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

**Meeting Summary | January 28, 2022**

The 2021–2022 Tuition and Fee Advisory Board (TFAB) of the University of Oregon met online at 8:30 a.m. on January 28, 2022. Below is a summary of the meeting; documents discussed during the meeting are available [online](https://tuition.uoregon.edu/updates).

**Attending**: Krista Borg, Isaiah Boyd, Jim Brooks, Josh Buetow, Pamanee Chaiwat, Donna Chittenden (guest), Robin Clement, Angela Davis, Brian Fox (guest), Gavin Gamez (guest), Patricia Hersh, Saul Hubbard (guest), Anna Johnson (guest), Kimberly Johnson, Stuart Laing, Kevin Marbury (co-chair), Jamie Moffitt (co-chair), JP Monroe, Brady Nittmann (guest), Gabe Paquette, Phil Scher, Kavi Shereth (guest), Shreya Silori, Kathie Stanley, Gina Thompson, Laurie Woodward (guest).

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

**Introductions**. Co-chair Kevin Marbury, vice president for student life, welcomed the group and asked everyone to introduce themselves. Co-chair Jamie Moffitt, vice president for finance and administration and CFO, provided an overview of the planned agenda for the meeting.

**Course fees and orientation fee follow-up information**. Stuart Laing, director of budget operations for Budget and Resource Planning, provided information requested during the January 18 TFAB meeting. He noted that TFAB members had received an overview of orientation fees charged in 2020 by Pac-12 schools. This document is available [online](https://tuition.uoregon.edu/2020-pac12-orientation-fees).

Laing then provided information related to the course fee request from the College of Design, which is available [online (page 2)](https://tuition.uoregon.edu/sites/tuition2.uoregon.edu/files/2022-01/fy23_course-fees_summary-changes.pdf). He shared information on the college’s plan to charge new lab fees to support shared costs for workshop facilities, and how these fees were allocated across the School of Architecture and Environment (SAE), Product Design (PD), and Art. Laing added information on how the College of Arts (CAS) funds tech personnel in their chemistry labs. A summary of the College of Design-proposed lab fees and budget plan is available [online](https://tuition.uoregon.edu/sites/tuition2.uoregon.edu/files/2022-01/college-of-design-shop-cost-summary.pdf).

**EMU/Incidental Fee transition**. With the support of ASUO President Isaiah Boyd, Marbury presented a Student Life-ASUO agreement to transition the Erb Memorial Union (EMU) off the Incidental Fee (I-Fee) and onto the Student Union fee. Marbury explained that the agreement comes after a number of significant conversations between the Division of Student Life and the Associated Students of the University of Oregon (ASUO), and that the change will allow the ASUO to better fund other programs and services rather than using a large portion of the I-Fee to fund the EMU each year. He noted that students already on the Guaranteed Tuition program will see no changes and that continuing undergraduates who started at the UO before 2020 will continue to have the total of their administratively controlled mandatory fees locked in at a 3% increase each year. Marbury explained that current and incoming graduate students and incoming undergraduate students will pay a higher Student Union fee than last year but this will be offset by the lower I-Fee. The total amount charged for the combination of both fees will not be different than it otherwise would have been.

The group discussed how moving the EMU off the I-Fee will make the fees charged more transparent and should make it easier for new and existing students to understand the resources being invested in the student union. The group also talked about other fees that had transitioned off the I-Fee in previous years, including the Student Recreation Center and the Counseling Center.

The Student Life-ASUO agreement document is available [online](https://tuition.uoregon.edu/emu-budget-transition-incidental-fee-student-union-fee).

**Undergraduate tuition**. Moffitt presented two rates related to undergraduate tuition that are generally tied to the increase in resident undergraduate tuition. She explained that the matriculation fee—a one-time fee charged to new students that covers a variety of enrollment-related fees—is increased each year at the same rate as resident undergraduate tuition because each has similar cost drivers. Moffitt noted that the Clark Honors College differential tuition is part of the Guaranteed Tuition program so anyone in the 2020 or 2021 tuition cohort has their Honors College rate locked in. She explained that the rate increase for the incoming cohort is usually tied to the resident undergraduate rate, but this this year the Honors College leadership would like the increase for the incoming 2022 cohort to be 0.5% in order to remain competitive and keep the total costs of education down for incoming students.

The group discussed the balance between cost pressures and market competition. They also talked about the changes made by the Honors College in recent years to decrease differential tuition, which made the college more competitive and positively affected demographics.

Moffitt then shared some changes made to the undergraduate tuition calculator based on the updated naming protocol of tuition cohorts in the Guaranteed Tuition program. The group used the tuition calculator to talk through various scenarios for undergraduate tuition rates. They discussed various levels of enrollment, projections for expenses, staffing pressures, the potential for recruiting transfer students and international students, and the number of international exchange students at UO each year. TFAB members also discussed how the Guaranteed Tuition model may be resulting in more stable enrollment, particularly for undergraduate resident students at the UO.

**Adjournment**. The meeting adjourned at 9:33 a.m.