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

**Meeting Summary | November 8, 2022**

The 2022–2023 Tuition and Fee Advisory Board (TFAB) of the University of Oregon met in the Miller Room (107) of the Erb Memorial Union at 8:15 a.m. on Tuesday, November 8, 2022. A remote option was available by request; only one participant 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**: Krista Borg, Jim Brooks, Robin Clement, Renée Dorjahn, Brian Fox, Luda Isakharov, Heather Kingsley, Lucien Lasocki (guest), Laura Lee McIntre, Jamie Moffitt (co-chair), JP Monroe, Brad Morin, Cass Moseley (remote), Jim Murez (guest), Erick Njue, Grant Schoonover, Sam Schwartz (guest), Kris Winter (co-chair), Harry Wonham, Ben Young.

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

**Introductions**. Co-chair Jamie Moffitt, senior vice president for finance and administration and CFO, welcomed the group, went briefly through the meeting agenda, and invited people to introduce themselves.

**Public University Support Fund (PUSF) briefing**. Brian Fox, associate vice president for budget, financial analysis, and data analytics, briefed the group on the Public University Support Fund (PUSF), explaining the mechanisms by which moneys are appropriated by the Legislative Assembly to the Higher Education Coordinating Commission (HECC) for allocation to public universities, including the University of Oregon. He explained that the PUSF is the state’s primary direct funding contribution for university operations and that the Higher Education Coordinating Commission (HECC) distributes the PUSF using the Student Success Completion Model (SSCM). Fox noted that the SSCM includes activity-based funding (student credit hours), outcomes-based funding (represented by degrees and certificates), and mission differentiation funding. Fox also noted that there are other direct legislative and operating funds outside of the PUSF, namely state programs, statewide public service programs, and the sports lottery. Moffitt shared that an inter-institutional task force began reviewing the SSCM in October 2019, and that a number of areas have been updated in the model.

Meeting participants discussed the impact of student enrollment, graduation numbers, and transfer students on funding through the SSCM; the impact of changes in the SSCM model on higher education institutions across Oregon; and the fact that the UO continues to have the lowest level of funding per student through the SSCM. The group also considered whether unspent state funds can be carried forward, the timing of the legislative session, and how to consider unknown factors such as a state appropriation levels when discussing tuition and fee recommendations in winter term.

**Guaranteed Tuition Program**. Moffitt provided an overview of the UO Guaranteed Tuition Program, emphasizing that since summer term 2020, the program has provided each entering class of resident and non-resident undergraduate students with a tuition rate locked for five years. She explained that other tuition and fees are also locked within the program, including administratively controlled mandatory fees, summer tuition, honors college differential tuition, business school differential tuition, and the international student fee. She shared the advantages of the program for students and the institution, including that guaranteed tuition programs such as the UO’s provide predictability to students, are advantageous for students who take longer to graduate and provide students with something similar to an insurance policy against state funding cuts and inflationary increases. Moffitt noted that undergraduate students who were already enrolled at the UO when the Guaranteed Tuition Program was implemented received tuition increases locked at 3.0% per year through FY2024.

The group discussed how the tuition guarantee affects new transfer students, the importance of advocacy for higher institutions to receive higher state appropriations, the importance of considering the market when making tuition and fee increase recommendations, and what might happen to state appropriation levels if a recession were to happen in 2023.

**Adjournment**. The meeting adjourned at 9:47 a.m.