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AUTHORITY TO INCREASE STUDENT ACTIVITY FEE  
FOR THE 2015-16 ACADEMIC YEAR

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REPORT:

The Deans of Student Development, the District Student Council of ASPCC and other student leaders have been reviewing the student activity fees. The student leaders propose a \$0.50 increase to cover three initiatives:

- 1) Students Investing in Diversity (\$0.40, 80%)
  - The Diversity Retention Programs are essential elements in helping PCC to meet the goals of the Higher Education Coordinating Commission (HECC), the national completion agenda, and the state's aspirational 40-40-20 goal. The PCC Diversity Retention Centers are a crucial part of the quest to help the "under-represented" student demographic succeed. The proposed \$0.40 cent increase will support student-lead programs in our Diversity Retention Centers across the district; and various resources centers such as the Multicultural Centers, Women's Resource Centers and Veterans Resource Centers on the four comprehensive campuses.
- 2) Investing in Student Leadership Development (\$0.05, 10%)
  - Since 2004, minimum wages in Oregon increased 23%, from \$7.05 to \$9.25 per hour. The Student Activity Fee currently supports over 60 student leadership positions district-wide that are paid at Oregon's minimum wage standards. ~~In order to~~ The \$0.05 increase will help programs keep pace

with the increases in student help salaries and increasing costs of running the quality programs.

- 3) Students Investing in their Future – Advancing Civic Engagement Opportunities (\$0.05, 10%)
- Two years ago ASPCC partnered with Institutional Advancement to implement a Legislative intern program. A \$0.05 cent increase for the Legislative Intern program and legislative activities secures the future of this partnership designed to increase engagement efforts for the PCC community at the Capitol in Salem. In addition to the District Student Council's (DSC) Legislative Internship Program these dollars will support other civic engagement activities like PCC Day at the Capitol, Voter Registration and Education, and Action Days on our campuses.

The proposed increase will put the charge at \$2.20 per credit hour from the current \$1.70 per credit hour, beginning with the Summer Term 2015.

This proposal has been presented and approved by the College President, the President's Cabinet and the Budget and Planning Advisory Committee (BPAC).

**RECOMMENDATION:** That the Board authorize the College President to increase the student activity fee by \$0.50 per credit hour, effective summer 2015.