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

**Meeting Summary | January 31, 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 Wednesday, January 31, 2024. 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**: Kersey Bars, Elliot Berkman (online), Krista Borg, Jim Brooks, Robin Clement, Renée Dorjahn, Sorin Dragoiu (guest), Brian Fox, Heather Gustafson, Erin Hays (guest), Laura Lee McIntyre, Jamie Moffitt (co-chair), JP Monroe, Finn O'Donnell, Jasmine Ramirez-Miranda (online), Kerlos Rizk, Hal Sadofsky, Anna Schmidt-MacKenzie (guest), Grant Schoonover, Kathie Stanley (online), Roger Thompson (guest), Chloé Webster, Kris Winter (co-chair), Ben Young.

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

**Introductions**. Jamie Moffitt, senior vice president for finance and administration and chief financial officer, welcomed the group and invited participants to introduce themselves.

**Recruitment**. Roger Thompson, vice president for student services and enrollment management, provided updates on current recruitment efforts at the university and insight into the potential enrollment landscape for undergraduate students in the coming academic year. He shared that National College Decision Day is May 1, noting the difficultly of anticipating students’ enrollment decisions months ahead of that date. Thompson provided insight into a number of current challenges, including delays in the Department of Education releasing the FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid), the postponement of Scholars Recognition Day to March because of the January ice storm, and increasing competition from other institutions. He also shared some positive factors, including new scholarships offered by the UO, the high quality of applicants, and the strength of the UO recruitment team across the US and internationally.

TFAB members asked questions about international enrollment trends, when competitors release admissions letters, current levels of resident and non-resident applications, and trends in applicants’ intended majors. The group also discussed the UO’s competitive advantages, when the university’s recruitment targets were set, how FAFSA information affects state aid and the PathwayOregon program, and the current market conditions for comparator schools.

**Tuition and Fee Policy Book**. JP Monroe, director of institutional research, shared a redlined version of the UO Tuition and Fee Policy Book. He explained that the fee book establishes the authority to set tuition and fees and indicates the Board of Trustees as that authority. The group discussed the updates to the fee book, noting that if there are additional questions and suggested edits to provide those to JP in the near future. The redlined version of the fee book-as of January 31, 2024—is available [online](https://tuition.uoregon.edu/2024-25-uo-fee-book-redlined-31-jan-2024).

**Graduate tuition**. Brian Fox, assistant vice president of budget, financial analysis, and data analytics, shared some updates on graduate tuition structure changes. These changes involved programs reducing their higher step-in first credit cost but keeping full-time tuition at or below a 3% increase. The group discussed how many students would be affected by the changes, if there are graduate programs retaining high step-in costs, and how the university is trying to achieve increased uniformity in graduate tuition structures across the university. An overview of the graduate tuition structure changes is available [online](https://tuition.uoregon.edu/graduate-tuition-rate-structure-changes).

**Undergraduate tuition**. Co-chair Moffitt shared an overview of the TFAB recommendations memo process as a reminder for members. Fox then shared the tuition calculator and worked with the group to discuss a range of different scenarios and variables for undergraduate tuition in the 2024-2025 academic year.

The group discussed the high level of uncertainty around enrollment and the economy, the importance of not pricing tuition higher than prevailing market conditions, the danger of recommending tuition rates higher than students can manage, the reality of increasing costs across the university, and the desire to keep higher education financially accessible.

**Adjournment**. The meeting adjourned at 4:29 p.m.