

The 2020–2021 Tuition and Fee Advisory Board (TFAB) of the University of Oregon met virtually at 11:00 a.m. on Friday, January 8, 2021. Below is a summary of the meeting; documents discussed during the meeting are available [online](#).

Attending: Melynn Bates, Jim Brooks, Lara Grant, Patricia Hersh, Saul Hubbard (guest), Stuart Laing, Kevin Marbury (co-chair), Jamie Moffitt (co-chair), Juan-Carlos Molleda, Doneka Scott, Aidan Short, Conrad Sproul, Kathie Stanley, Edna Ventura, Whitney Warth, Harry Wonham, and Janet Woodruff-Borden.

Staff: Debbie Sharp (Office of the VPFA).

Introductions. Co-chair Kevin Marbury, vice president for student life, welcomed the group. He confirmed that everyone was aware of the planned agenda for the day and welcomed Jamie Moffitt to talk about long-term financial projections.

Long-term financial projections. Co-chair Jamie Moffitt, vice president for finance and administration and CFO, presented long-term financial projections reviewed with the UO Board of Trustees in December 2020. She explained that the document shows five-year projections for the UO Education and General (E&G) fund that uses nine different scenarios to present a range of assumptions and factors for what could happen with the budget. The document examines three different tuition-rate scenarios, each of which assumes a different annual increase in undergraduate tuition for the new entering cohort of undergraduate students. She noted that for each set of assumptions there is a base case, a downside case, and an upside case to show how different levels of enrollment and state appropriations could affect UO finances. TFAB members discussed potential long-term financial impacts of Covid-19, prospective enrollment numbers, emerging patterns in student enrollment, and the timeline for when state appropriations could be finalized. The E&G fund long-term projections document is available [online](#).

TFAB winter meeting schedule. Marbury invited a new TFAB member to introduce herself to the group.¹ He then briefly reviewed the planned winter meeting schedule for TFAB. Moffitt shared the planned process for drafting, reviewing, and finalizing the TFAB recommendations memo that will be presented to the UO president. The schedule is available [online](#).

Student forum planning. Marbury facilitated discussions on planning for the ASUO-TFAB student forum on tuition, scheduled for Tuesday, January 12 at 6:00pm. Discussions covered the online structure of the forum, suggestions for what should be covered in the budget presentation, potential breakout room questions, frequently asked questions, note-taking, and the idea of providing an overview of the tuition-setting process.

¹ Whitney Warth replaced another student member of TFAB late in fall term. In December, she completed make-up sessions with TFAB co-chairs to understand the materials from fall term meetings.

Overview of mandatory fees. Moffitt provided an overview of the structure of administratively controlled mandatory fees, explaining that the specific proposals will be provided in future meetings. She shared information on the fee rate for three groups of students: all graduate students, continuing undergraduates, and the undergraduate students that began at the UO summer2020 or later. Conrad Sproul, Finance Director for the Associated Students of the University of Oregon (ASUO) shared the process around the [Incidental Fee](#) (I-Fee), which is separate from TFAB. A document showing the structure of administratively controlled mandatory fees (shared with the UO Board of Trustees in March 2020) is available [online](#).

Undergraduate tuition. Moffitt reviewed the undergraduate tuition calculator with the group, reminding members of the set-up and all the variables included. The group discussed the guaranteed tuition system for undergraduates, the various states that non-resident students come from, and progress towards guaranteed tuition in California schools.

Adjournment. The meeting adjourned at 12:30 p.m.