TUITION POLICY

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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.)