

**Tuition and Fee Advisory Board of the University of Oregon**  
**Meeting Summary | January 11, 2019**

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The 2018–2019 Tuition and Fee Advisory Board (TFAB) of the University of Oregon met in the Johnson Hall Conference Room at 4:00pm on the UO's Eugene campus on January 11, 2019. Below is a summary of the meeting; documents reviewed during the meeting are available [online](#).

**Attending:** Odalis Aguilar (guest), Jim Brooks, Erica Daley (by phone), Zack Demars (guest), Imani Dorsey, Lizzy Elkins (guest), Maria Alejandra Gallegos-Chacón, Becky Girvan (guest), Tova Kruss, Stuart Laing, Laura Leete, Sarah Nutter, Kevin Marbury (co-chair), Aimée C. Marquez, Jamie Moffitt (co-chair), J.P. Monroe, Chris Murray, Tan Perkins (guest), Philip Scher, Doneka Scott, Kathie Stanley, Janelle Stevenson, Janet Woodruff-Borden

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

**Welcome and introductions.** Co-chair Jamie Moffitt, vice president for finance and administration/ chief financial officer, welcomed the group and invited all participants to introduce themselves.

**TFAB schedule in January and February.** Moffitt reviewed the [revised draft January-February TFAB meeting schedule](#), emphasizing that agenda items are likely to shift during this period of weekly meetings. She gave an overview of the process, which involves five TFAB meetings in January and February and a Student Forum. At the end of January the TFAB co-chairs will draft a recommendation memo to the president regarding the topics discussed by TFAB. The Committee will have an opportunity to provide suggested edits to the memo to ensure that it accurately reflects the advisory group's activities and discussion. Moffitt noted for the group that they will be under a tight timeline to review the memo given the Board of Trustees meeting schedule.

**EMU fee proposal.** Kevin Marbury, vice president for Student Life, presented the FY2020 fee projection proposal for the Erb Memorial Union (EMU), which is available [online](#). Marbury outlined the request, which is for a \$3.00 increase to help cover bond payments on the EMU facility. The balance of the anticipated shortfall will be covered by other revenue. Questions raised by TFAB members include how the EMU budget operates, what would happen to the increased EMU fee if enrollment dramatically increased, and how this increase compares to general increase requests to TFAB. Marbury explained that the EMU is not requesting funds to completely cover the shortfall and that reserve funds are being used to offset increases. Finally, Marbury reminded the group that the EMU did not request an increase last year.

**Physical Education and Recreation fee proposal.** Kevin Marbury went on to present the 2019–20 fee projection proposal for the Department of Physical Education and Recreation (PEREC), which is available [online](#). The department is requesting a \$2.00 increase to the Rec Center Fee, which will help to cover increases in staff wages, benefits, and overhead assessment rates. Similar to the EMU, PEREC did not request an increase last year. The department plans to cover some increases with operational reserves and increased self-generated revenue. TFAB members asked questions around student enrollment assumptions, use of the rec center related to enrollment, and whether it is feasible to target increased

funding (and use) of the facility by community members—in the latter case, Marbury explained that students are the first priority for the department.

**Governor's recommended budget.** Moffitt took some time to give an overview of the Governor's Recommended Budget (GRB) as well as a second "investment budget" that the governor proposed. She explained that in the GRB rather than receiving an increase, universities in Oregon were "flat funded," meaning that the funding level for FY20–FY21 would be the same as the funding level for FY18–FY19. This means that no increases were provided for cost drivers such as salary increases, PERS, or PEBB. Additionally, due to the way the funds are distributed in the GRB (49% in the first year of the biennium and 51% in the second year of the biennium), the university would actually see a cut of around \$2.7 million in state appropriation between this year and next year. She further noted that if the governor's investment budget passes, the PUSF (Public University Support Fund) would receive an estimated \$120 million more (for seven campuses for both years of the biennium), which would cover the increased PERS expenses. Moffitt noted that this situation leaves the UO with a lot of uncertainty and that in FY20, the university is looking at a funding gap of approximately \$32.4 million.

**Planning for the Student Forum.** For the remainder of the meeting, TFAB members focused on planning for the student forum, scheduled for Tuesday, January 15, 6pm–7:30pm in the Redwood Auditorium of the EMU. The group decided to open with a welcome and introductions, follow with a budget presentation, spend some time on table discussions noting students' feedback, and then end with a short information session on legislative advocacy.

**Adjournment.** The meeting adjourned at 5:30pm.