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**Subject:** Tuition Increase

To whom it may concern,

In light of the OSU Board of Trustees re-scheduling to vote on tuition increases April 21<sup>st</sup>, I wanted to express my concern with that.

For many students, paying tuition at what it costs right now is difficult enough, and even impossible making it so many people have to take out extensive loans just to pay to finish their education. With tuition expected to increase 4-8%, there will be more and more students struggling to pay which may result in having to drop out and not being able to finish getting their degree until they could afford to pay tuition, unless students make it known to BOT members this is unacceptable.

Please consider that other places are lowering their tuition while in the last 4 years I've been at Oregon State, the tuition keeps getting higher and higher, making it more stressful to pay for tuition let alone books, rent, and any other basic living expenses. By continually increasing the tuition, students are having less money to put towards all their other bills unless they are getting serious financial aid. How is this good for the students?

If tuition was getting lower rather than higher, alumni that have completed their degrees may even be more willing to donate more back to the school because they have seen the effort the university put into making tuition more affordable for students.

Just a few thoughts I have,

Thank you for your time.

Kiara Wick