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

**Meeting Summary | October 14, 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 2:15 p.m. on Monday, October 14, 2024. A remote option was available by request; all but two participants 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), Huntyr Doeling, Brian Fox, Heather Gustafson (remote), Mariam Hassan, Bruce McGough, Laura Lee McIntyre (remote), Jamie Moffitt (co-chair), JP Monroe, Hal Sadofsky, Grant Schoonover, Ben Schorzman (guest), Amy Squires, and Kathie Stanley.

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

**Introductions**. Co-chair and Vice President for Student Life, Angela Chong, asked participants to introduce themselves. She then invited JP Monroe and Brian Fox to share information on historical and comparative data and the UO budget.

**Historical and Comparative Data**. JP Monroe, director of institutional research, presented information on the budget of the university. Monroe shared slides on historical and comparative data, adding to the information presented during the first TFAB meeting of fall term. He shared information on state appropriations per resident student, comparing the UO to public universities in the AAU (Association of American Universities) and Big 10 public universities. Monroe also presented the undergraduate tuition and mandatory fee history between 2020 and 2025 for resident and nonresident UO students, and cost of attendance information for the 2024-25 academic year.

The group asked questions about the level of scholarships at comparator schools, the connection between remissions and tuition levels, and the impact of inflation on tuition rates.

**UO Budget Briefing**. Brian Fox, associate vice president of budget, financial analysis, and data analytics, presented information on the university budget, including its structure, trends in state appropriations to UO since FY08, and comparisons between the UO and other AAU public universities in terms of state appropriations. Fox shared the increasing dependence on nonresident tuition in the face of declining state appropriations and increasing operations costs. He then discussed the major E&G fund cost drivers for FY25, which included medical costs and compensation increases for staff and Graduate Employees (GE). Fox shared the impacts of declining international enrollment, the average cost of tuition and fees of the AAU publics, the number of staff and faculty per 1,000 students among AAU publics, and the impact of cost cutting in previous years. Finally, he shared the UO’s financial position, noting that expenses are expected to grow at a faster rate than revenue after FY25.

Participants asked about the Education and General (E&G) fund, the increase in Oregon state appropriations since FY12, the detrimental effect of inflation, and legislators’ understanding that universities cannot keep raising tuition to make up budget shortfalls. People also discussed the increasing costs of higher education in Oregon, the Public Employees Retirement System (PERS), the cost to educate a resident student, and the difficulty of predicting student enrollment in a competitive market.

The full slide deck is available [online](https://tuition.uoregon.edu/updates).

**Adjournment**. The meeting adjourned at 3:34 p.m.