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

**Meeting Summary | October 11, 2024**

The 2024–2025 Tuition and Fee Advisory Board (TFAB) of the University of Oregon met in room 107 of the Erb Memorial Union (EMU) at 9:00 a.m. on Friday, October 11, 2024. A remote option was available by request; all but one participant attended the meeting in person. Below is a summary of the meeting; documents discussed during the session are available [online](https://tuition.uoregon.edu/updates).

**Attending**: Melynn Bates, Krista Borg, Angela Chong (co-chair), Mark Diestler, Huntyr Doeling, Brian Fox, Heather Gustafson, Mariam Hassan, Lamia Karim, Justin Krier (remote), Bruce McGough, Laura Lee McIntyre, Jamie Moffitt (co-chair), JP Monroe, Sara Regalado, Kerlos Rizk, Hal Sadofsky, Ben Schorzman (guest), Amy Squires, Kathie Stanley, and Andy Winden.

**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 and asked everyone participating to introduce themselves by sharing their name, their role, and how long they have been at the university. The 2024-25 TFAB membership list is available [online](https://tuition.uoregon.edu/fy25-tfab-members).

**Review of Guiding Principles**. Moffitt then provided an overview of the board’s guiding principles. She talked about the process, the board’s role as advisory to the university president, the Guaranteed Tuition program for undergraduates, the board’s composition—students, faculty, and staff—and provided an overview of the timelines. Moffitt emphasized the public nature of the meetings and the fact that anyone is welcome to attend. She encouraged parties interested in learning about tuition to attend as many meetings as possible, particularly in the fall, to educate themselves on the many topics that are discussed prior to making tuition recommendations (e.g. budget information, comparative tuition and fees, long term projections, etc.).

Moffitt explained that the fall meetings are primarily informational and designed to ensure members gain an understanding of comparative data, the UO budget, the organization’s cost drivers, state appropriations, the long term Education and General (E&G) fund projections, UO’s financial aid programs, and how funding is allocated to higher education institutions in Oregon. She also noted that winter term meetings involve TFAB receiving a number of proposals and information on things that affect the total cost of education, including course fees, housing, mandatory fees, and graduate tuition. Finally, Moffitt shared the process for making recommendations to the president, which involves the group preparing a memo which undergoes a number of revisions following substantive member input. She noted that members are welcome to attach a minority report to the main recommendations memo, both of which would be shared with the president and the Board of Trustees. Moffitt explained that while the group aims to achieve consensus on recommendations, there is a process for sharing other opinions. The guiding principles document is available [online](https://tuition.uoregon.edu/fy25-tfab-guiding-principles).

**Meeting schedule and process overview**. Moffitt shared the meeting schedule for fall 2024, noting that the meetings are not set for winter 2025 until students and faculty have their class schedules for that term. She noted that there is a wide variety of topics covered in fall term and that the weekly meetings in winter term focus on proposals and recommendations. She also noted that there are two public tuition forums in winter term, one co-hosted with the student government body, the Associated Students of the University of Oregon (ASUO). The list of fall scheduled meetings and meeting topics for winter is available [online](https://tuition.uoregon.edu/fy25-tfab-meeting-schedule). Moffitt noted that the Incidental Fee (I-Fee) undergoes a separate, ASUO process each year and does not run through TFAB.

Moffitt explained that TFAB meetings are traditionally in person but that online participation options are available by request. She shared the UO tuition website ([tuition.uoregon.edu](https://tuition.uoregon.edu/)) and noted that all documents reviewed by TFAB members are available online after each meeting.

Moffitt also shared a document of TFAB-related acronyms and a general overview of the TFAB fall-winter timeline. This document is available [online](https://tuition.uoregon.edu/fy25-tfab-acronyms-and-processes).

**Historical and comparative data**. JP Monroe, director of institutional research, presented a range of historical and comparative data to provide insights into the relationship between resident tuition and mandatory enrollment fees charged by the university and the amount of annual state appropriations received by the University of Oregon.

Monroe shared data comparing the UO’s tuition levels for undergraduate resident and non-resident students with tuition levels at other public universities in the Association of American Universities (AAU). He also provided information comparing the UO fall 2024 tuition rates (for resident and non-resident undergraduates) with other AAU universities, highlighting where the UO lies in comparison with other university tuition rates and the overall average tuition.

Monroe then provided an overview of the history of total UO undergraduate enrollment between Fall 1998 and Fall 2023. Data was presented on first-year student enrollment by residency, between Fall 2016 and this current Fall (2024). Detailed international enrollment information was also provided.

The group discussed whether four-year guaranteed tuition programs positively impact graduation rates, the impact of state support on tuition rates, and how much the average tuition rates increase each year both at the UO and among peer AAU institutions. Members had questions about the UO’s five-year guaranteed tuition program, why international student enrollment has declined since 2015, and the operational and financial impacts that decline has had on the university.

The full slide deck of historical and comparative data is available [online](https://tuition.uoregon.edu/fy25-tfab-historical-and-comparative-data-11oct2024).

**Adjournment**. The meeting adjourned at 9:51am.