Business/Economic Course Tuition Differential

Why is a tuition differential being assessed to all Business and Economics Courses?
Tuition differentials are a common practice at many colleges and universities within business, economics, and engineering programs. For EOU, the implementation of a tuition differential was based upon several factors:

- Quality of the student experience – enhanced advising; more BA 408 Job Search Skills classes; EOU Career Fairs; Online Career Services; Targeted internships; and enhanced Professional Development seminars.
- Access, affordability and student choice of business and economics – 10% of the revenues will be allocated for need based fee remissions.
- Cost of Instruction – the Business and Economics programs have higher costs due to differentiated salary for faculty.
- Market Pricing – EOU has the lowest base tuition in the state and will remain so even with the differential.

Differential Tuition Q & A

1. What is differential tuition?
   Differential tuition is an additional tuition charge above base tuition charges. The revenue generated from this differential will be used for significant enhancements to the learning experience for business and economic courses and EOU students.

2. When does this take effect?
   The business/economic course tuition differential will begin Fall term of 2015.

3. How will the business/economics differential tuition be assessed?
   All students taking a course beginning with the BA or ECON prefix will be assessed the differential.
4. How much does the business/economics differential cost?
   - Undergraduate - Additional $10 per credit will be assessed
   - Graduate - Additional $13 per credit will be assessed

5. Will the cost for out-of-state students be higher due to residency?
   No, the same differential tuition amount will be assessed to all students regardless of residency.

6. Will the additional $10 per credit apply to all undergraduate registered courses?
   No, only courses beginning with the BA or ECON prefix will be assessed the differential.

7. Describe the approval process for differential tuition.
   Tuition rates are determined each year by the Eastern Oregon University Board and further reviewed and approved by the Higher Education Coordinating Commission (HECC). The process for tuition approval includes student input through ASEOU participation in the tuition committee review, open student forums, and board review.

8. Will there be an opportunity for tuition remissions?
   Yes, 10% of the revenues made through this tuition differential will be allocated for need based fee remissions.