

Students' wallets on line at meeting

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Tuition recommendations for next year and amendments in the housing rate policy wording will be the main topics of interest for University students at the State Board of Higher Education's Friday meeting in La Grande.

The board will hear a recommendation from its finance committee on what percent of the cost of instruction should be paid by resident, nonresident, undergraduate and graduate students.

The Finance Committee will recommend to the board that resident undergraduates pay 23.5 percent of the cost of instruction, while resident graduate students pay 28.5

percent of the cost.

The committee is also recommending that out-of-state students again pay 100 percent of the cost of instruction.

This means cost of instruction for undergraduate residents will rise from \$543 to \$570 a year, for graduate residents from \$969 to \$987, for undergraduate non-residents from \$2,292 to \$2,430 and for graduate non-residents \$1,116 to \$1,323.

The other components of tuition, such as incidental fees and business and health services fees, will total \$197. The total tuition for the four student breakdowns are: undergraduate residents—\$776, graduate residents—\$1,183, undergraduate non-residents—\$2,626 and graduate non-residents—\$1,519.

The staff recommendation is based upon principles followed by the Ways and Means Committee of the 1977 Legislative Assembly in estimating student income to fund the 1977-79 budget.

Because actual enrollment in 1977-78 resulted in an unanticipated "mix" of students and declined study load averages, the instruction cost income exceeded the budgeted amount by an estimated \$53,739. This sum, under the committee's plan, will be used to offset resident student tuition for next year.

The Legislature didn't anticipate the number of non-resident students to attend Oregon universities. Because of the different "mix" of students, higher education received more student money than it

budgeted for.

The Oregon Student Lobby has suggested that the additional funds be distributed equally among resident and non-resident students. However the OSL proposal was denied by the Legislative Emergency Board and is not considered by the Board's staff.

The Board will also discuss adoption on some revisions in establishing institutional authority for establishing University housing fees.

Freeman Holmer, vice-chancellor of Higher Education said the minor revisions have been made "to make it clearer than it already is that the board intends to delegate the power of setting rates to the individual institutions."

A black and white photograph of three young men at a bar. They are all smiling and looking towards the camera. The man on the left is wearing a plaid shirt. The man in the middle is wearing a dark sweater. The man on the right is wearing a light-colored jacket and is holding a glass of beer. On the bar counter, there are several bottles of Budweiser. In the background, there is a sign for Budweiser on the wall. The overall atmosphere is casual and social.

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