

## **BACKGROUND**

Staff asks the Board to consider the need to increase student tuition as part of CCC's annual budget development process. This request is made in the context of the entire college general fund budget, including all revenue sources and levels of planned expenditures and informed by multi-year projections for sustainability of programs and services. As the college increases its focus on student success and insuring we are providing students with the means to achieve completion, we are aligning our service levels to improve our performance. Students and staff have been consulted in this process.

The increase recommendation comes a year after tuition was held at 2013-14 levels in response to a one-time legislative investment to buy down increases. That investment will be sustained on a biennial basis in the future, so no catch-up increase is required or included in this recommendation.

If this increase is approved, it will likely leave Clackamas' annualized tuition and fee rate at the bottom of the 17 Oregon community colleges.

### **2015-16 Tuition Recommendations**

To address these needs, staff recommends the adoption of a \$3 per credit hour increase (from \$84 to \$87 per credit hour). If approved, the \$3 tuition increase would be effective summer term 2015.

For context, the current year state average for annualized tuition and fees is \$4,637, with a range from \$5,337 at the top to a low of \$4,133 at Clackamas. This increase will result in an annualized rate of tuition and fees of \$4,268 for a student enrolling for 15 credits per term for 3 terms.

Annualized tuition and fees for international students and out-of-state residents, excluding states where we have border agreements (Washington, Idaho, Nevada and California) will not be increased. Clackamas has the second highest rate in the state and it is sufficient to cover costs.

Non-credit course tuition is under review and will be incorporated during the budget adoption process beginning in May 2015. This is a first reading and will be presented again as an action item in March.