will consider tuition and fees each year. "Sufficient time" shall be determined by the University Secretary, in consultation with the ASUO President and the University President. If the President and ASUO do not jointly agree to the recommendations prior to the date recommendations are to be submitted to the Board, the President and ASUO may separately submit the recommendations to which the parties agree and the recommendations to which the parties do not agree, along with the underlying basis for agreement and disagreement. Nothing in this resolution is intended to affect the appeal rights granted in ORS 352.105(4).

VOTE: Voice Vote Recorded – Ayes carried (no dissention)

DATE: September 11, 2015

Recorded by the University Secretary: 



POLICY

The Tuition Committee (an ad hoc Board committee) recommended several policy statements for Board adoption. The Committee was guided by shared values, a belief in the need to achieve Oregon Benchmarks goals, and a desire to maximize access to Oregonians (in total numbers as well as in terms of all socio-economic and cultural groups and of all regions of the state to a predictable quality and level of programs at a predictable price.

Policy Statements

- 1 The State Board of Higher Education charge Oregon resident undergraduate students an instruction fee of no more than one-third the average cost of instruction.
- 2 The State Board of Higher Education charge nonresident undergraduate students an instruction fee at least equal to the average cost of instruction, including capital depreciation.
- 3 The State Board of Higher Education charge an instruction fee equal to the average cost of instruction to Oregon resident undergraduate students who have exceeded the requirements for their degree programs by 32 credits or more. Further study is needed to determine appropriate administrative procedures and waiver policies for double majors, students pursuing second baccalaureates, and transfer students (especially those returning to school after an interruption of several years and those from non-OUS colleges and universities whose credits may be accepted but might not be able to be applied toward specific degree requirements).
- 4 The Board should charge students in professional programs (currently law, medicine, dentistry, and veterinary medicine) an instruction fee at least equal to that charged undergraduate students.
- 5 The State Board of Higher Education work with the State Scholarship Commission to coordinate financial aid programs and state budget requests for financial aid funding. The responsibility of the Board toward students of public higher education cannot, of course, be compromised by such coordination.
- 6 The State Board of Higher Education reserves the right to provide incentives, such as tuition waivers, for students to pursue programs of study designed to meet the critical social and economic needs of Oregon.

(Note: Vice Chancellor Weldon E. Ihrig indicated at that Board meeting that the recommendations of the Tuition Committee cannot be adhered to in the present economic situation.)

RESPONSIBLE OFFICE

For questions about this policy, please contact the Office of the Vice President for Enrollment Management at vpem@uoregon.edu.

ENACTMENT & REVISION HISTORY

(Adopted by the Oregon State Board of Higher Education, Meeting #610, June 25-26, 1992, pp. 318-323.)

WEB SITE ADDRESS FOR THIS POLICY

<http://policies.uoregon.edu/content/tuition-policy>