AMENDING ACADEMIC YEAR FEES
Tuition Surcharge

Oregon State System of Higher Education

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If the special election fails, then the Oregon University System will have an additional $26.9 million reduced from its legislative appropriation.

Each university has identified a combination of tuition surcharges, and expenditure and fund balance reductions to address their share of the general fund reductions.

Board approval is necessary to implement the tuition surcharges for the winter and spring terms.

Surcharges, IF IMPLEMENTED, are for the remainder of this biennium only.
Key assumptions underlying the process include:

1. The surcharge may be applied to all categories of student.

2. An amount of the surcharge must be applied to support the financially needy - based on present campus practices.

3. The surcharge may be assessed at the beginning of the winter term or deferred until after the special election - the choice is based on campus prerogative.

4. Each campus must inform their students prior to the winter term of the rate structure change and timing of assessment.
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- The amount of surcharge varies by campus based on individual budgetary circumstances:

  1. Impact of General Fund reductions.
  2. Growth in enrollments and related tuition and fees.
  3. Availability of fund balances.
  4. Implications of actions on programs/services in next biennium.
As reflected in each university decision there is a wide range of surcharges: from a flat charge for all students to differing surcharges by student classification.

Similarly the universities have different approaches on when to assess the fee - five at the beginning of the winter term and two after the special election.