

Tuition and Fee Advisory Board of the University of Oregon
Meeting Summary | October 23, 2020

The 2020–2021 Tuition and Fee Advisory Board (TFAB) of the University of Oregon met virtually at 1:00 p.m. on Friday, October 23, 2020. Below is a summary of the meeting; documents discussed during the meeting are available [online](#).

Attending: Melynn Bates, Isaiah Boyd, Jim Brooks, Lara Grant, Reina Harwood (guest), Patricia Hersh, Saul Hubbard (guest), Stuart Laing, Kevin Marbury (co-chair), Jamie Moffitt (co-chair), JP Monroe, Aidan Short, Conrad Sproul, Kathie Stanley, Edna Ventura, Angela Wilhelms (guest), Harry Wonham, Janet Woodruff-Borden

Staff: Debbie Sharp (Office of the VPFA)

Welcome and introductions. Co-chair Kevin Marbury, vice president for student life, welcomed the group and invited all participants to introduce themselves, share their role at the university, note how long they have been at the UO, and mention their length of service on TFAB. The 2020–2021 TFAB membership list is available [online](#).

Charge. Marbury shared the charge to the group, which is in the [TFAB guiding principles document](#). He explained that TFAB is tasked with advising and making a recommendation to the president on tuition and fee proposals that affect the cost of attending the UO.

Meeting format. Marbury gave an overview of some guidelines to help the group make the most of the virtual meeting format: encouraging participants to mute their microphones when not speaking (to limit background noise); use the ‘raise hand’ feature to indicate they have a comment; and send a 1:1 chat to the host if there is a question that needs to be addressed.

Calendar. Marbury shared the [TFAB meeting calendar](#), explaining that the TFAB meeting dates are set for fall and will be held weekly in winter term. He noted the fall meetings are designed to provide background information so that TFAB members can make informed recommendations on tuition and fees in winter. Co-chair Jamie Moffitt, vice president of finance and administration and CFO, emphasized the tight timeline that TFAB faces in early February. She explained that recommendations need to be submitted to the president so that he has enough time to consider them, hold a forum on the ideas, gather input from the UO community, and make his recommendations to the Board of Trustees in time for the March meeting of the board. This allows the UO to provide incoming students with timely information on tuition rates and financial aid packages. Moffitt also explained that in February, TFAB crafts a memo of recommendations that summarizes TFAB’s robust deliberations and discussions. She reminded the group that TFAB is not a decision-making body and does not vote on issues; instead it is an advisory group. Any consensus recommendations are reflected in the memo, as are any proposals on which there are differing views, as well as concerns or issues. Moffitt also noted that any TFAB member is welcome to write a supplemental memo to be submitted to the president.

Finally, Marbury explained that the Incidental Fee (I-Fee) is part of the cost of attending the UO, but that the process to set that rate is managed by the Associated Students of the University of Oregon (ASUO).

Historical and comparative information. J.P. Monroe, director of institutional research, Office of Institutional Research, provided historical and comparative data regarding the relationship between the resident tuition and mandatory enrollment fees charged by the public university and the amount of state appropriations that the Higher Education Coordinating Commission (HECC) allocates to the University of Oregon. The presentation included the history of undergraduate tuition and mandatory fees at the UO between 2007-08 and 2020-21, the history of undergraduate enrollment, faculty-per-student and staff-per-student staffing levels, the history of state appropriations, and comparisons with Association of American University (AAU) and Pac-12 public universities. The information is available [online](#).

Tuition website. Marbury shared the [UO Tuition website](#) as a useful resource for members and non-members alike because TFAB materials are [uploaded](#) following each meeting.

Adjournment. The meeting adjourned at 1:44 p.m.