



To: EOU Board of Trustee

Re: 2025-26 Tuition, Mandatory Fees and Room & Board Proposal

Enclosed herein is information regarding EOU's final proposal for 2025-26 Tuition, Mandatory Fees and Room & Board rate changes. These rate proposals are unchanged from the proposals presented at the April 30, 2025 EOU Board of Trustees Finance and Administration Committee meeting. Tuition is being recommended at a 4% increase to all rates, Student Incidental Fee is the only Mandatory fee increasing and Room and Board are proposed to increase by \$230/year and \$190/year respectively.

All proposals have been [recommended](#) by the EOU Budget and Planning Committee & Tuition Advisory Committee, which includes faculty, staff and students to President Ryan and Dr Ryan supports the B&P/TAC recommendations. Dr Ryan's response to the B&P/TAC is provided [here](#).

## Tuition & Fee Setting Process

The tuition and fee setting process at Eastern Oregon University is intentionally collaborative and inclusive, offering multiple points of input from students and key campus stakeholders. The Budget & Planning Committee continued to serve as the university's Tuition Advisory Committee (TAC), in accordance with House Bill 4141. This combined Budget & Planning/Tuition Advisory Committee (B&P/TAC) is the primary shared governance body involved in university-wide budget development, rate setting, and resource allocation decisions.

The committee was actively engaged throughout the tuition setting process, ensuring transparency and alignment with institutional goals.

EOU's tuition setting process is guided by the following core principles, which are grounded in the university's strategic plan:

- **Maintain a "Best Value" Position**  
Preserve EOU's reputation as one of the most affordable and high-value public universities in Oregon
- **Ensure Financial Stability**  
Support long-term fiscal sustainability to enable consistent progress in fulfilling EOU's mission.
- **Promote Regional Access and Affordability**  
Serve the needs of our region by ensuring tuition and fee structures remain accessible to students with the greatest financial need.

### B&P/TAC Committee Charge:

The committee is charged with advising the university president on tuition and fee recommendations submitted to the EOU Board of Trustees. This includes recommendations on resident, on-campus undergraduate tuition and mandatory enrollment fees. At EOU, mandatory enrollment fees include only the Health Service Fee and Building Fee.

In addition, the B&P/TAC Committee reviews and makes recommendations on all tuition rates, mandatory fees, and room and board charges, reinforcing its integral role in shaping the university's financial strategy and student affordability.

### **Advisory Body Responsibilities and Requirements**

EOU's Budget & Planning/Tuition Advisory Committee (B&P/TAC) fulfills key responsibilities in the tuition and fee setting process, in compliance with House Bill 4141 and institutional governance expectations. The committee ensures robust student participation and provides thoughtful, data-informed recommendations to university leadership.

#### **Student Engagement:**

B&P/TAC actively includes student representation in its membership and provides multiple opportunities for broader student engagement. In addition to student participation on the committee, the university hosted student forums and held meetings with student government leadership to gather input and foster transparency throughout the process.

#### **Reporting Requirements:**

In accordance with legislative guidance and institutional practice, the B&P/TAC committee will submit a written report to the President by April 15, 2025. The report will include the committee's recommendations, a summary of its deliberations, and observations relevant to the tuition and fee proposal. [[Link to report here.](#)]

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### **Key Considerations in Tuition and Fee Proposal Development for 2025–26**

Balancing the university's guiding principles with the need for increased revenue and a structurally balanced budget remains a complex challenge. In developing the 2025–26 tuition proposal, EOU carefully considered the potential impact of tuition changes on students, including:

- Financial burden
  - Access to education
  - Perceived value of the EOU experience
  - Career pathway choices
  - Financial aid availability
  - Transparency in decision-making
  - Time to degree completion
  - Student loan debt
  - Equity and diversity implications
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## Additional Factors Considered:

