

Tuition and Fee Recommendation 2024-2025

To: OCCC Board of Education
From: Birgitte Ryslinge, OCCC President
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Dear Board,

Board Policy 6301 Tuition and Fees states:

The Board shall establish tuition rates and set refund schedules for students withdrawing from the College. The Board will also approve all other student fees that are of general nature and impact the student body. Each year, the board may adjust the per-credit tuition rate to reflect the needs of the college.

Recommendation

My recommendation for FY 2024-2025 is a \$2.00 increase in our per credit fee (from \$123 per credit to \$125 per credit) to partially address the normal rise in costs and a \$2.00 fee increase to the Student Success fee to enhance student retention initiatives and activities on campus that promote student engagement, success, and overall satisfaction.

The attached table shows the impacts on a term and annualized basis for a student enrolled in 15 credits.

Context

Board Policy directs that in the matter of tuition and general fees:

- Student tuition shall be set at the lowest responsible level consistent with the necessary resources for providing high-quality academic programs and services.
- Sufficient revenue must be generated to provide the essential budget level (EBL) required for college operations to meet annual fiscal requirements.
- Regular incremental increases are preferable to intermittent large increases.
- Inflation as reflected in CPI indices should be considered.
- Tuition and fee levels of comparable rural community colleges should be considered.
- Local economic trends and impacts should be considered.

The Consumer Price Index, West Region reports that over the last 12 months, the CPI-U advanced 3.6 percent. The recommendation (\$2.00 tuition, \$2.00 fees) represents an approximate 2.6% increase.

Regarding tuition and fee levels at other colleges, we can only review current levels (FY 2023-2024) as local Boards will set the next year during yet-to-be completed budget cycles.

In general, smaller colleges such as OCCC tend to be at the higher end of tuition and fees charged to students, as they do not have the economies of scale of larger colleges. At the time of this memo, 4 colleges (BMCC, CGCC, LBCC, Umpqua) have higher tuition & fees, and 1 college (SWOCC) is nearly equivalent to OCCC's current tuition and fees.

Regards,

Birgitta

Oregon Coast Community College FY 24-25 Proposed Tuition & Fees						
*Does not include Course or Program specific fees.	Description	Per Credit	Add'l per term to the Student (assuming 15 credits)	Add'l per year to the Student (assuming 45 credits)	Total per term to the Student (assuming 15 credits)	Total per year to the Student (assuming 45 credits)
Current Tuition & Fee Structure*	Tuition	123.00			1,845.00	5,535.00
	College Services Fee	10.00			150.00	450.00
	Student Success Fee	3.25			48.75	146.25
	Student Gov't Fee	0.25			3.75	11.25
	Technology Fee	13.50			202.50	607.50
	Current Total	150.00			2,250.00	6,750.00
Proposed Tuition & Fee Structure*	Tuition	125.00	30.00	90.00	1,875.00	5,625.00
	College Services Fee	10.00	0.00	0.00	150.00	450.00
	Student Success Fee	5.25	30.00	90.00	78.75	236.25
	Student Gov't Fee	0.25	0.00	0.00	3.75	11.25
	Technology Fee	13.50	0.00	0.00	202.50	607.50
	Proposed Total	154.00	60.00	180.00	2,310.00	6,930.00

College Services Fee: This fee provides a General Fund offset for costs such as student printing, processing of admission applications, placement and transfer review, graduation processing, parking, safety and security.

Student Success Fee: This fee provides a General Fund offset for costs related to the Math & Writing Tutoring Center, New Student Orientation, early alert system, student success and retention activities, and outreach activities.

Student Government Fee: This fee provides funds to Student Government for hosting of welcoming and student connection activities, leadership development opportunities and support of Phi Theta Kappa and other club activities.

Technology Fee: This fee provides a General Fund offset for costs related to the implementation and maintenance of a new student management system and MyOregonCoast portal, Microsoft Office 365 licensing for student use, maintenance of College email accounts for all students, maintenance of the learning management system - Canvas, help desk services for students, ongoing maintenance and improvements to the computer labs and Commons area computers and the purchase of equipment for student use and enhanced course delivery.