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

**Meeting Summary | January 29, 2024**

The 2023–2024 Tuition and Fee Advisory Board (TFAB) of the University of Oregon met in the Miller Room (107) of the Erb Memorial Union (EMU) at 3:00 p.m. on Monday, January 29, 2024. A remote option was available by request; three 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**: Kersey Bars, Krista Borg, Marcilynn Burke (guest), Jim Brooks, Robin Clement, Renée Dorjahn, Brian Fox, Heather Gustafson (online), Laura Lee McIntyre, Jamie Moffitt (co-chair), Jimila (online), Finn O'Donnell, Adrian Parr (guest), Hal Sadofsky, Grant Schoonover, Kathie Stanley (online), Ray Sykes (guest), Chloé Webster, Kris Winter (co-chair, online), Ben Young.

**Staff**: Debbie Sharp (Office of the Senior VPFA, online).

**Introductions**.Co-chair Jamie Moffitt, senior vice president of finance and administration and chief financial officer, welcomed everyone and invited participants to introduce themselves. She provided an overview of the agenda for the day and discussed the plan for TFAB meetings the rest of the week. Moffitt then reminded the group about the recommendations memo process.

**Graduate tuition: School of Law**. Marcilynn Burke, Dean and Dave Frohnmayer Chair in Leadership and Law at the School of Law, shared the proposed tuition increases for three programs: the Juris Doctor (JD), Master of Laws (LLM), and Conflict and Dispute Resolution (CRES) Master’s. She explained that there is a 5.0% tuition increase proposed for the JD, an 8.4% increase for the LLM, and 5.0% increase for CRES, with all increases applying to both resident and nonresident students.

Dean Burke noted that even with the proposed increases, the School of Law is not expected to cover projected expenses, because of increasing costs and a number of necessary improvements, including hiring an ADA access coordinator, improving student support services, bar exam support, and hiring instructors with expertise in areas such as indigenous law and climate justice. She explained that the School of Law has a budget model that differs from other schools and colleges and that Law is on a path of budget sustainability, which requires increasing tuition rates.

TFAB members asked which students would be impacted by the proposed tuition increases, how summer school tuition levels are changing, and about the impact of enrollment trends and projections. The group also discussed investments in student support at the law school, the potential impact of a new pathway to licensure in Oregon, bar exam pass rates for UO law students, and comparator schools’ tuition and remission rates.

**Graduate tuition: College of Design**.  Adrian Parr, Dean of the College of Design, provided an overview of the college, noting that of the 27 programs offered, 16 are graduate. She explained that there is concern about graduate programs because enrollment has dropped—particularly in architecture, which produces 36% of the college’s graduate revenue —leading to the college proposing no tuition rate increases for those programs. She talked about the Western Regional Graduate Program (WRGP), which is an agreement between participating public universities to charge out-of-state students no more than 150 percent of the institution’s in-state tuition. Parr noted that a number of UO comparator architecture programs are hosted by WRGP institutions, making their programs cost significantly less for some students, and reducing the UO’s competitiveness. She explained that increases in tuition have impacted applications and enrollment in UO’s architecture programs, even though they are some of the top programs in the country.

TFAB members inquired about enrollment trends in graduate architecture programs, the impact of four-year and five-year undergraduate programs, whether the UO is considering joining the WGRP, and anticipated changes in the market.

**Undergraduate tuition**. Brian Fox, assistant vice president of budget, financial analysis, and data analytics, shared the undergraduate tuition calculator, inviting the group to discuss different scenarios for resident and non-resident undergraduate tuition rates in FY2024.

TFAB members discussed the potential impact of changing compensation and Services and Supplies costs, the importance of investing in scholarships, and the need to have updated information on enrollment projections.

**Adjournment**. The meeting adjourned at 4:33 p.m.