- **Tuition Comparisons with Oregon Public Universities (OPUs):**  
EOU currently offers the lowest undergraduate on-campus tuition and fees among Oregon public universities.
- **Off-Campus Tuition Benchmarking:**  
Comparative analysis provided by Wiley shows that EOU's per-credit-hour rate for off-campus programs remains below both the average and median tuition rates at the national, regional, and western (CA, ID, WA, OR) levels.
- **State Funding Scenarios:**  
Due to the uncertainty surrounding the upcoming biennium, the state funding outlook remains unclear. State allocations are determined by Oregon resident student credit hours and degree completions, which adds complexity to long-term planning.
- **Net Tuition and Financial Aid Impacts:**  
In 2023–24, the average net tuition per credit hour for undergraduate students at EOU was \$68, reflecting the impact of institutional and external financial aid.
- **Refinement of the Expenditure Budget:**  
All departments were directed to limit budget requests to necessary cost escalations (e.g., software contracts, utilities).
- **Enrollment Forecasting:**  
Enrollment projections were refined based on 2024–25 trends, with estimated growth from the Master of Social Work (MSW) program included. The proposals were built using the assumption of flat enrollment, despite ongoing efforts to enhance recruitment and retention.
- **Future Consideration of Tuition Decreases:**  
Should state funding levels and enrollment improve, EOU will consider opportunities to reduce tuition in future years while maintaining financial sustainability.

Current Enrollment Projections by Student Credit Hour - All scenarios revenue generation is based on the following student credit hour projections.

**On Campus - Undergraduate**

Resident/Regional/Tuition Equity 27,692

Western Undergraduate Exchange (WUE) 2,864

Non Resident 392

**Off Campus/Online**

Undergraduate 52,357

Graduate 6,187

## 2025-26 Tuition Proposal:

The tuition proposal was informed by revenue projections, including state funding and institutional enrollment strategies, all of which support the institutional financial strategy. In support of our accessibility and affordability goals, EOU strives to keep tuition increases modest, while strategically managing enrollments and balancing the budget. Fiscal year 26 represents the first year of the 25-27 biennium, therefore state funding is unknown at this juncture, EOU is currently using a projection based on the Oregon Legislature Co-Chairs budget. Enrollment projections are flat based on 2024-25 enrollment, with the exception of adding 10 new graduate enrollments in the MSW program launching fall 2025.

The EOU tuition rates as presented are estimated to generate approximately \$1.1M in additional gross revenue during the FY26 fiscal year. The additional tuition was the last item input to assist EOU in reducing the FY26 projected E&G budgetary gap. The overall general consensus of B&P/TAC is that tuition increases are not desired, however because of

inflation, increasing costs and the need to balance the budget, and unknown state funding, tuition increases are necessary. At this juncture, Budget and Planning/TAC have made a recommendation of increasing tuition by 4% across all rate categories, including the tuition differential for business courses.

**Tuition Rate Proposal at a Glance:** Undergraduate rate is increased 4% across all categories.

	2024-25	2025-26	2024-25 Tuition rate relative to UG Resident On Campus	2025-26 Tuition rate relative to UG Resident On Campus	2025-26 Increase	2025-26 Increase	% Change from 2016	\$ Change from 2016	Average annual increase
<b>On Campus</b>									
UG-Resident/Regional	\$ 200.00	\$ 208.00	N/A	N/A	\$ 8.00	4.0%	48.0%	\$ 67.50	\$ 6.14
UG-WUE	\$ 300.00	\$ 312.00	150%	150%	\$ 12.00	3.8%	48.0%	\$ 101.25	\$ 9.20
UG-Nonresident	\$ 516.00	\$ 537.00	258%	258%	\$ 21.00	4.0%	45.9%	\$ 169.00	\$ 15.36
<b>Off Campus</b>									
UG-Resident	\$ 316.00	\$ 329.00	105%	158%	\$ 13.00	4.0%	56.7%	\$ 119.00	\$ 10.82
Grad-Resident	\$ 537.00	\$ 558.00	269%	268%	\$ 21.00	4.0%	43.1%	\$ 168.00	\$ 15.27

#### Proposed increase for Business Differential Tuition

For 2025-26, we are proposing a 4% increase in the Business Differential for both undergraduate or graduate courses. The current rates are \$14.50/sch for undergraduates and \$18.50/sch for graduates regardless of modality. The increase would raise the rates to **\$15.10/SCH** for undergraduates and **\$19.25/SCH** for graduate courses regardless of modality.

