

# AMENDING ACADEMIC YEAR FEES

## Tuition Surcharge

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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.

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- ◆ **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.

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- ◆ **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.**