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

**Meeting Summary | February 2, 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 8:30 a.m. on Friday, February 2, 2024. A remote option was available by request; four 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**: Kersey Bars, Krista Borg, Jim Brooks, Robin Clement, Renée Dorjahn, Brian Fox, Heather Gustafson (online), Laura Lee McIntyre, Jamie Moffitt (co-chair), JP Monroe, Finn O'Donnell, Jasmine Ramirez-Miranda, Kerlos Rizk, Jasmine Saboorian (guest), Hal Sadofsky, Grant Schoonover, Kathie Stanley (online), Chloé Webster, Kris Winter (co-chair, online), Ben Young.

**Staff**: Debbie Sharp (Office of the Senior VPFA, online).

**Introductions**. Jamie Moffitt, senior vice president for finance and administration and chief financial officer, welcomed the group and invited participants to introduce themselves. She provided a brief overview of the plan for the meeting.

**Matriculation Fee and Clark Honors College Differential Tuition**. Moffitt shared information on the matriculation fee and differential tuition in the Clark Honors College, noting that traditionally, both are increased at the same rate as the increase to undergraduate resident tuition. She explained that the matriculation fee is a one-time assessment paid by all new students in their first term.

Moffitt also explained that, while the differential tuition paid by Clark Honors College students has traditionally increased at the same rate as the increase to undergraduate resident tuition, in recent years, the Honors College has been recommending increases in the differential that are lower than general resident tuition rate increases to keep the Honors College rates better in line with competitors. Moffitt shared that for the 2023 Tuition Cohort, Clark Honors College recommended an increase of 0.25% from the 2022 cohort rate; for the 2024 Tuition Cohort, the college is also recommending a 0.25% increase from the 2023 cohort rate. Finally, Moffitt explained that the Honors College differential tuition is part of the guaranteed tuition program, so that means the rate charged to the entering cohort of students will be locked for five years and that the proposed rate increase will not impact current students.

**Graduate tuition: College of Arts and Sciences**. Brian Fox, associate vice president of budget, financial analysis, and data analytics explained that the College of Arts and Sciences is requesting a separate tuition rate for its existing master’s program in Physics. He noted that in previous years, the graduate tuition for the master’s program in Physics followed the default CAS graduate tuition rate. The new rate will be in line with other graduate internship program rates as the focus and structure of the master’s program in Physics is changing and will be similar to these programs. The group discussed whether the change would impact any current graduate physics students, what the cost change would be, and how other professional programs at the university operate.

A redlined version of the 2024-25 academic year graduate tuition and fee increases, showing the proposed CAS Physics MA program, is available [online](https://tuition.uoregon.edu/sites/default/files/2024-02/2024-25-grad-tuition-summary_redline.pdf).

**Undergraduate tuition**. Co-chair Moffitt discussed the planned timing of the TFAB recommendations memo drafting process for the coming week. Fox then shared the tuition calculator with the group and worked through a range of different scenarios and variables suggested by TFAB members for undergraduate tuition in the 2024-2025 academic year.

The group discussed a number of possible undergraduate tuition rates for resident and non-resident students entering the university in fall 2024, considering factors such as inflation for personnel compensation and services and supplies (S&S), enrollment levels for different groups, the rising cost of higher education, and the possible impact of tuition levels on enrollment. TFAB members focused on the high levels of uncertainty, particularly around employment contracts and enrollment levels. The group also expressed concern about the cost of undergraduate education at the UO, not only related to comparator institutions, but also in terms of the financial burden students and their families are being asked to bear. The TFAB agreed, by consensus, to recommend a 3% increase for resident and non-resident students for the 2024 Tuition Cohort and will work by email to finalize a recommendation memo to the president.

A complete summary of the tuition and fee rates considered by TFAB will be available in the 2024 TFAB recommendations memo to the president.

**Adjournment**. Moffitt thanked the Tuition and Fee Advisory Board for their time, energy, commitment, and consideration throughout the process and adjourned the meeting at 9:29 a.m.