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

**Meeting Summary | February 1, 2022**

The 2021–2022 Tuition and Fee Advisory Board (TFAB) of the University of Oregon met online at 8:30 a.m. on February 1, 2022. Below is a summary of the meeting.

**Attending**: Krista Borg, Jim Brooks, Josh Buetow, Robin Clement, Angela Davis, Brian Fox (guest), Patricia Hersh, Saul Hubbard (guest), Kimberly Johnson, Stuart Laing, Aaron Lewis, Kevin Marbury (co-chair), Jamie Moffitt (co-chair), JP Monroe, Brady Nittmann (guest), Gabe Paquette, Shreya Silori, Kathie Stanley, Gina Thompson.

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

**Introductions**. Co-chair Kevin Marbury, vice president for student life, welcomed the group and thanked them for the time and effort members dedicated to the tuition-setting process. Co-chair Jamie Moffitt, vice president for finance and administration and CFO, shared an overview of the agenda topics for the meeting: an update on the Tuition and Fee Policy Book, recommendations on undergraduate tuition rates for the incoming cohort, the process for preparing the recommendations memo for the UO president, and information on the President’s Tuition Forum.

**Tuition and Fee Policy Book**. JP Monroe, director of Institutional Research, explained that the Tuition and Fee Policy Book for the coming academic year is still under review. Moffitt noted that a version with redlined changes would be sent to TFAB members for review.

**Undergraduate tuition**. Jim Brooks, associate vice president for Student Services and Enrollment Management, and director of student financial aid and scholarships, provided updated information on international student enrollment projections and explained that it is too early to be able to predict trends in the levels of transfer students for the coming year.

Moffitt clarified the way the guaranteed tuition program functions, noting that undergraduate students who are part of the 2020 or 2021 tuition cohorts will see no increases in the coming year because their tuition and fee rates are already set as part of the program. She further explained that undergraduate students who entered the institution before the summer of 2020 would see a 3% increase as previously determined by the Board of Trustees.

The group discussed a number of different potential undergraduate tuition rates for resident and non-resident students entering in 2022, noting that inflation levels are a particularly challenging factor. Members also discussed the potential impacts of non-recurring Covid expenses, expected levels of state appropriations, and recent enrollment trends in the state and across the US. The group noted that high tuition and fee rates are a serious barrier for transfer students who lack access to many scholarships. They also contemplated UO pricing compared to the current market and the potential effects of a tuition guarantee in an inflationary economy. Members expressed concern that high tuition rates present a significant barrier to accessing higher education for many incoming students, even with the high level of scholarships offered by the UO.

A complete summary of the tuition and fee rates considered by TFAB will be available in the February 2022 TFAB recommendations memo to the president.

**Memo process**. Moffitt and Marbury explained the process for drafting, reviewing, and providing input on the TFAB recommendations memo to the president. Moffitt noted the option for TFAB members to submit a minority report if they would like to provide the president their own views and recommendations.

**President’s Tuition Forum**. Marbury shared that the president would hold a forum on February 15 to gather input on the TFAB recommendations. He further explained that in addition to the in-person forum, people would be able to provide feedback to the president directly using an online survey.

**Adjournment**. The meeting adjourned at 9.36 a.m.