

**Southern Oregon University
Board of Trustees**

RESOLUTION # 02-2016: Process for Establishing Tuition and Fees

Tuition and mandatory fees are established annually by the Southern Oregon University Board of Trustees, in accordance with ORS 352.102, 352.105 and other applicable laws. When setting tuition and fees, the board considers a number of factors, including the desire to: create affordable access to programs and courses; encourage a diverse student body; maintain quality academic programs; encourage enrollment, retention and graduation of its students; maintain the university infrastructure necessary to support the academic, cultural and physical development of its students; promote sustainability of the university; and support the educational goals of the State of Oregon.

In accordance with applicable laws, the president of the university must transmit to the board, the joint recommendation of the president and the recognized student government before the board authorizes, establishes or eliminates any incidental fees for programs under the supervision or control of the board, and found by the board to be advantageous to the cultural or physical development of the students. The board delegates to the president the responsibility to consult with Associated Students of Southern Oregon University (ASSOU) to establish a process for requesting a recommendation on student incidental fees.

The Board of Trustees' consideration of tuition and mandatory enrollment fees will be based on the recommendation of the university president, who will consult with ASSOU and enrolled students in developing the recommendation. The president shall establish the process for student participation in the development of the recommendation. The president will cause to be reported to the board, the nature and outcomes of consultations with students and others, including relevant, significant disagreements, if any. The president's recommendation will include considerations of historical tuition and fee trends; comparative data of peer institutions; the university's budget and projected costs; and anticipated state appropriation levels, as well as any other factors deemed relevant to providing a recommendation.

For Academic Year 2016-2017 (AY 16-17), the state funding allocation to the seven public universities was definitively established in and limited by the 2015-2017 biennium budget. The distribution by institution will be calculated in accordance with the funding model and is subject to change from representations in SOU's budget projections.

Further, in accordance with the Board Statement on Committees, the Finance and Administration Committee may consider matters pertaining to the financial, capital, and other assets of the university, including matters relating to tuition and mandatory enrollment fees. Matters determined by the Finance and Administration Committee that require action are referred to the full SOU Board of Trustees for consideration.

**Southern Oregon University
Board of Trustees**

RESOLUTION # 02-2016: Process for Establishing Tuition and Fees (Cont'd)

Now, therefore, be it resolved by the Board of Trustees, that tuition and fees will be established pursuant to this process, and as outlined and presented to the Board of Trustees at its regular meeting this 15th day of April, 2016.

VOTE: Unanimously approved

DATE: April 15, 2016

Recorded by the University Board Secretary:

 _____