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

**Meeting Summary | October 13, 2023**

The 2023–2024 Tuition and Fee Advisory Board (TFAB) of the University of Oregon met in room 140 of Allen Hall at 2:00 p.m. on Friday, October 13, 2023. A remote option was available by request, and all but one of the participants attended the meeting in person. Below is a summary of the meeting; documents discussed during the session are available [online](https://tuition.uoregon.edu/updates).

**Attending**: Kersey Bars, Elliot Berkman, Krista Borg, Jim Brooks, Robin Clement, Renée Dorjahn, Sorin Dragoiu (guest), Brian Fox, Heather Gustafson, Jimila, Laura Lee McIntre, Jamie Moffitt (co-chair), JP Monroe, Finn O’Donnell, Jasmine Ramirez-Miranda, Kerlos Rizk, Hal Sadofsky, Kathie Stanley (remote), 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 the group and asked people to introduce themselves. She also asked them to note their role at the university and any previous experience on the tuition board. The 2023-2024 TFAB membership list is available [online](https://tuition.uoregon.edu/fy24-tfab-members).

**Review of Guiding Principles**. Co-chair Jamie Moffitt, senior vice president for finance and administration and CFO, provided an overview of TFAB’s guiding principles, highlighting the board’s role in advising the president on matters pertaining to the cost of attendance at the UO. She emphasized the board’s responsibility to receive tuition and fee proposals, learn from the proposals, ask questions of the proposers, and provide feedback. Moffitt explained that TFAB provides recommendations on undergraduate tuition, noting that the Oregon Guarantee has already set tuition rates for undergraduate student cohorts currently at the university. She noted that TFAB looks at a broad range of elements that affect the cost of education, including course fees, housing, mandatory fees, and graduate tuition.

Moffitt commented that TFAB members include students, faculty, staff, and administrators, and emphasized that guests are welcome to attend throughout the public process. She discussed the TFAB recommendations memo process, during which members provide substantive input through a number of group revisions before finalizing and sharing the memo with the president. Moffitt reiterated that TFAB is not a voting body nor a decision-making body, emphasizing the advisory nature of the group and that it aims to achieve consensus on recommendations. She noted that members who do not agree with the general consensus of the group or have additional input they want to share with the president are welcome to attach a minority report to the main recommendations memo to the president. Finally, Moffitt provided an overview of the two public tuition forums traditionally held: one in January that informs the process and the other in February where the president asks for input on TFAB’s recommendations. The guiding principles document is available [online](https://tuition.uoregon.edu/tfab-guiding-principles-oct-2023).

**Meeting schedule**. Co-chair Winter provided an overview of the fall meeting schedule and topics, including the UO budget, cost drivers, and background on the Public University Support Fund (PUSF). She noted that there are approximately six weekly meetings and two public tuition forums in winter term. The draft TFAB meeting calendar for fall 2023 and winter 2024 is [available online](https://tuition.uoregon.edu/fy24-tfab-process-schedule). Winter explained that the meetings are traditionally in person but that online participation options are available by request. Moffitt noted that the information reviewed by TFAB members is available on the UO tuition website ([tuition.uoregon.edu](https://tuition.uoregon.edu/)) following each meeting.

**Acronyms and TFAB process overview**. Moffitt shared a document of TFAB-related acronyms and a general overview of the TFAB process. This document is available [online](https://tuition.uoregon.edu/tfab-acronyms-phrases-processes-oct-2023).

**Historical and comparative data**. JP Monroe, director of institutional research, presented a range of historical and comparative data to provide insights into the relationship between resident tuition and mandatory enrollment fees charged by the university and the amount of state appropriations that the Higher Education Coordinating Commission (HECC) allocates to the University of Oregon (UO) annually.

Monroe shared the recent history of undergraduate tuition and fee rates for residents and nonresidents, changes in state appropriation between FY90 and FY23, and comparative data for the Association of American Universities (AAU) public universities related to state appropriations and tuition and mandatory fees for resident and nonresident undergraduates.

The group discussed the concept of state appropriation, how the UO compares to other Oregon universities in terms of state appropriation, other schools with guaranteed tuition programs, and how resident and non-resident (including international) enrollment trends have changed in recent years.

The full slide deck is available [online](https://tuition.uoregon.edu/sites/tuition2.uoregon.edu/files/2023-10/fy24-tfab-comparative-data_10-13-2023_for-web_0.pdf).

**Adjournment**. The meeting adjourned at 2:53 p.m.