Rogue Community College FYE 2020 Budget committee
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May 29, 2019

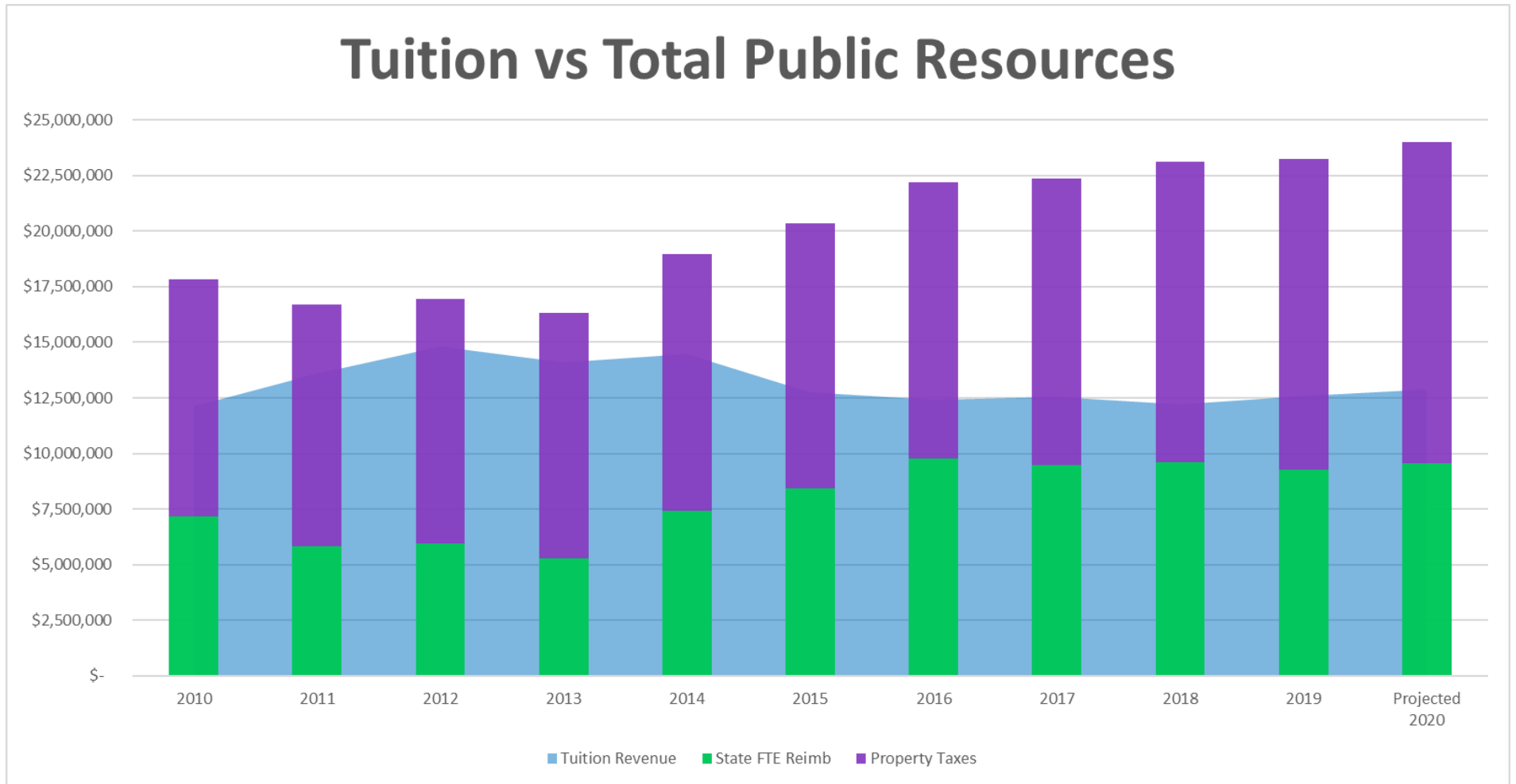1. **Community College Support Fund (CCSF) Distribution.**

   Oregon's community college distribution formula is designed to provide a financial foundation to support undergraduate and lower-division education, career technical education, remedial education, local response to workforce training, and other educational services necessary at the local and state level.

   The primary principle guiding the CCSF distribution formula is equitable distribution of public resources per student, with total public resources defined as state resources plus local property tax.

   The state support provided to community colleges is distributed based on the number of full-time equivalent (FTE) students enrolled at each college. The distribution is affected by the amount of local property tax imposed by each college. A portion of the funding is weighted to provide a base amount for small colleges, and a portion of the funds are taken off the top for categorical programs. Hobby and recreation classes are excluded from the distribution formula.

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2. Provide a comparison of major funding sources for the general fund.

Tuition vs Total Public Resources

Legend: Tuition Revenue, State FTE Reimb, Property Taxes

3. **Please address the concerns related to the proposed change to the Non-Computer Technology budget appropriation (please see attached letter).**

   The Non-Computer Technology appropriation has changed in the 2019/20 budget. In prior years the College would appropriate approximately $250,000, with the budget authority resting with the Non-Computer Tech Committee, to support the purchase of conventional educational equipment that has a high direct benefit to students. The funds are not intended for computers or peripherals that attach to computers, or for furniture or room/building modifications. The committee accepted applications and awarded funds on an annual basis.

   Starting in 2019/20 all funding requests for the fiscal year in question will utilize the *Current Year Budget Request Process* already in place. Instructional departments may submit a [Funding Request Form](#) to the Budget Officer. The Budget Officer will verify the form is complete and submit it to Executive Team (E-Team) for final funding determination. This process remains open all year. The benefits of changing the process include:
   - Broader awareness – all funding requests are reviewed and approved by E-Team.
   - Transparency – [minutes](#) of the meeting are published online.
   - Increased funding possibilities – enables E-Team and the RCC Foundation to strategically evaluate the department's needs with multiple internal and external funding opportunities.
   - Accreditation – provides written documentation of the tie between the strategic plan and the budget.
   - Reduction of work – a single request can be used to apply for multiple internal and external funding opportunities.
   - Flexibility – funding requests are accepted and funded throughout the year.

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