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

**Meeting Summary | January 29, 2025**

The 2024–2025 Tuition and Fee Advisory Board (TFAB) of the University of Oregon met in the Miller Room 107 of the Erb Memorial Union (EMU) at 8:15 a.m. on Wednesday, January 29, 2025. A remote option was available by request; four people 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**: Sara Allison, Melynn Bates, Bruce Blonigen (guest), Krista Borg, Angela Chong (co-chair), Mark Diestler, Brian Fox, Heather Gustafson, Jason Kovac (guest, remote), Sarah Kutten (guest, remote), Justin Krier, Bruce McGough, Laura Lee McIntyre, Jamie Moffitt (co-chair), JP Monroe, Huntyr Morgan, Abhijit Pandit (guest), Hal Sadofsky, Grant Schoonover, Amy Squires, Kathie Stanley (remote), Carrie Toth (guest, remote), and Andy Winden.

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

**Introductions**. Co-chair Angela Chong, vice president for student life, welcomed the group and invited participants to introduce themselves.

**Technology fee**. Abhijit Pandit, vice president and chief information officer, provided a high-level summary of the technology fee at the university. He explained that the fee helps to refresh classroom technology, pay for mission-critical software, invest in cybersecurity tools, and ensure the university’s technology infrastructure keeps pace with UO community needs. Pandit also noted that there are demands to support increasing numbers of users, devices, wireless access points, and ever-growing amounts of data. CIO Pandit shared the proposal to increase the tech fee from $63.75 per term to $67 per term for new, incoming undergraduate students starting fall 2025.

The group asked about recent tech fee increases, whether current funding levels meet the university’s technology needs, and anticipated inflation-related increases in technology contracts.

The technology fee presentation is available [online](https://tuition.uoregon.edu/tfab-tech-fee-jan-2025-pdf).

**Lundquist College of Business**. Bruce Blonigen, the Edward Maletis Dean of the Lundquist College of Business, provided an overview of the proposed increase to differential tuition at the college. He explained that differential tuition was introduced during FY19 at $20 per student credit hour, and that the college is proposing increasing differential tuition to $30 per credit for the incoming cohort only. He reminded the group that the differential is part of guaranteed tuition and so any increases will not affect current students. Blonigen explained that the increase will help the college keep up with rising costs—primarily in personnel—to be able to continue to serve students. He also shared that the college of business provides access for non-business students and business majors alike to student services, student clubs, and the Professional Edge program.

The group discussed the level of differential tuition at comparator schools, the rationale for applying differential tuition, the number of professional staff and peer coaches involved in advising at the business college, and input from the dean’s student advisory group.

Dean Blonigen also discussed proposed changes to the MBA/MSF concurrent degree within the college. He explained that students taking the MBA are offered the option to complete their MSF concurrently while taking the MBA. Blonigen pointed out that the intent was for students to receive two degrees: the MBA at full cost and the MSF at 50%, but that with the current tuition structure, there were billing challenges. He shared that proposed changes to the MBA/MSF concurrent degree will ensure student billing is simplified.

Meeting participants discussed the logistics of ensuring that Business Affairs knows when students are completing the MBA/MSF concurrent degree to ensure correct charges.

The [differential tuition proposal](https://tuition.uoregon.edu/lcb-differential-proposal-29jan2025) and [presentation slides](https://tuition.uoregon.edu/lcb-differential-tuition-29jan2025-pdf) are available online.

**UO Portland**. Co-chair Jamie Moffitt, senior vice president for finance and administration and CFO, reminded the group about the campus-based administratively controlled mandatory fees that were discussed during TFAB’s previous meeting, and welcomed three representatives from the office of the vice president for Portland: Carrie Toth, director of finance and administration, Jason Kovac, chief of staff and associate vice president, and Sarah Kutten, assistant vice president for students and belonging. Toth shared that UO Portland transitioned from their downtown space to a new campus in NE Portland in fall 2024, noting that there are now campus amenities available to UO Portland students that were not offered before. She explained that UO Portland students do not currently pay a Recreation Fee or Student Union Fee, and that funding is needed to provide programming, maintenance, and staff at the new campus, which houses a gym, an athletic field, and a student hub. Toth shared the proposal for Portland campus-based UO students to pay 50% of the Eugene campus Recreation Center fee and 50% of the Eugene campus Student Union fee.

The group asked questions about the numbers of UO Portland graduate and undergraduate students, whether projected revenue would cover anticipated costs, the potential for community member and staff memberships at the recreation center, and the student basic needs coordinator position in Portland.

The presentation shared by UO Portland staff is available [online](https://tuition.uoregon.edu/sites/default/files/2025-01/uo-portland-25-26-mandatory-fees-presentation-to-tfab.pdf).

**Undergraduate tuition**. Brian Fox, associate vice president of budget, financial analysis, and data analytics, used the tuition calculator with the group to consider different enrollment and tuition rates. Discussions included the potential impacts of tuition increases on enrollment and the university budget, how higher enrollment impacts UO Housing and planned residence facilities, and how enrollment targets are set. The group also talked about demographic shifts and college students, how UO non-resident tuition and discount rates compare to other schools, and how the number of applications to the UO have increased but yield rates have been dropping (consistent with national trends).

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