Southern Oregon University Board of Trustees

RESOLUTION Tuition and Fees for Academic Year 2020-21

Whereas, the Southern Oregon University Board of Trustees ("the board") has the authority to establish tuition and mandatory enrollment fees in accordance with ORS 352.102, ORS 352.105 and other applicable laws and policy, including the Board Statement on Delegation of Authority;

Whereas, the board adopted a process for Establishing Tuition and Mandatory Fees on February 18, 2016 and subsequently revised it on January 18, 2019;

Whereas, the board authorizes the collection of mandatory incidental fees which have been recommended jointly by the president of the university and the recognized student government, the Associated Students of Southern Oregon University (ASSOU), and established in accordance with provisions outlined in ORS 352.102 and ORS 352.105;

Whereas, the university's Tuition Advisory Council, which is comprised of representatives from various campus constituencies including but not limited to students, student government, faculty, and staff has recommended to the University President tuition and mandatory enrollment fees for Academic Year 2020-21 (AY20-21);

Whereas, after considering numerous factors including but not limited to historical tuition and fee trends, comparative data of peer institutions, the university's budget and projected costs, anticipated funding including anticipated state appropriation levels, and applicable fee recommendations, the University President has provided the board tuition and mandatory enrollment fee recommendations for consideration;

Whereas, the university, in close consultation with the board throughout the current academic year, has engaged in a thorough process for determining tuition and mandatory enrollment fees; the president has recommended to the Finance and Administration Committee that the proposed tuition and mandatory fees schedules be submitted to the full Board of Trustees for consideration and approval; and

Whereas, 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, persistence, and graduation of students; maintain the university infrastructure necessary to support the academic, cultural and physical development of its students; and support the educational goals of the State of Oregon;

Now, therefore, be it resolved, the Board of Trustees of Southern Oregon University hereby approves the tuition, mandatory fees, incidental fee, and student recreation center fee schedules as proposed, to become effective July 1, 2020. With this approval, the board authorizes the collection of the approved tuition and fees for the 2020-2021 academic year.

VOTE: Unanimously approved

DATE: May 22, 2020

University Board Secretary



SOUTHERN OREGON UNIVERSITY

ACADEMIC YEAR TUITION RECOMMENDATION For July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021

Date: May 14, 2020

To: Southern Oregon University Board of Trustees

From: Dr. Linda Schott, President

SOU's leadership team began working with members of the Tuition Advisory Council (TAC) and the Board of Trustees in January to determine the appropriate level of tuition for AY20-21. The work of the TAC culminated in a recommendation to me for an undergraduate resident tuition increase of 4.99% or less. After further consultation with my leadership team, I recommend an increase in resident undergraduate (UG) tuition of \$7 per credit hour, to a total of \$196 per credit (an increase of 3.7% to resident UG over AY20-21). See the table below titled "President's Recommendation" below.

This recommendation acknowledges the unique time in which we are living and working. The negative impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic on the economy of our state and nation will make it harder for students and families to afford a college education, yet unemployment indicators show that those with baccalaureate and masters degrees are less likely to become unemployed. Keeping tuition as low as possible is an investment by our institution in the long-term financial stability of individuals, families, and our region.

Knowing that even this relatively modest tuition increase will be challenging for some students and families, I will also continue providing institutional aid (Raider Aid) to our most economically vulnerable students. And we must continue to support all students with excellent faculty, highly qualified support staff, and an appropriate array of programs to provide for their mental health, physical well-being, intellectual growth and degree attainment.

This commitment to affordability and access will not be easy for our institution. Years of underfunding by the state have led to a persistent structural deficit of about \$3 million per year. In addition, the COVID-19 pandemic has greatly reduced auxiliary revenue and is projected to reduce state funding and enrollment for the coming academic year. In order to accommodate these budget reductions while keeping tuition as low as possible, I have

- Furloughed all classified and professional staff between 20% and 40% until December 31, 2020.
- Taken a 25% furlough personally.
- Initiated a hiring freeze for all new positions except for those deemed critical.

My executive team and I will continue to work with the campus to achieve the additional spending reductions that will be needed to ensure financial stability for our institution while also ensuring that all who seek an education at SOU will be able to pursue it.