#### No changes proposed to Dual Credit

Tuition charged to high school students taking courses in the high school or on campus. The current rate for high school student's taking EOU classes taught by high school instructors is \$40/SCH and \$75/SCH for students taking early college credits taught by EOU faculty.

### 2025-26 Mandatory Enrollment Fee Proposal:

EOU Mandatory Enrollment fees include the Student Incidental Fee, Student Health Fee, Hoke Renovation Fee and the University Building Fee. The only fee increase proposed for 2025-26 is the Student Incidental Fee, which was presented in detail by Julian Harris at the April 9, 2025 Committee meeting. The memo submitted by the Student Fee Committee and Dr Ryan's response are included for reference.

#### **2025-26 Mandatory Fees as proposed:**

- Student Incidental Fee \$397/term - \$21/term increase
- Student Health \$239/term
- EOU Building Fee \$85/term
- Hoke Renovation Fee \$28/term

### 2025-26 Room and Board Rate Proposal:

Eastern Oregon University is proposing a modest increase to room and board rates for the 2025–26 academic year. This proposal is guided by several key principles designed to ensure affordability, maintain service quality, and support long-term financial stability for Residence Life and Housing Operations. The proposal presented at the April 9, 2025 meeting has not been modified. A link to the full proposal can be found [here](#).

EOU remains committed to offering one of the most affordable, high-value residential experiences among Oregon public universities. The proposed pricing structure supports our "best value" positioning by maintaining competitive rates while

providing safe, inclusive, and comfortable living environments for our students. The budget is built on a conservative strategy that assumes flat bed occupancy, based on our ten-year average, to ensure responsible financial planning.

As a self-supporting auxiliary unit, Residence Life must generate sufficient revenue to cover all operational and capital needs, without support from state allocations. Continued investment in facility renewal, furniture replacement, and critical residential infrastructure is essential to fulfill our mission and improve the student living experience.

Room and Board	2024-25	2025-26	Increase	Percent Change
N/D Single	\$ 8,780	\$ 9,010	\$ 230	2.62%
N/D Double	\$ 6,780	\$ 7,010	\$ 230	3.39%
N/D Triple	\$ 5,780	\$ 6,010	\$ 230	3.98%
Alikut	\$ 7,780	\$ 8,010	\$ 230	2.96%
Eocene	\$ 6,780	\$ 7,010	\$ 230	3.39%
Ultimate 145	\$ 5,260	\$ 5,450	\$ 190	3.61%
Best Value	\$ 4,760	\$ 4,950	\$ 190	3.99%
Mini	\$ 4,260	\$ 4,450	\$ 190	4.46%

#### Tuition, Mandatory Enrollment Fees and Room & Board Proposal Summary:

Tuition	2024-25	2025-26	Increase	Percent Change
On Campus Undergraduate-Resident/Regional	\$ 200	\$ 208	\$ 8	4%
On Campus Undergraduate-WUE	\$ 300	\$ 312	\$ 12	4%
On Campus Undergraduate-Non Resident	\$ 516	\$ 537	\$ 21	4%
Online Undergraduate	\$ 316	\$ 329	\$ 13	4%
Online Graduate	\$ 537	\$ 558	\$ 21	4%
Mandatory Enrollment Fees	2024-25	2025-26	Increase	Percent Change
Student Incidental Fee	\$ 376	\$ 397	\$ 21	5.59%
Student Health Fee	\$ 239	\$ 239	\$ -	0.00%
Hoke Renovation Fee	\$ 28	\$ 28	\$ -	0.00%
University Building Fee	\$ 85	\$ 85	\$ -	0.00%
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2025-26 Estimated Cost of Attendance – Full time, Undergraduate, On Campus modality, Living on Campus

