

Clatsop Community College Associated Student Government March 11th, 2026

Student Feedback Request: Proposed Tuition Increase | Prepared by Fiona Giselle Hackett

Here's what's going on: Clatsop Community College is facing a budget shortfall, largely because state funding is tied to enrollment growth. While other colleges are growing, our region has stayed relatively flat. That means we're receiving a smaller share of state funds than before.

To help offset this, the college is considering a \$4 per credit tuition increase from \$128 to \$132 per credit.

For context, our community college funding comes from:

- Tuition: 20%
- Property taxes: 40%
- State appropriations: 30%

—> Long story short: Our budget has been cut, the college looking to raise tuition, and

here's why: it will help keep essential services that are used by students.

ASG will be presenting student perspectives to the Board of Education on March 12th. We want to bring your real experience to that table. Please return this form to your ASG rep, drop it at our office in COL 117, or slide it under the door if we're not in.

Deadline: Wednesday, March 11th by 3:00 PM

Summary of Student Feedback

State of Residence <input type="checkbox"/> Oregon (OR) <input type="checkbox"/> Washington (WA)	Age	How are you paying for school? <input type="checkbox"/> Financial aid <input type="checkbox"/> Out of pocket <input type="checkbox"/> Both <input type="checkbox"/> Other	Are you in support of the proposed \$4 per credit tuition increase?	Why do you feel this way? Please share your experience:
Oregon	19	Out of pocket	No, I do not support it	"Community college is by far the cheapest college experience, and I can pay out of pocket, but with raise in tuition (and in additional the difficulty of obtaining scholarships//financial aid) this will make payments more difficult, especially with individuals who are living paycheck to paycheck."
Oregon	19	Both	No I do not support it.	"Although I am more than grateful for the financial aid I have received it has definitely relieved me and my family more than anything. But not all of us get those opportunities to receive much aid. Its hard enough that inflation has increased in our needs, grocery, healthcare, but adding it to education will lower student peers due to low income, and lowers the expectations of graduates and I would hate to see this happen."

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Oregon	68	Out of pocket	Yes, I support it	“I realize this might not be a popular idea but inflation is real. Things cost more and we, the students, need to pay our fair share of increased costs.”
Oregon	27	Financial Aid	Yes, I support it	“I don’t use a lot of the services that are used by students and are essentials. If that means school costs me a little bit more then it is important that they are supported.”
Oregon	18	Other : Running Start	Yes, I support it	“I don’t pay tuition. Why wouldn’t I want better education for free?”
Oregon	45	Financial Aid	Yes, I support it	“It’s a small increase that can be budgeted for to ensure the level of experience at Clatsop stays.”
Oregon	19	Financial Aid	Yes, I support it	“I was thinking it was going to be a big increase but \$128 to \$132 isn’t terrible. If it will help save people’s jobs, I’m fine with that. Some people struggle to pay tuition, so maybe teachers should share scholarships more, help everyone out so students aren’t stressed with money and people don’t lost their jobs.”
Oregon	20	Financial Aid	Yes, I support it	“I feel like we should increase tuitions! Only because students like myself use some of the resources around campus that maybe affected by this cut.”
Oregon	34	Financial Aid	Yes, I support it	“Because I deeply appreciate the opportunities that this financial aid affords me and I understand that the more people that are able to make use of it the greater the incentive will be to continue providing it.”

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Oregon	20	Financial Aid	Yes, I support it	“Personally, I go to college for free and I make money back. However if I was paying for school and I was aware that there would be an increase, I would budget outside expenses. In our economy it would be unrealistic to not expect an increase in college expenses. I believe that a \$4 increase stacks up, but it is reasonable.”
Oregon	19	Financial Aid	Yes, I support it	“I think this would help maintain and improve essential services at the college.”
Oregon	23	Out of pocket	I’m not sure.	“As someone who pays for school out of pocket, I’m not sure of the proposition - it would affect me - but I am not entirely opposed - I understand some individuals aren’t able to pay for college and use financial aid... It’s not an easy road for me financially as it is, I also pay for my own bills, rent, and necessities, but I understand a small increase would help the ... (illegible)”
Oregon	19	Both	I’m not sure.	“I dont know how finances work all I understand is that things could get more expensive.I dont think it would cause much problems. Why is this the first I’ve heard of this?”
Oregon	19	Financial Aid	I’m not sure.	“To be honest, I feel. Bad people who are paying out of pocket. College is way too expensive for some people, but I understand why we need to raise tuition especially if it means someone can lose their jobs.”
Oregon	Not provided	Both	I’m not sure.	“Because I wasn’t aware that the school was doing so poorly financially and in enrollments.”

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Oregon	Not provided	Both	I'm not sure.	"As someone who mostly pays for school out of pocket, of course I'm not too pleased about the increase, however, I do want work-study to keep the same wages. The only thing I recommend if that work-study should be talked about more for students who do (me lol!) Need more money during these times. It is not talked about enough."
Oregon	Not provided	Financial Aid	I'm not sure.	"I want staff to keep jobs, but not wanting to pay \$16 dollars more per 4 credit class. Would there be a way to increase tuition to \$2 instead of \$4."

One additional remark from a student in person instead of through this form:

"\$4 isn't that much but when you add it all together, it all adds up. Continuing to pay that extra \$4 \$2048 (12 classes 4x a year \$512) \$2112 (12 classes 4x a year \$528) \$256 more a year for a full time student...that's a couple weeks of gas, a week of groceries, or a pair of baseball cleats for my son, which as a single mom that's where my mind goes."