**Tuition and Fee Advisory Board of the University of Oregon**

**Meeting Summary | January 20, 2023**

The 2022–2023 Tuition and Fee Advisory Board (TFAB) of the University of Oregon met in room 023 (Lease Crutcher Lewis) of the Erb Memorial Union at 8:15 a.m. on Friday, January 20, 2023. A remote option was available by request; four participants attended the meeting remotely. Below is a summary of the meeting; documents discussed during the session are available [online](https://tuition.uoregon.edu/updates).

**Attending**: Molly Blancett (guest), Krista Borg, Jim Brooks, Deborah Butler (guest), Donna Sutton Chittenden (guest, online), Robin Clement, Renée Dorjahn, Brian Fox, Luda Isakharov, Heather Kingsley, Stuart Laing (guest, online), Lucien Lasocki (guest), Laura Lee McIntyre, Lauryn Lilly, Jamie Moffitt (co-chair), JP Monroe, Brad Morin, Marian Mumin (online), Brady Nittmann (guest), Erick Njue, Grant Schoonover, Sam Schwartz (guest), Kathie Stanley (online), Kris Winter (co-chair), Ben Young.

**Staff**: Debbie Sharp (Office of the senior VPFA).

**Introductions**. Co-chair Jamie Moffitt, senior vice president for finance and administration and chief financial officer, welcomed the group, and invited people to introduce themselves. She went on to thank TFAB members for their support at the ASUO-TFAB Student Tuition Forum.

**Debrief of the student forum**. Co-chair Kris Winter, interim vice president for student life, thanked ASUO members for their support and promotion of the forum and engagement throughout the process. She then invited the group to provide feedback on the small-group discussions that took place at the forum. TFAB members shared student input on the need for increased support for low-income out-of-state students, the increasing cost of attendance for out-of-state students, and student assessments of the overall value of their UO education. Other topics noted by TFAB members included the importance of students understanding the cost of education, challenges recruiting and retaining advisors, issues with class availability for freshmen, and the context around UO-non-participation in the Western University Exchange (WUE). The group also discussed ways to engage low-income students for their input on the tuition-setting process, the increasing costs of housing and dining, lack of scholarship support for transfer students, and the current reach of the PathwayOregon program.

**Graduate tuition**. J.P. Monroe**,** director of institutional research,provided an overview of the proposed 2023-24 graduate tuition and fee increases. He went through the programs for each graduate school and college—shown in the summary document available [online](https://tuition.uoregon.edu/proposed-2023-24-graduate-tuition-summary). Monroe highlighted new programs and programs with large proposed increases, and answered questions raised by the group. He explained that often with online programs, the same rate is charged for resident and non-resident students. Monroe also shared that each of the schools and colleges have student advisory boards and have already gathered extensive student input on their respective tuition and fee proposals. Moffitt noted that the schools and colleges generally face the same level of cost drivers as the Education and General (E&G) fund, which is anticipated to be approximately 4% for FY24.

The group discussed which graduate programs would warrant further conversation and decided to invite representatives of the Ballmer Institute, College of Education, Lundquist College of Business, and School of Law to future TFAB meetings.

**Course fees**. Moffitt explained that the UO Budget and Resource Planning department oversees the [review process for changes to charges, fees, and fines for services, facilities, operations, and programs](https://brp.uoregon.edu/content/Fee-Guidelines). She noted that while her office reviews and approves all of the proposed fees, a summary of proposed course fee changes is brought to TFAB for discussion and feedback as they are directly tied to the students’ cost of education. Moffitt explained that other non-course fee changes (e.g., events fees) that are unusual or have particularly large increases and directly affect students are highlighted for TFAB as well by representatives of the Budget and Resource Planning department. She also explained that course fees are typically charged for courses that have special costs associated with them, such as field trips or supplies for art classes.

Stuart Laing, director of budget and resource planning, presented a [summary of changes](https://tuition.uoregon.edu/fy24-course-fees-summary-changes) in course fees for the 2023-24 academic year and 2024 summer session, and shared [supporting statements for these changes](https://tuition.uoregon.edu/fy24-course-new-fees-supporting-statements). The overview included five cancelled course fees, 18 new course fees, and 62 amended course fees. One additional fee that was highlighted is a proposed one-time fee to be assessed to incoming law students to help cover costs associated with graduation. TFAB members agreed to discuss this fee in more detail with law school leadership when they come to TFAB in a few weeks to discuss their proposed tuition increases.

The group discussed whether financial aid covers course fees (which it does), the process for adding new fees (including consultation with ASUO), and how fees impact the increasing overall costs of education for UO students.

**Undergraduate tuition**. Moffitt spent the remainder of the meeting guiding the group through the undergraduate tuition calculator, noting different assumptions. TFAB members raised questions about the impact of enrollment for resident, non-resident, international, and transfer students on the FY2024 budget projections. The group also discussed how the attrition rate is accounted for, when the Governor’s Recommended Budget (GRB) will be released, and how inflation could impact tuition recommendations.

**Adjournment**. The meeting adjourned at 9:48 a.m.