	2024-25	2025-26	Variance	Delta
UG Resident On Campus Per SCH	\$ 200.00	\$ 208.00	\$ 8.00	4.00%
UG Resident On Campus Tuition (per term)	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,120.00	\$ 120.00	4.00%
Building Fee	\$ 85.00	\$ 85.00	\$ -	0.00%
Special Building Fee	\$ 28.00	\$ 28.00	\$ -	0.00%
Incidental Fee	\$ 376.00	\$ 397.00	\$ 21.00	5.59%
Health Service Fee	\$ 239.00	\$ 239.00	\$ -	0.00%
Double Room	\$ 2,260.00	\$ 2,337.00	\$ 77.00	3.41%
Mid Dining Plan	\$ 1,587.00	\$ 1,650.00	\$ 63.00	3.97%
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 7,575.00</b>	<b>\$ 7,856.00</b>	<b>\$ 281.00</b>	<b>3.71%</b>
<b>Annual Tuition</b>	<b>\$ 9,000.00</b>	<b>\$ 9,360.00</b>	<b>\$ 360.00</b>	<b>4.00%</b>
<b>Annual Fees</b>	<b>\$ 2,184.00</b>	<b>\$ 2,247.00</b>	<b>\$ 63.00</b>	<b>2.88%</b>
<b>Double Room</b>	<b>\$ 6,780.00</b>	<b>\$ 7,011.00</b>	<b>\$ 231.00</b>	<b>3.41%</b>
<b>Mid Dining Plan</b>	<b>\$ 4,761.00</b>	<b>\$ 4,950.00</b>	<b>\$ 189.00</b>	<b>3.97%</b>
<b>Annual Total</b>	<b>\$ 22,725.00</b>	<b>\$ 23,568.00</b>	<b>\$ 843.00</b>	<b>3.71%</b>

## Supplemental Information

Average increase in on campus undergraduate from 2015-16 to 2024-25: 4% or \$5.67/SCH

### 2015-16 to 2024-25 Tuition Rates by Category

	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2024-25 Tuition rate relative to UG Resident On Campus	% Change from 2016	\$ Change from 2016
<b>Eastern Oregon University</b>													
<b>On Campus</b>													
UG-Resident	\$ 140.50	\$ 146.00	\$ 153.95	\$ 159.00	\$ 167.00	\$ 174.00	\$ 174.00	\$ 182.50	\$ 191.50	\$ 200.00	N/A	42.3%	\$ 59.50
UG-WUE	\$ 210.75	\$ 219.00	\$ 230.93	\$ 238.50	\$ 250.50	\$ 261.00	\$ 261.00	\$ 273.75	\$ 287.20	\$ 300.00	150%	42.3%	\$ 89.25
UG-Nonresident	\$ 368.00	\$ 382.50	\$ 405.50	\$ 427.00	\$ 448.00	\$ 456.00	\$ 456.00	\$ 478.50	\$ 495.30	\$ 501.00	251%	36.1%	\$ 133.00
<b>On Campus UG Increases</b>		\$ 5.50	\$ 7.95	\$ 5.05	\$ 8.00	\$ 7.00	\$ -	\$ 8.50	\$ 9.00	\$ 8.50			
		3.9%	5.4%	3.3%	5.0%	4.2%	0.0%	4.9%	4.9%	4.4%			
<b>Off Campus</b>													
UG-Resident/Non Resident	\$ 210.00	\$ 218.00	\$ 232.00	\$ 240.00	\$ 252.00	\$ 265.00	\$ 265.00	\$ 278.00	\$ 286.40	\$ 316.00	158%	50.5%	\$ 106.00
Grad-Resident/Non Resident	\$ 390.00	\$ 405.00	\$ 430.00	\$ 444.50	\$ 466.50	\$ 487.50	\$ 498.00	\$ 510.50	\$ 520.80	\$ 537.00	269%	37.7%	\$ 147.00
<b>Off Campus UG Increases</b>		\$ 8.00	\$ 14.00	\$ 8.00	\$ 12.00	\$ 13.00	\$ -	\$ 13.00	\$ 8.40	\$ 29.60			
		3.8%	6.4%	3.4%	5.0%	5.2%	0.0%	4.9%	3.0%	10.3%			
	<b>2015-16</b>	<b>2016-17</b>	<b>2017-18</b>	<b>2018-19</b>	<b>2019-20</b>	<b>2020-21</b>	<b>2021-22</b>	<b>2022-23</b>	<b>2023-24</b>	<b>2024-25</b>			
<b>Differential Between Online &amp; On Campus</b>	\$ 69.50	\$ 72.00	\$ 78.05	\$ 81.00	\$ 85.00	\$ 91.00	\$ 91.00	\$ 95.50	\$ 94.90	\$ 116.00			
	49.5%	49.3%	50.7%	50.9%	50.9%	52.3%	52.3%	52.3%	49.6%	58.0%			

