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

**Meeting Summary | January 10, 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 10, 2024. A remote option was available by request; two 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**: Deb Beck (guest), Elliot Berkman, Krista Borg, Jim Brooks, Robin Clement, Renée Dorjahn, Sorin Dragoiu (guest), Brian Fox, Michael Griffel (guest), Heather Gustafson, Jimila (online), Laura Lee McIntyre, JP Monroe, Finn O'Donnell, Jasmine Ramirez-Miranda, Brady Nittmann (guest), Angie Peatow (guest, online), Kerlos Rizk, 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).

**Introductions**.Co-chair Kris Winter, interim vice president for student life, welcomed in-person and online participants and invited everyone to introduce themselves.

**Winter meeting schedule**. Winter provided an overview of the planned TFAB meeting schedule for winter term. All meetings are open to the public and the winter term schedule is available online: <https://tuition.uoregon.edu/tfab-schedule>. The winter term meeting plan shared by co-chair Winter is also [available online](https://tuition.uoregon.edu/tfab-winter-meeting-plan-10jan2024).

**Overview of mandatory fees**. Winter provided an overview of the administratively controlled mandatory fees, explaining that the auxiliaries proposing fees work together to keep the increases as low as possible each year. She noted that the increasing cost of living affects all the auxiliaries, which have to find ways to cover their increasing costs while also keeping fees low. Sorin Dragoiu, director of financial services within the Division of Student Life, shared the proposed rates for administratively controlled mandatory fees (per term). He explained that the fees include the building fee, Health Service fee, Recreation Center fee, Student Union fee, and technology fee. The proposed rates are available [online](https://tuition.uoregon.edu/sites/default/files/2024-01/fy25-mandatory-fees.pdf).

**Undergraduate tuition**. Brian Fox, assistant vice president of budget, financial analysis, and data analytics, shared an overview of the tuition calculator created with various elements in mind, including the [long-term projection model scenarios](https://tuition.uoregon.edu/sites/default/files/2023-11/final-board-presentation-long-term-projections_8-26-23.pdf) shared with the UO Board of Trustees in September 2023. Fox explained that when student cohort sizes differ dramatically in consecutive years, this needs to be accounted for within the tuition calculator. He shared that the calculator also takes into account state appropriation, general inflation in personnel and S&S (Services and Supplies) costs, and the flow of each undergraduate cohort from their first year through graduation, which is important because each has a separate tuition rate in the guaranteed tuition model. Fox noted that the calculator includes the ability to adjust the incoming cohort enrollment assumption and tuition increase percentages for undergraduate resident and non-resident students.

The group discussed how the calculator accounts for different assumptions for state appropriation, undergraduate enrollment, tuition rate increases, inflation in personnel costs and S&S, and cost drivers.

**Health services and housing fee proposals**. Roger Thompson, vice president of student services and enrollment management, introduced and thanked his team before sharing the proposed University Health Services fee rates for FY25. He explained that the team is proposing a health fee increase of 2.74% for new, incoming undergraduate students, and 2.88% for graduate students.

Thompson shared the challenges of increasing costs in health care, particularly in medical malpractice insurance, IT, and employee compensation for counsellors. He noted a continuing commitment to supporting mental health services for students and explained that there are no direct charges for those that access these services.

The group discussed the impact of the closure of the PeaceHealth University District hospital emergency department, the availability and value of University Health Services to students, faculty, and staff, and the breakdown in revenue between student fees and insurance at University Health Services.

Thompson then shared the proposed UO Housing rates for 2024-25. These vary depending on housing type, but in general, there is a proposed 5% increase for residence hall room and board rates. This includes a 1% increase to cover free laundry and increased security. Thompson shared that there will be a returner rate discount offered for students who lived in the residence halls at least one term of the previous year. He also emphasized that the UO is trying to maintain market rates or lower to help students be able to live on or near campus.

TFAB members discussed the timeline for free laundry services in the residence halls, the need for security enhancements, and housing for students in Portland. There were also questions about the number of meal plans available, the impacts of the closure of Kalapuya Ilihi Residence Hall, and the primary cost driver in Housing, which is labor.

The PowerPoint presentation, Health Services proposal, and Housing proposal documents are all available [online](https://tuition.uoregon.edu/updates).

**Adjournment**. The meeting adjourned at 4:26 p.m.