



July 6, 2017

TO: The Board of Trustees of the University of Oregon

FR: Angela Wilhelms, University Secretary

RE: Notice of Board Meeting

The Board of Trustees of the University of Oregon will hold a meeting on the date and at the location set forth below. The topic of this meeting will be a modification (reduction) to resident undergraduate tuition for fiscal year 2018.

The meeting will occur at 1:30 p.m. on Tuesday, July 11, 2017.

The meeting will be a telephonic meeting of the board. Members of the public interested in the proceedings may observe them in Room 340 (Board Room) of the Erb Memorial Union (EMU).

The EMU is located at 1395 University Street in Eugene, Oregon. If special accommodations are required, please contact Amanda Hatch at (541) 346-3013 at least 48 hours in advance.

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**Board of Trustees
Public Meeting Agenda | July 11, 2017
Erb Memorial Union, Room 340**

TUESDAY, JULY 11 – 1:30 p.m. Convene Public Meeting

- Call to order, roll call, verification of quorum

- 1. Resident Undergraduate Tuition Reduction (Action),** President Michael Schill

Meeting Adjourned

MARCH 2017 ACTION

In March, the board approved tuition and fees for the 2017-18 academic year (AY18). That tuition schedule included an increase to resident undergraduate tuition of \$21 per student credit hour, a 10.6% increase. That tuition schedule included a reduction plan that would lower resident undergraduate tuition by a fixed amount for every \$20 million invested in the Public University Support Fund beyond the Governor’s Recommended Budget (GRB) of \$667 million. That reduction plan was:

PUSF Funding Level	Recommended Resident Tuition Increase (\$)	Recommended Resident Tuition Increase (%)
GRB	\$21 / SCH	10.6%
At least GRB + \$20 million	\$19 / SCH	9.6%
At least GRB + \$40 million	\$17 / SCH	8.6%
At least GRB + \$60 million	\$14 / SCH	7.1%
At least GRB + \$80 million	\$12 / SCH	6.1%
At least GRB + \$100 million	\$10 / SCH	5.1%

LEGISLATIVE FUNDING LEVEL

At the time of this writing, the legislature is considering Senate Bill 5524 A (SB5524) which appropriates money to the Public University Support Fund (PUSF), the state funding pool for Oregon’s seven public universities. SB5524 appropriates \$737 million to the PUSF, which is \$70 million more than the GRB. The appropriate budget committee passed SB5524 on June 30, and the bill is making its way through the Senate and House approval processes, respectively. Further amendments to SB5524 are highly unlikely.

PROPOSED MODIFICATION

Funding of GRB + \$70 million falls between two triggers established in the tuition reduction schedule. Given the university’s strong desire to keep tuition as affordable as possible, a modification to the tuition plan approved in March is now before the Board that takes into account the window between GRB+\$60M and GRB+\$80M.

The proposed resolution further adjusts resident undergraduate tuition in a manner consistent with the approved schedule. It reduces the tuition increase from \$21 per student credit hour to \$13 per student credit hour. This lowers the overall increase from 10.6% to 6.56%.

Board of Trustees of the University of Oregon

Resolution: Reduction to AY17-18 Resident Undergraduate Tuition

Whereas, the Board of Trustees of the University of Oregon (the "Board") has the authority to determine tuition and mandatory enrollment fees in accordance with ORS 352.102, ORS 352.105, ORS 352.107, and other applicable law, and policy;

Whereas, the Board approved certain rates for tuition and fees for fiscal year 2017-18 (FY18) in March 2017;

Whereas, that approved tuition plan included a tuition reduction schedule by which resident undergraduate tuition would decrease if the Oregon Legislature funded higher education at certain levels;

Whereas, resident undergraduate tuition would decrease by \$7 per credit hour based on the approved reduction schedule and the 2017-19 legislatively-adopted funding for the Public University Support Fund; and,

Whereas, the Board wishes to lower resident undergraduate tuition by another \$1 per credit hour based on this legislative-approved funding to further mitigate cost increases on students.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Board of Trustees of the University of Oregon hereby modifies the AY17-18 tuition and fee schedule such that resident undergraduate tuition shall increase by \$13 per student credit hour rather than \$21 per student credit hour.

Moved: _____ Seconded: _____

Trustee	Yes	No
Ballmer		
Bragdon		
Chapa		
Colas		
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Gary		
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Dated: _____ Initials: _____