

Tuition and Fee Advisory Board of the University of Oregon Meeting Summary | November 13, 2020

The 2020–2021 Tuition and Fee Advisory Board (TFAB) of the University of Oregon met virtually at 9:30 a.m. on Friday, November 13, 2020. Below is a summary of the meeting; documents discussed during the meeting are available [online](#).

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

Staff: Debbie Sharp (Office of the VPFA)

Introductions. Co-chair Jamie Moffitt, vice president for finance and administration and CFO, welcomed the group and invited participants not present at the previous meetings to introduce themselves. She talked through the meeting plan and then explained that information in the [historical and comparative data document](#) has been updated to include the tuition rate for continuing UO students as well as the guaranteed tuition rate for first-year students. Moffitt noted that as UO currently has two tuition schedules, information on both sets of data has been included in the updated slide deck (available [online](#)).

Guaranteed Tuition Program. Co-chair Kevin Marbury, vice president for student life, shared an overview of the UO [Guaranteed Tuition Program](#) for undergraduate students. He explained that for each new class year, the resident and non-resident tuition rate is set per student credit hour (SCH) and locked for five years. Marbury also noted that other tuition and fees are also locked, including administratively controlled mandatory fees, summer tuition, Clark Honors College differential tuition, Lundquist Business School differential tuition, and the international student fee. He explained that the program has a number of advantages for students, including financial predictability, peace of mind, and protecting the value of scholarships. Moffitt noted that the program presents a risk to the institution if there is a significant drop in state funding, which led to a recommendation to the Board of Trustees to set up a reserve fund. The group discussed potential impacts of the five-year guaranteed tuition program on graduation rates and the reasons why the UO decided to extend the guaranteed tuition rates for five years. Presentation materials are available [online](#).

PUSF and Funding Mechanisms. Moffitt provided an overview of [the Public University Support Fund \(PUSF\)](#), explaining the mechanisms by which moneys are appropriated by the Legislative Assembly to the Higher Education Coordinating Commission (HECC) for allocation to public universities, including the University of Oregon. The presentation included comparative data about how the seven campuses of Oregon are funded, information on detailed funding categories, and an update on work underway to make changes to the funding formula. Questions included how funding is weighted by degree type, potential impacts of programs at the UO Knight Campus, how other states recognize non-resident students in funding models, and some challenges involved in performance-based funding. The briefing materials are available [online](#).

Adjournment. The meeting adjourned at 10:53 a.m.