



# Presentation/Proposal Form

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Increase in fee charged for private music lessons.

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- ❖ Complete Items 1–8 to the best of your ability (see Instructions form for reference).
- ❖ If an item listed is not relevant to your specific presentation to College Affairs, please mark it *N/A*.
- ❖ E-mail the completed checklist to the College Affairs committee support specialist by the specified deadline.

## 1. PRESENTATION/PROPOSAL ABSTRACT (150–250 words)

Historically, COCC’s practice for private lessons is to charge students for one credit of tuition plus a fee. When combined, the cost should be in the neighborhood of the average going rate for a comparably trained instructor in the community. Likewise, our goal has been to create a structure by which instructors are paid something akin to what they could garner when teaching in the real world. It has been many years since the fee for private lessons has been increased and we are woefully out of sync with our practice.

In Central Oregon, the average going rate for private lessons taught by instructors with significant experience and typically a master’s degree, has risen above \$50 per lesson. In larger cities it’s \$80-\$100! Currently, COCC students pay approximately \$30 per lesson (ten lessons per term and a screaming deal), though this means that our instructors are receiving the same \$30 per lesson, which is an embarrassing 40% less than the average going rate.

Payment for private lessons is 0.2 LU per student plus the fee. Since most private lessons are taught by part time and adjunct instructors, raising the fee to \$300 pencils out like this:

Entry level PT/Adj scale: \$616/LU

.2 X \$616 = \$123 + \$300 = \$423

Approximately \$42 per lesson. Below the going rate, but not awful.

Top of the scale: \$952/LU

.2 X \$952 = \$191 + \$300 = \$491

Approximately \$49 per lesson. Still below the going rate, but much closer.

## 2. TYPE OF PRESENTATION/PROPOSAL

- Information Item (requires approval of CA Chair)
- Action Item
  - Information and committee feedback
  - Procedure—*revision* (Attach current procedure with proposed changes highlighted using track changes.)
  - Procedure—*new* (Attach proposed procedure separately.)
    - Identify suggested location in *General Procedures Manual*: \_\_\_\_\_

- Policy—*revision* (Attach current policy with proposed changes illustrated with track changes)
- Policy—*new* (Attach proposed policy separately.)
  - Identify suggested location in *General Policy Manual*: \_\_\_\_\_
- Other: Course Fee Adjustment

### **3. BUDGET IMPACT**

Course fees are charged to the student and are used to compensate the instructor. Although the increase will certainly have a modest impact on the student's budget, it will have no impact on the college budget.

### **4. INSTRUCTIONAL REQUIREMENTS/IMPACTS**

There will be no instructional requirement or impact resulting from this change.

### **5. OPERATIONAL IMPACT**

N/A

## **6. STUDENT IMPACT**

The fee for private lessons will increase and this cost will be directly felt by students. However, owing to the fact that COCC is woefully undercharging for private lessons when compared to the going rates in the private sector for similar education, the reality is that while the cost to the student is increasing, it is still considered a good value, especially when you figure in that they are receiving college credit for their work.

## **7. ANTICIPATED IMPLEMENTATION TIMELINE**

Fall 2021

## **8. MOTION TO BE RECOMMENDED**

Raise the fee charged to students for private lessons from \$200 to \$300.