Memorandum

Date: March 31, 2020

To: Technical Science Administration (TSA) Users
CC: David Conover, Vice President for Research and Innovation (VPRI)  
    Fred Saab, Assistant Vice President (OVPRI)  
    Melodi Jayne, Business Manager, Research Core Services (RCBS)

From: John Boosinger, TSA Director; and  
      Josef Dufek, TSA Faculty Advisory Committee Chair

Re: Increases for TSA Rates in FY’21

Dear TSA Users (machine shop, student shop, and electronics shop):

The faculty advisory committee for TSA (J. Dufek, J. Widom, A. Lin, R. Parthasarathy, T. Gardner), the Office of the Vice President for Research and Innovation (D. Conover), and the TSA Director (J. Boosinger) previously set its service rates in March 2019 with the help of the Research Core Business Services (RCBS) team. These rates were recently reexamined by the Director, its Faculty Advisory Committee, VPRI and RCBS. We have determined that based on the significant expansion of services coming later this year, we will be raising both internal and external rates (listed below).

Because of the significant scale of this increase, I would like to offer insight into the factors we considered while making this decision:

- The cost for most parts we make will not increase due to the improved efficiency of our new tools
- The quality of our parts will improve due to orders-of-magnitude advancements in precision
- Some services, such as lab installations and design work, may increase in cost
- Some services, such as desktop 3D printing, will operate on a lower fee schedule (TBD)

The rates are listed below, and become active on July 1st. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the TSA director at boos@uoregon.edu, or call 541-346-4683.

- Internal rates for all services: $75/hr (previously $50/hr)
- Internal rates for student shop self-service (some tools): $20/hr (previously $15/hr)
- External rates for all services: $150/hr (previously $120/hr)
- An expedited service rate will be available for an additional 50% above standard internal and external rates. Expedited service is agreed to at the time of service/estimate.

Thank you for your continued support of the University of Oregon Instrument Shop.