

TUITION

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The tuition increase could push the State System of Higher Education toward a system of differential tuition, where students would pay more to attend Oregon or Oregon State than they would pay at schools like Western Oregon State College or Portland State University.

The state system has maintained access for all students to all state colleges and universities. A differential tuition plan could push the cost of attending the University and Oregon State out of reach for some Oregon students.

Differential tuition has the potential to create a two-tiered system of public higher education in a state that does not take kindly to elitism.

State funding for higher education in Oregon is expected to decrease by \$92 million, or 13.8 percent, for the 1995-97 biennium. The Academic Productivity Plan proposes establishing a \$40 per term fee for the 1994-95 school year. Under the plan, the fee would increase to \$120 per term for the 1996-97 school year.

"If state funding continues to decrease the way it has, and if the state wants to maintain a university of the quality of the University of Oregon or Oregon State University, we're going to have to charge higher tuition here than we do at Portland State or Western (Oregon State College)," said John Moseley, University vice president for research.

When asked about the reasons for higher tuition at the University than at state schools Moseley chose his words carefully. He avoided implying that the increase is justified because a University is worth more than an education at other schools in the state.

"We can talk about the added value of a University of Oregon education, and that this differential tuition would support a part of that added value," Moseley said.

"We clearly have different

Senate will meet to discuss tuition model

A discussion of the University's differential tuition model is on the agenda for Wednesday's University Senate meeting.

The meeting will begin in Room 129 Law Center at 3:00 p.m. ASUO president Eric Bowen and Senior Vice Provost Jerry Kissler will be among those participating.

"This gives students an opportunity to understand where the University is headed for the future, both in the way that it will finance education and in the type of education that students will receive," Bowen said.

"If students want to know what they get for their money, this is the place to be," he said.

Bowen expressed concern that the students aren't being given an opportunity to express their views about a differential tuition system that would try to produce a higher quality Universi-

ty education at a higher cost to students.

"The administration and the state board are making these agreements behind closed doors without any student input whatsoever," Bowen said.

"The administration is using the argument that 'We need this in order to provide for our students.' They aren't asking the students what they want.

"They're playing big daddy and saying, 'Students, here's what I know you need and I'm going to charge you for it. I hope you like it,'" he said.

"Maybe the student body here doesn't want to differentiate itself and doesn't want to be the UC (Berkeley) school of Oregon. Then again, maybe it does. I don't think the faculty and the administration have taken the time to ask students that question," said Bowen.

costs at Oregon and Oregon State than they do at the smaller colleges or at PSU," Moseley said.

"Faculty salaries is obviously one different cost, because we compete in a different arena," he said. "We're providing a lot of other sorts of quality enhancements ... all the other things that make Oregon different from going to PSU. Right, now the tuitions are essentially the same."

Weldon Ihrig, vice chancellor of finance and administration for the Oregon State System of Higher Education, said that a differential tuition plan is only one idea being considered by the State Board of Higher Education to replace funding that would otherwise be lost to budget cuts.

The OSSHE has until Sept. 1 to submit a draft budget to the governor.

Ihrig said that the leaders of the state's public colleges and universities are being asked what they think about a differential tuition plan.

Under a system of differential tuition, "you're looking at a market-driven tuition ... based on what each campus offers and the type of students and the economic background of students" at the various schools, Ihrig said.

Ihrig said that tuition increases could not come at the expense

of access to public higher education for students from Oregon.

"When we look at any tuition scheme, the bottom line has to be that we still are able to attract the same number of ... Oregon resident students," Ihrig said. Conversely, Ihrig said, the state system must maintain the quality of its program in order to attract students to its colleges and universities.

The state system also must ensure that a differential tuition plan would not produce a system of haves and have-nots, Ihrig said.

"The state system's role is to try to make sure there's the same equal quality — high quality — among all institutions," Ihrig said. "That doesn't mean straight equality. Students should have choices as consumers." ASUO President Eric Bowen pointed out that 20 percent of the funds generated from the fee would be dedicated to financial aid for Oregon residents.

Bowen said the educational resource fee would get the University a "net increase" in money to spend on qualitative improvements of a University education.

The fee would also allow the University to begin becoming the type of university in Oregon that the University of California at

Berkeley has become in California, Bowen said.

Bowen said that a differential tuition plan would price some state residents out of the market, but "if our only goal was access, we could keep tuition down, but quality would suffer greatly," he said.

"I am more concerned with quality than access ... We aren't the only state school in the state. There are other options."

Ihrig said that a differential tuition plan should generate benefits for all schools in the state system. The campuses with programs and resources that allow them to charge higher tuition should help deliver more funding to all of the state's public colleges and universities, he said.

Robert Nosse, executive director of the Oregon Student Lobby, said that he opposed a differential tuition plan. Tuition increases over the last four years already have hurt enrollment of state schools, he said. Further tuition hikes could price more students out of the market for public higher education in Oregon, Nosse said.

The state cannot maintain an acceptable level of both quality and access in higher education at current levels of funding, Nosse said.

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MEETINGS

APASU Executive will meet today at 4 p.m. in Room 225 Counseling Center. For more information, call 346-4342.

APASU will meet today at 5 p.m. in the Room 225 Counseling Center.

College Republicans will meet today at 5:30 p.m. in EMU Cedar Room D. For more information, call 343-7788.

Japanese Student Organization will meet today from 5 to 6 p.m. in EMU Cedar Room C. For more information, call 346-9940.

Overeaters Anonymous will meet today at 12:30 p.m. in the Koinonia Parlor.

EMU Board will meet today at 4:30 p.m. in the EMU Board Room. For more information, call 346-3720.

MISCELLANEOUS

Students for Campaign Reform will conduct a panel discussion, "Like Oil and Water," on campaign finances in Oregon tonight at 7 in Room 108 Deady. For more information, call 687-6740.

Career Planning and Placement Service will present a group information session by UPS on Thursday, May 26. Attendance is mandatory in order to get an interview.

Office of the Provost will present professor Rama Kandalam to lecture on women in math and science today at 3:30 p.m. in Room 330 Hendricks.

OSPRIG will present an endangered species exhibit today and May 26 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. in the EMU Fir Room. For more information, call 346-4377.

Southeast Asian Studies Program will present a brown bag talk by Taeko Kawamura and Matt Newland on Thailand today from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. in EMU Century Room F. For more information, call 346-1521.

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the minds of every audience we came upon," Johnson said. "This mixture of singing, dancing, rock n' roll and general buffooning is the ultimate medium."

For Salciccia, this was her first opportunity to direct a play.

"I've never directed anything before," she said. "I'm glad I never talked to any professional directors before I did this — they probably would have scared me off."

Salciccia said working with a strong group helped make the experience surprisingly easy.

"It sure came together well, with the sheer talent of everyone involved, from the band to the set designer to the case," she said. "Everyone in this production is amazing."

The tickets cost \$2 each, and they can be purchased at the door.

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