TO: Board of Trustees
FROM: Gari Browning
DATE: February 11, 2015
SUBJECT: Approval of Resolution #10/14-15 to Establish a Non-Resident Tuition Fee for Fiscal Year 2015-2016 (BP 5020)

Pursuant to the provisions of Education Code Section 76140, each community college district shall establish a non-resident tuition fee each year for the subsequent fiscal year. Each district has one of seven options for establishing the fee:

1. Statewide Basis
2. District Basis
3. District Basis with 10% or more noncredit FTES
4. No more than a contiguous district
5. No more than District Basis; No less than Statewide Basis
6. Highest Year Statewide average tuition (2013-14 = $200 per semester unit)
7. No more than 12 comparable States’ Average tuition ($380 per semester unit)

The attached Resolution 10/14-15 sets the District’s non-resident tuition fee at $228 per semester unit based on option 7 above. The fee has not been increased since 2013-2014.

Education Code Section 76141 (a) (added by Assembly Bill 2055, Chapter 853, Statutes of 1991) further authorizes each district to “charge non-resident students who are both citizens and residents of a foreign country an additional amount not to exceed the amount that was expended by the district for capital outlay in the preceding fiscal year divided by the total full-time equivalent student in the preceding year.” Any fee charged for capital outlay cannot exceed 50 percent of the non-resident tuition fee established by the district. In addition, any fee collected pursuant to Education Code Section 76141 must be expended for capital outlay purposes.

Staff recommends that the 2015-16 capital outlay fee be $4 per semester unit. This reflects the actual expenditures per FTES and keeps the tuition fees competitive with other bay area districts.

Total Fees equals $232, which represents a $4 increase over 2014-15.

Pursuant to Education Code Section 76142, districts are also authorized to charge non-resident applicants who are both citizens and residents of a foreign country a processing fee not to exceed the actual cost of processing an application and other documentation required by the Federal
government. Staff is recommending that the District continue its existing $50 processing fee and that this fee be non-refundable.

The proposed non-resident tuition increase was endorsed by the ASOC at the February 6, 2015 meeting.

RECOMMENDATION

The President/Superintendent recommends that the Board of Trustees approves Resolution #10/14-15, which establishes the Non-Resident Tuition Fees for Fiscal Year 2015-2016 beginning with the Fall 2015 semester.

Attachment