Board of Trustees Special Meeting
Academic & Student Recreation Center Building
Boardroom, Suite 515
1800 SW 6th Avenue, Portland, OR 97201
Tuesday, 5/23/2017
8:30 - 9:30 AM PT

1. Roll Call/Declaration of a Quorum

2. Resolution Amending 2017-18 Tuition Rates in the Event of Additional State Funding
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   a. Description of Resolution

   b. Open Comment Regarding Resolution
      To sign up for Open Comment, go to www.pdx.edu/board/sign-up-for-open-comment

   c. Approval of Resolution

3. Adjourn
AGENDA ITEM: 2

DATE: May 23, 2017

TITLE: Approval of Resolution Amending 2017-18 Tuition Rates in the Event of Additional State Funding

SUMMARY OF ITEM: On April 11, 2017, the Board of Trustees approved a Resolution Concerning 2017-18 Tuition Rates (the “Tuition Resolution”). The Tuition Resolution established, among other things, a resident undergraduate base tuition rate for the 2017-18 academic year and 2018 summer term of $170 per credit, which is an increase of $14 per credit or 8.97% over the previous year. Together with mandatory enrollment fees, the overall increase for a resident undergraduate student taking 15 credits per term is 8.31%.

The budget assumptions used by the Board when setting 2017-18 tuition rates included a state appropriation to the Public University Support Fund for the 2017-19 biennium of $667 million, which was the amount provided in the Governor’s Recommended Budget.

The Board stated, on the record, that it would revise the approved resident undergraduate tuition rate downward in the event of significantly greater funding from the State of Oregon. The Board has a history of reducing resident undergraduate tuition increases when the State of Oregon provides greater funding than had been assumed in the budgeting process. In 2015, Portland State University was the only Oregon public university to reduce its tuition increase after the State of Oregon provided enhanced funding to the Public University Support Fund.

Under ORS 352.102, an increase in tuition and mandatory enrollment fees for resident undergraduate students greater than 5% annually requires approval of the Higher Education Coordinating Commission or the Legislative Assembly. On May 11, 2017, the HECC considered, but did not approve the proposed resident undergraduate tuition rate. One of the concerns raised regarding the tuition proposal is that it does not specify the reduction in tuition that would occur at various levels of state funding. Other universities had specified reductions and the Governor, in a letter received after the Board’s vote, specifically asked for information regarding such reductions.

This Resolution provides for specific reductions in the tuition increase in response to those questions. The Resolution reduces the increase in tuition
for resident undergraduate students by one percent for every additional $20 million dollars of unrestricted funds appropriated to the Public University Support Fund for the 2017-19 biennium. This is consistent with the approach taken by other universities and is consistent with the balanced approach that this Board has taken. It is also consistent with the approach taken two years ago, when this Board reduced its previously-approved tuition increase after the Legislative Assembly appropriated greater funds to Oregon’s public universities.

COMMITTEE ACTION: None. This resolution has not been considered by a Board committee, due to the press of time.

SUMMARY OF COMMITTEE DISCUSSION: N/A

REQUESTED BOARD ACTION: Approve the Resolution Amending 2017-18 Tuition Rates in the Event of Additional State Funding

ATTACHMENTS: Draft Resolution Amending 2017-18 Tuition Rates in the Event of Additional State Funding
RESOLUTION AMENDING 2017-18 TUITION RATES
IN THE EVENT OF ADDITIONAL STATE FUNDING

Approved by the Board
May ___, 2017

BACKGROUND

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2. The budget assumptions used by the Board when setting 2017-18 tuition rates included a state appropriation to the Public University Support Fund for the 2017-19 biennium of $667 million, which was the amount provided in the Governor’s Recommended Budget.

3. The Board stated, on the record, that it would revise the approved resident undergraduate tuition rate downward in the event of significantly greater funding from the State of Oregon. The Board has a history of reducing resident undergraduate tuition increases when the State of Oregon provides greater funding than had been assumed in the budgeting process. In 2015, Portland State University was the only Oregon public university to reduce its tuition increase after the State of Oregon provided enhanced funding to the Public University Support Fund.

4. The Board has determined that it is in the best interests of the University to amend the Tuition Resolution to provide in detail the manner in which the tuition increase will be decreased in the event of additional State of Oregon funding to the Public University Support Fund and to submit the revised Tuition Resolution to the Higher Education Coordinating Commission for consideration and approval.

5. The Board believes it is prudent to reduce the increase in tuition for resident undergraduate students by one percent for every additional $20 million dollars appropriated to the Public University Support Fund for the 2017-19 biennium.

RESOLUTION

Now, therefore, be it resolved by the Board of Trustees, that the Tuition Resolution be amended to include the following additional section:

1. The increase in resident undergraduate base tuition shall be reduced based on the unrestricted State of Oregon appropriation to the Public University Support Fund for the 2017-19 biennium in the following increments:
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The actual increase in resident undergraduate base tuition per credit hour shall be rounded to the next whole dollar.

All other tuition rates and mandatory enrollment fees shall remain unchanged.

APPROVED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
MAY __, 2017

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Secretary to the Board