

CCC tuition compares favorably

Students face tuition increases when they transfer.

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While almost every college student is concerned about money, those transferring from Clackamas Community College to an Oregon four-year public or private univer-

sity might want to take note. The cost of tuition will go up.

Tuition at Clackamas is \$84 per credit hour. At the large four-year institutions, students may pay more than double that per credit hour. This is a large jump for many students' budgets, and while many may not be paying straight out of pocket - taking on student loans and other support - those costs add up.

These tuition costs don't include

fees, which add additional cost for students. A private university education is also much more expensive. A CCC student who transfers to George Fox University (a private college) will pay more than 10 times the per credit hour cost of an education according to figures from its website.

The University of Oregon is the only one of the big three public universities in Oregon (Portland State

University, Oregon State University, University of Oregon) to increase its tuition over the previous year. PSU and OSU have proposed to reduce tuition, if only slightly (See graph.)

While these year-to-year increases in tuition may be concerning, when taking a longer view tuition at the University of Oregon, for example, has gone up 841 percent over 30 years when adjusted for inflation between 1979 and 2009.

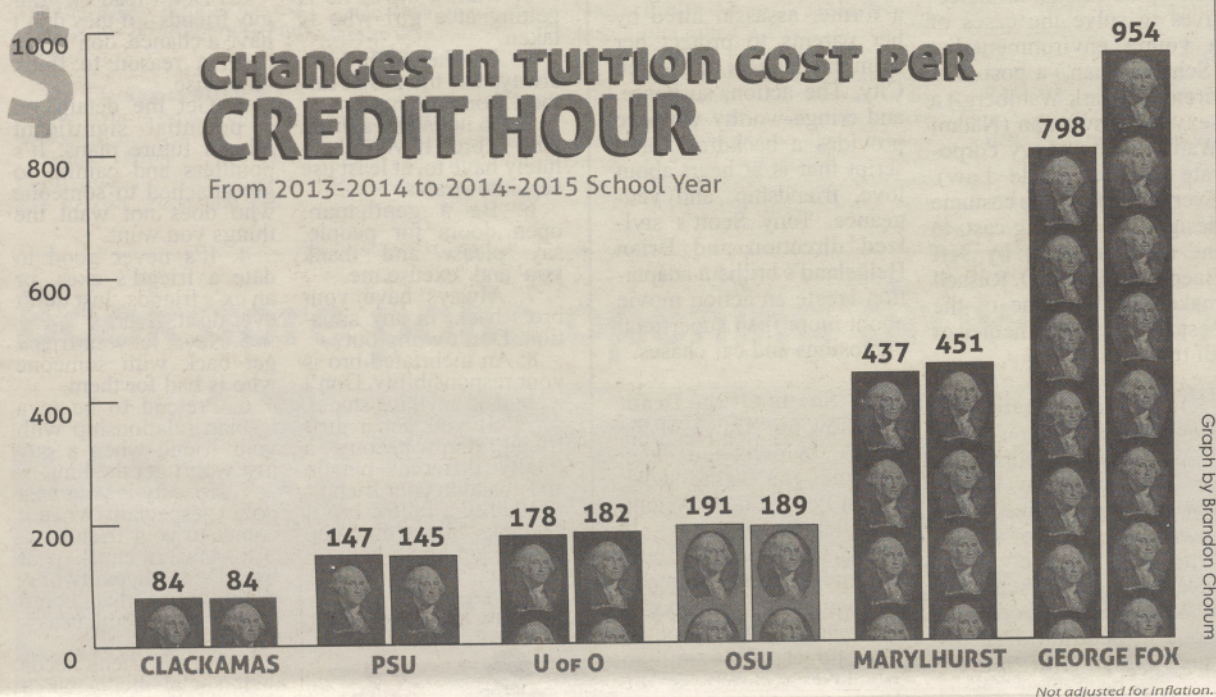
In 2014, tuition at the university is closer to 9 times as expensive as it was 30-35 years ago.

The Oregon Student Association is keen to point out the long term disinvestment in post secondary education by the state government in Oregon. "When looking at tuition it is important to look at the trend, there has been a disinvestment. Part of the work that we are doing is to reverse that trend," said Daniel McCall, OSA spokesperson.

The long term disinvestment in higher education has a maybe not-so-obvious impact on how much students are charged in fees and tuition. The CCC board of education voted not to raise tuition for the 2014-2015 school year. The board is taking advantage of a "tuition freeze" that the legislature approved for community colleges statewide. In thinking about the next biennium after the one-time tuition freeze money is gone, the legislature could be just pushing costs off onto the next group of state leaders.

The approach taking into account the one-time money from the legislature to freeze tuition is "more of a tuition binge, rather than a tuition freeze," said John Wykoff, Oregon Community College Association spokesperson. Essentially costs incurred this year may be rolled into a higher possible tuition increase the next time around due to the way the legislature funded the "tuition freeze."

Nonetheless, grateful CCC students will enjoy a year without a tuition increase. Will student enjoy the same stable cost structure next year? "No," according to Jim Huckestein, vice president for college services.



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