

Students face a large tuition increase for 04-05

The increase could stretch student budgets, but OUS is hoping to lower the amount students owe

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University students heading back to school this year may have to scrounge for extra money for tuition, due to a 12

percent hike approved by the State Board of Higher Education in June.

Resident students taking 15 credits can expect to pay \$1,890 per term in tuition and fees, up \$227 from spring term, according to an Oregon

University System press release. OUS also approved a 3.5 percent tuition increase for nonresident students.

Students will also pay an additional \$20 per credit for every credit between 14 and 16 credits.

But, on Sept. 10, the Board found the funding to adopt a \$2.4 million "Tuition Mitigation Plan" to lessen the impact of tuition increases on students seeing larger-than-normal increases this year.

"The board saw the impact of tuition increases and wanted to try to do something to lessen the burden on students," Saunders said.

Per-term charges for resident undergraduates will not exceed spring 2004 levels by more than 15 percent

during the 2004-05 school year, according to the plan. The funding came from \$1,995,000 in Chancellor's Office reorganization savings and \$405,000 from the Chancellor's Office Fund Balance, rather than from the universities, Saunders said.

In July, the board approved the \$710 million budget for the 2005-07 biennium, which would result in a five percent increase in tuition if approved by the legislature. The budget is a 6.4 percent increase from the previous biennium.

In addition, the Board also requested a policy package of \$20 million to reduce the tuition increase to 3.6 percent.

Oregon University System

spokeswoman Di Saunders called the 2005-07 biennium budget "more student-focused," adding that it would improve access, affordability and quality.

"Affordability and access are guide-words for this board," Saunders said. "All concepts revolve around these ideas."

Don Blair, chair of the Finance/Budget/Audit/Personnel/Real Estate Committee, said the board's criteria for drafting the budget included making degrees more readily achievable, investing directly in creating ties to workforce demands and investing directly in "knowledge creation."

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Carson and Hamilton complexes when students move in.

DuFour said during move-in day, when residence hall occupants pick up their keys, they can also pick up a voter-registration form.

She said there are 3,000 students moving in, adding that registering to vote is a good way to begin college life.

Political groups on campus will also be trying to get students registered to vote, DuFour said.

"We want to make sure we get to them first," DuFour said. "It should be nonpartisan, and it should be fair."

DuFour said those working on the voter registration drive will do class wraps — where volunteers visit classrooms with voter registration forms and talk to students about voting. She said they will also visit

groups around campus, including Greek houses. Voter registration forms will also be available in departments around campus.

ASUO has also planned events to encourage voter registration.

On Sept. 30, there will be a huge rally on campus in the EMU amphitheatre that includes University President Dave Frohnmayer and Oregon Secretary of State Bill Bradbury. There will also be a concert later that night at the McDonald Theatre. ASUO also has events planned for Oct. 12, the last day to register, and Nov. 2, election day.

DuFour said that the college-age demographic suffers low voter turnout in part because students don't feel like their voices are heard.

"It's about educating ourselves and making sure they know our vote counts," she said. "We are

overlooked [by the legislature], because we don't get out there and make our presence known."

"There are so many issues that affect us. We need to make sure that our voices are heard."

Swartz agreed.

"Why not exercise all the rights we have?" she asked.

ASUO President Adam Petkun said that elected officials make decisions that affect our daily lives.

"We need to use the power we have in numbers to make a difference," he said.

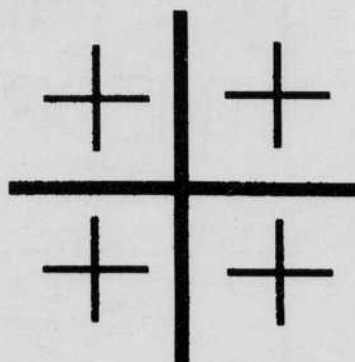
ASUO and volunteers will be registering students through the second week of school.

"Look for the green shirts," DuFour said.

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