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

**Meeting Summary | January 13, 2023**

The 2022–2023 Tuition and Fee Advisory Board (TFAB) of the University of Oregon met in room 023 (Lease Crutcher Lewis) of the Erb Memorial Union at 8:15 a.m. on Friday, January 13, 2023. A remote option was available by request; only one participant 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), Molly Blancett (guest), Krista Borg, Jim Brooks, Deborah Butler (guest), Robin Clement, Renée Dorjahn, Brian Fox, Michael Griffel (guest), Luda Isakharov, Heather Kingsley, Lauryn Lilly, Jamie Moffitt (co-chair), JP Monroe, Brad Morin, Marian Mumin, Brady Nittmann (guest), Erick Njue (online), Angie Peatow (guest), Anna Schmidt-MacKenzie (guest), Grant Schoonover, Roger Thompson (guest), Kris Winter (co-chair), Ben Young.

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

**Introductions and winter term meeting plan**. Co-chair Kris Winter, interim vice president for student life, welcomed the group, and invited people to introduce themselves. Winter went through the TFAB meeting schedule for winter term, explaining the process leading to the development of tuition recommendations. Co-chair Jamie Moffitt, senior vice president for finance and administration and chief financial officer, reminded TFAB members of the anticipated timing of the recommendations memo and the fact that quick turnarounds on TFAB members’ suggested edits will be necessary in early February.

**Student forum planning**. Winter outlined the draft agenda for the ASUO-TFAB student tuition forum scheduled for Tuesday, January 17. She explained that students will receive a joint ASUO-Student Life email inviting them to the forum. Winter emphasized how important it is for TFAB members to understand student perspectives on tuition early in the term, and to understand student priorities and concerns ahead of making tuition recommendations to the president. Moffitt shared a draft version of the forum presentation and asked for input on other material to present. It was suggested that she add more information about state appropriation levels relative to peer institutions.

**Administratively controlled mandatory fees**. Moffitt explained that there are five administratively controlled mandatory fees: the building fee, health service fee, recreation center fee, student union fee, and technology fee. She noted that the fees are part of the tuition guarantee, which means for undergraduate students on the guarantee program, the fees are locked and do not change for five years. Moffitt noted that the Incidental Fee (I-Fee) is run through the ASUO budget, and therefore, is not one of of the administratively controlled mandatory fees. Information shared by Moffitt on the fees and proposed rates for the coming year is available on the [Tuition website](https://tuition.uoregon.edu/sites/tuition2.uoregon.edu/files/2023-01/administratively-controlled-mandatory-fees.pdf).

**Health fee proposal**. Roger Thompson, vice president for student services and enrollment management (SSEM), presented information on the proposed increases to the health fee—one of the administratively controlled mandatory fees. Thompson explained that, while attempts are made to avoid raising the health fee, it has been necessary to increase mental health services since the pandemic. Another challenge Thompson shared is the importance of retaining health care professionals in the current competitive marketplace. The health fee proposal involves increases of 3.96% for incoming undergraduate students, 3.17% for continuing undergraduate students, and 2.96% for graduate students.

TFAB members discussed staffing costs and how insurance intersects to support the budget.

**Housing fee proposal**. In presenting information on the housing fee proposal, Thompson discussed the record number of students in housing facilities, increased food costs over the past year, and the record number of students requesting to remain in residence halls. He also shared efforts to keep dining costs low, emphasizing the Carson Unlimited Plan, which allows students to eat three meals a day while keeping their costs as low as possible.

TFAB members discussed the market cost for housing, proposed price increases across room types, plans for housing on the UO Portland campus, the price of UO housing compared to other schools, the UO discount rate, and concerns about rising housing costs, particularly for low-income students.

**Undergraduate tuition**. Brian Fox, associate vice president for budget, financial analysis and data analysis, presented an updated version of the undergraduate tuition calculator, explaining the various elements of the calculator. He discussed factors such as enrollment, state appropriations, cost drivers, the impact of different student cohorts, and inflation. Fox encouraged the TFAB members to start using the calculator to explore different scenarios for undergraduate tuition.

The group discussed the high level of uncertainty around state appropriations, enrollment, and inflation.

**Adjournment**. The meeting adjourned at 9:47 a.m.