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

**Meeting Summary | February 7, 2023**

The 2022–2023 Tuition and Fee Advisory Board (TFAB) of the University of Oregon met in room 023 (Lease Crutcher Lewis) of the Erb Memorial Union at 8:15 a.m. on Tuesday, February 7, 2023. A remote option was available by request; one participant attended the meeting remotely.

**Attending**: Molly Blancett (guest), Krista Borg, Robin Clement, Renée Dorjahn, Brian Fox, Luda Isakharov, Heather Kingsley, Lauryn Lilly, Laura Lee McIntyre, Jamie Moffitt (co-chair), JP Monroe, Brad Morin, Cass Moseley, Erick Njue (online), Grant Schoonover, Sam Schwartz (guest), Kathie Stanley, Kris Winter (co-chair), Ben Young. (Five students also attended for the first 10 minutes, but their full names were not provided).

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

**Introductions**. Co-chair Jamie Moffitt, senior vice president for finance and administration and chief financial officer, welcomed the group and invited participants to introduce themselves. She then provided guidance on the process, noting that the Tuition and Fee Advisory Board (TFAB) had completed close to 16 hours of educational meetings, presentation and proposal review, discussions, and deliberations. Moffitt explained that the sole agenda item for the day was to come up with a recommendation for the resident and non-resident undergraduate tuition rates for the incoming cohort of students. She reminded the group that TFAB is advisory to the president, that the president makes recommendations to the Board of Trustees, and that the Board of Trustees formally sets tuition rates for the university at the March Board meeting. Moffitt also noted that, following the release of the TFAB recommendations memo, the president holds a tuition forum ([February 16, 2023, 6pm](https://calendar.uoregon.edu/event/presidents_tuition_forum_6671#.Y-MtiXbMKUk)) and uses a community-wide survey to gather input before making his recommendations to the Board of Trustees. There will also be an opportunity for public comment at the Board meeting.

Moffitt then recognized a group of five students who had requested time in the meeting. The group spoke in support of the increased UO Housing rates presented to TFAB on January 13, 2023, explaining the need for increased wages for Resident Assistants and other student employees of UO Housing. The materials presented to TFAB by Housing in January are available [online](https://tuition.uoregon.edu/updates).

**Undergraduate tuition**. The group discussed a number of different potential undergraduate tuition rates for resident and non-resident students entering the university in fall 2023, noting that Guaranteed Tuition means that tuition and fees are fixed for the incoming cohort for up to five years. The group considered factors such as inflation for personnel and services and supplies, potential levels of state appropriations, trends in tuition increases at other AAU schools, and how much financial risk is feasible for the institution to bear. Group members advocated for the TFAB tuition recommendation to be set at a level that was neither very high nor very low, and that the university take on risk associated with low enrollment scenarios or state funding levels below what the group modeled. This was in recognition that the increasing costs of living and higher education are putting significant pressures on Oregon and out-of-state students and families. The group discussed the fact that tuition levels for non-resident students are much higher than for resident students, and suggested that it made sense to have a slower rate of increase for non-resident students. TFAB also considered historical and potential enrollment levels, the potential impact of a guaranteed tuition program, and the very real challenges that increasing education costs are presenting for students in Oregon and across the country.

A complete summary of the tuition and fee rates considered by TFAB is available in the [February 2023 TFAB recommendations memo to the president](https://tuition.uoregon.edu/sites/tuition2.uoregon.edu/files/2023-02/recommendations-fy2023-tuition-and-fee-advisory-board.pdf).

**Adjournment**. Moffitt thanked the group for their time and commitment to the process and adjourned the meeting at 9:45 a.m.