DESCRIPTION OF REQUEST

Recommendation for Tuition Rates for Academic Year 2020-21

	2019-20	<u>2020-21</u>				
	Current	Proposed	FY21			
Undergraduate Tuition Rate per SCH	Res: 10.0% Non-Res: 5.0%	Res: 3.70% Non-Res: 4.99%	Difference Per SCH	Difference Per Term @ 15 SCH		Annual Tuition Cost
01-WUE SCH	\$284	\$294	\$10	\$150	\$450	\$13,230
02-UG Resident SCH (incl. EXRES)	\$189	\$196	\$7	\$105	\$315	\$8,820
02.2-UG JackJo Pledge	\$121	\$125	\$4	\$60	\$180	\$5,625
03-UG Non Resident SCH	\$552	\$580	\$28	\$420	\$1,260	\$26,100
04.1-UG Online SCH RES	\$189	\$196	\$7	\$105	\$315	\$8,820
04.2-UG Online SCH NON-RES	\$189	\$196	\$7	\$105	\$315	\$8,820
04.3-UG Online SCH WUE	\$189	\$196	\$7	\$105	\$315	\$8,820
Graduate Tuition Rate per SCH		Res: 3.70% Non-Res: 4.99%				
05-GR Resident SCH (incl. EXRES)	\$473	\$491	\$18	\$216	\$648	\$17,028
06-GR Non Resident SCH	\$565	\$593	\$28	\$336	\$1,008	\$20,340
07.0-GR AP MBA Online SCH	\$430	\$430	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$15,480
07.1-GR Online SCH RES	\$473	\$491	\$18	\$216	\$648	\$17,028
07.2-GR Online SCH NON-RES	\$473	\$491	\$18	\$216	\$648	\$17,028
07.3-GR AP MS.Ed Online SCH	\$369	\$369	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$13,284
08-GR - MEDU SCH	\$406	\$421	\$15	\$180	\$540	\$14,616

PRESIDENT'S RECOMMENDATION

Dr. Linda Schott

President, Southern Oregon University



SOUTHERN OREGON UNIVERSITY

MANDATORY ENROLLMENT FEES RECOMMENDATION

For July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021

Date: May 13, 2020

To: Southern Oregon University Board of Trustees

From: Dr. Linda Schott, President

DESCRIPTION OF REQUEST

Recommendation for Mandatory Enrollment Fees for Academic Year 2020-21

DESCRIPTION OF FUNDS

Building Fee and Student Health Services Fee for Academic Year and Summer Term

Recommendation and Prior Year Review	Rates	Notes
Building Fee per term - Academic Year 2020-21	\$60	
Building Fee per term - Prior Academic Year 2019-20	\$60	
\$ Change from Prior Year	\$0	
% Change from Prior Year	0%	
Building Fee - Summer Term 2020	\$45	
Building Fee - Prior Summer Term	\$45	
\$ Change from Prior Year	\$0	
% Change from Prior Year	0%	

Student Health Services Fee per term -Academic Year 2020-21*	\$150	*Not applicable to online only students
Student Health Services Fee per term - Prior Academic Year 2019-20	\$143	
\$ Change from Prior Year	\$7	
% Change from Prior Year	4.90%	
Student Health Services Fee - Summer Term 2020*	\$107	* Not applicable to online only students
Student Health Services Fee - Prior Summer Term	\$102	
\$ Change from Prior Year	\$5	
% Change from Prior Year	4.76%	

Dr. Linda Schott

President, Southern Oregon University



SOUTHERN OREGON UNIVERSITY

ASSOU STUDENT INCIDENTAL FEE AND STUDENT RECREATION CENTER FEE JOINT RECOMMENDATION

For July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021

Date: May 13, 2020

To: Southern Oregon University Board of Trustees

From: Britney Sharp, President, Associated Students of Southern Oregon University; and Dr. Linda Schott,

University President

DESCRIPTION OF REQUEST

Recommendation for Student Incidental Fee 2020-21 and Student Recreation Center Fee 2020-21

DESCRIPTION OF FUNDS

Student Incidental Fee and Incidental Fee Reserve
Student Recreation Center Fee and Recreation Center Fee Reserve

Summary/Description	Index	Budget	
Initial Budget Level (IBL)	Athletics Advisory Committee (AAC)	\$1,207,562	
Initial Budget Level (IBL)	Educational Activities Advisory Committee (EAAC)	\$357,374	
Initial Budget Level (IBL)	Stevens Union Advisory Committee (SUAC)	\$1,679,889	
Initial Budget Level (IBL)	Student Recreation Center	\$557,241	
	Subtotal:	\$3,802,066	
Incidental Fee Reserve	IFCRES	\$202,777	
Building/Equipment Reserve	Building (SUIOBR,SUMBMR) Equipment (SUADDR,SUBERS,SUGNER,SUMIEQ)	\$12,000	
Green Tag Fee	SUGNTF/SUGBEF	\$141,726	
SFC Emergency Reserve		\$40,000	
	Total Initial Budget Level	4,198,569	
	Projected Average Student Academic Year FTE	3,634	
	Incidental Fee per Term - Academic Year 2020-21	\$372	
	Incidental Fee per Term - Academic Year Prior Year 2019-20	\$360	
	\$ Change from Prior Year	\$12	
	% Change from Prior Year	3.3%	
	Incidental Fee - Summer Term 2020	\$85	
	Incidental Fee - Summer Term Prior Year	\$82	
	\$ Change from Prior Year	\$3	

% Change from Prior Year	3.65%
Recreation Center Fee per Term - Academic Year 2020-21	\$104
Recreation Center Fee - Academic Year Prior Year	\$95
\$ Change from Prior Year	\$9
% Change from Prior Year	9.5%

JOINT RECOMMENDATION

[] Disapprove

[X] Approve

[X] Approve [] Disapprove

President, Associated Students of Southern Oregon University Britney Sharp

May 13, 2020

President, Southern Oregon University
Dr. Linda Schott