

OHLONE COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT

MEMORANDUM

TO: Board of Trustees
FROM: Douglas Treadway
DATE: July 10, 2007
SUBJECT: International Student Application Fee Change

- Consent Agenda item

Eddie West, Director of International Programs and Services, and Ron Travenick, Vice President, Student Development, recommend that the current \$100 refundable Application Fee charged to international students be changed to a \$50 non-refundable application fee. Presently, international students on or wishing to obtain an F-1 Student Visa to study at Ohlone College submit a \$100 payment to the College at the time of their application. This \$100 is applied toward the tuition of students who ultimately enroll at Ohlone, and so becomes in effect not so much an application fee as a tuition deposit. The fee is not returned to students who do not enroll.

This change is proposed so that the application fee Ohlone charges international students is in line with application fees charged by other Bay Area community colleges. For example, Foothill College, De Anza College, City College of San Francisco, and Diablo Valley College each charge \$50 non-refundable application fees. It is important that Ohlone College's application fee be competitive/on par with these institutions. Also, given the recent large increase in international student applications to Ohlone College, making this a nonrefundable fee and not a tuition deposit will help generate a small but helpful additional revenue stream to the College.

RECOMMENDATION

The President/Superintendent recommends the change in the International Student Application Fee from \$100 to \$50, effective Spring Semester 2008.

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