## 2024-25 Undergraduate On Campus Resident Per Credit Hour Comparators

2024-25 Undergraduate Resident Tuition and Mandatory Fees Per Term @ full load							
	EOU	OIT	SOU	WOU	OSU	PSU	UO
UG Resident On Campus Per SCH	\$ 200.00	\$ 243.65	\$ 226.00	\$ 210.00	\$ 261.00	\$ 217.00	\$ 297.85
UG Resident On Campus Tuition (per term)	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,654.80	\$ 3,390.00	\$ 3,150.00	\$ 3,915.00	\$ 3,255.00	\$ 4,467.75
Building Fee	\$ 85.00	\$ 45.00	\$ -	\$ 45.00	\$ 59.00	\$ 45.00	\$ 45.00
Special Building Fee	\$ 28.00	\$ 69.00	\$ -	\$ 42.00	\$ -	\$ 44.00	\$ 148.00
Incidental Fee	\$ 376.00	\$ 456.30	\$ -	\$ 415.00	\$ 527.07	\$ 369.00	\$ 141.50
Health Service Fee	\$ 239.00	\$ 195.00	\$ -	\$ 175.00	\$ 166.49	\$ 210.00	\$ 262.76
Counseling Fee	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 77.36	\$ -	\$ -
Student Health Building Fee	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 11.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Student Union Fee	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 246.00
Technology Fee	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 63.75
SOU One Fee			\$ 104.22				
<b>Total</b>	\$ 3,728.00	\$ 4,420.10	\$ 4,223.76	\$ 3,838.00	\$ 4,744.92	\$ 3,923.00	\$ 5,374.76
		18.6%	13.3%	3.0%	27.3%	5.2%	44.2%
2024-25 Matriculation Fee (One Time)							
	EOU	OIT	SOU	WOU	OSU	PSU	UO
Matriculation Fee	\$ 350	\$ 315	\$ 350	\$ 365	\$ 350	\$ 450	\$ 526

## 2024-25 Off Campus Undergraduate Tuition Comparison, provided by Risepoint

	Number of Relevant Records	Average Cost Per Credit	Median Cost Per Credit	EOU Cost Per Credit	CPC Diff vs Avg	CPC Diff vs Median
Regionally-Ranked Programs	319	\$ 313	\$ 300	\$ 316	-\$38	-\$25
West Programs (CA, OR, WA, ID)	47	\$ 355	\$ 333	\$ 316	-\$80	-\$58
National - All Programs	609	\$ 321	\$ 311	\$ 316	-\$46	-\$36