

State approves 10.6% tuition hike

University of Oregon earns a 'yes' second time around

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The Higher Education Coordinating Commission reversed its decision from earlier this month and has allowed the University of Oregon to increase in-state tuition by 10.6 percent.

The decision came after the university revealed that without the tuition increase, it would cut nearly \$15 million from its budget. With the increase, planned cuts amount to \$8.5 million.

The increase amounts to approximately

\$945 more for degree seeking students and the overall cost to attend the university in the 2017-2018 school year would now be \$34,600. The total does not include summer term.

The rising cost of tuition has been a trend throughout the country and this latest increase marks the second for the University of Oregon in as many years. In March, when the university's board of trustees approved the double-digit increase, both Oregon State and PSU also recommended tuition increases citing various reasons including the cost

of PERS and faculty costs.

The university has already begun cutting staff with both the arts college and the college of journalism and communication laying off faculty members.

In a statement concerning the rise in tuition, university president Michael Schill said in part, "No one wants to increase tuition, but the university is left with little choice given that tuition is the UO's main source of revenue after decades of declining state support."

Councilman gets his 100th shopping cart



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They're easy to spot. It's not unusual to see them hanging off the curbs or piled up in an

empty lot. They're the shopping carts stolen from local stores and used to cart home groceries or otherwise used for personal storage and transportation. We all see them but Cottage Grove City Councilor Ken Roberts has made it his personal mission to round them up and return them to their rightful owners.

"I started doing it when I was appointed and I have picked up probably 140," he said. Of those 140, he says 100 are Safeway Food and Drug carts. Others belong to BiMart and Grocery Outlet.

While it seems like a benign nuisance, the carts retail for approximately \$400 each depending on the retailer and supplier.

"The yard at the city has a pile of them," Roberts said of the Cottage Grove maintenance yard, noting that retailers fail to retrieve the carts when the city notifies them they've been recovered.

"When I see them, I put them in the back of my work truck and return them to the proper store," Roberts said.

"I've found some with garbage in them, others with personal property." Roberts noted that any personal items he found in the carts was brought to Community Sharing in the hopes of reuniting the items with their proper owner.

"I don't know why we don't have the mechanism that stops people from pushing the carts beyond a certain boundary," he said. However, despite the lack of technology in local retailers' carts, Roberts continues his mission to keep stolen carts off the streets in the hands of their proper owners.



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