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

**Meeting Summary | November 7, 2023**

The 2023–2024 Tuition and Fee Advisory Board (TFAB) of the University of Oregon met in the Crater Lake North Room (145) of the Erb Memorial Union at 4:00 p.m. on Tuesday, November 7, 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**: Kersey Bars, Krista Borg, Robin Clement, Renée Dorjahn, Sorin Dragoiu (guest),

Brian Fox, Heather Gustafson, Jimila, Jamie Moffitt (co-chair), JP Monroe, Finn O’Donnell, Hal Sadofsky, Chloé Webster, Kris Winter (co-chair, online).

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

**Introductions**. Co-chair Jamie Moffitt, senior vice president for finance and administration and CFO, welcomed the group, invited people to introduce themselves, and provided a brief overview of the meeting agenda,

**Public University Support Fund (PUSF) briefing**. Brian Fox, associate vice president for budget, financial analysis, and data analytics, briefed the group on the Public University Support Fund (PUSF), explaining the mechanisms by which moneys are appropriated by the Legislative Assembly to the Higher Education Coordinating Commission (HECC) for allocation to public universities, including the University of Oregon.

Fox explained that the PUSF is the state’s primary direct funding contribution for university operations and is distributed by the HECC using the Student Success and Completion Model (SSCM). He further explained that the SSCM has three components: activity-based funding (student credit hours), outcomes-based funding (represented by degrees and certificates) and mission differentiation funding. Fox shared how the UO compares to other universities in Oregon, looking at different funding categories within the model.

The group discussed mission differentiation funding, how clinical programs within the Ballmer Institute may positively impact UO funding within the model, whether online and non-online resident students are treated similarly, and the importance of the UO’s Pathway Program in supporting low-income Oregonians to graduation. The group also raised questions about the sports lottery funds, potential impacts of a change in funding model on the technical and regional institutions, and the importance of lobbying for more PUSF funding to be allocated from the state in order to increase funding for the University of Oregon. It was also noted that the University of Oregon currently receives the lowest level of funding on a per-fundable student basis of the seven campuses in Oregon.

The PUSF presentation is available [online](https://tuition.uoregon.edu/sites/tuition2.uoregon.edu/files/2023-11/23-24-pusf-presentation_20231105_final.pdf).

**Guaranteed Tuition Program**. Moffitt provided an overview of the [Oregon Guarantee](https://financialaid.uoregon.edu/oregon-guarantee), which is the university’s guaranteed tuition program that provides each entering undergraduate student a fixed tuition rate for up to five years. She explained that before the guaranteed tuition program was implemented, tuition increases each year were unpredictable. Since the summer term of 2020, however, incoming undergraduate students have had tuition and administratively controlled mandatory fee rates locked for up to five years. Moffitt noted that the guarantee includes resident and nonresident undergraduate tuition rates, administratively controlled mandatory fees, differential tuition at the Clark Honors College and the College of Business, and the international student fee. She shared that the incidental fee—which is administered by the Associated Students of the University of Oregon (ASUO)—and course fees, are not part of the guarantee program. Moffitt explained that the guaranteed tuition program provides students and families with financial predictability while protecting the value of student scholarships over time.

The group talked about the importance of the guaranteed tuition program to the UO experience, the fact that not all undergraduate students know their tuition rate is locked, the complexity of managing tuition rates for different student cohorts, and graduate tuition structures.

The guaranteed tuition program presentation is available [online](https://tuition.uoregon.edu/sites/tuition2.uoregon.edu/files/2023-11/tfab_guaranteed-tuition-11-7-23.pdf).

**Adjournment**. The meeting adjourned at 5:06 p.m.