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

**Meeting Summary | January 24, 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 9:00 a.m. on Friday, January 24, 2025. A remote option was available by request; two 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**: Eric Alexander (guest), Sara Allison (remote), Melynn Bates, Krista Borg, Angela Chong (co-chair), Matt Cooper (guest), Mark Diestler, Sorin Dragoiu (guest), Brian Fox, Heather Gustafson, Lamia Karim (remote), Volga Koval (guest), Justin Krier, Stuart Laing (guest), Grace Mangali (guest), Laura Lee McIntyre, Jamie Moffitt (co-chair), JP Monroe, Huntyr Morgan, Lynn Nester (guest), Amy Squires, Kathie Stanley, Margaret Trout (guest), and Andy Winden.

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

**Introductions**. Co-chair Jamie Moffitt, senior vice president for finance and administration and CFO, welcomed the group and invited participants to introduce themselves.

**Mandatory fees**. For context, Moffitt presented a summary to the group of all the proposed FY26 administratively controlled mandatory fees, which was identical to the chart shared with TFAB during the first meeting of winter term. She explained that Student Life will be talking about three of these mandatory fees, all of which form part of guaranteed tuition for undergraduate students and therefore are locked for five years for each tuition cohort. An overview of the proposed rates for 2025-2026 administratively controlled mandatory fees is [online](https://tuition.uoregon.edu/sites/default/files/2025-01/proposed-mandatory-fees_6jan2025.pdf).

**Student Life mandatory fee proposals**.Co-chair Angela Chong, vice president for student life, introduced the Student Life team that worked on the proposed mandatory fees for FY26, and presented an overview of the proposals. She discussed the Student Union fee, the Recreation Center fee, and the Health Service fee. Chong shared that there are a number of cost drivers leading to proposed increases for each fee, including staff salaries and benefits, a minimum wage increase in student labor costs, general operating costs (services and supplies), utilities, and overhead expenses. These cost drivers are similar to those discussed by TFAB at prior meetings that impact the Education and General Fund.

She also noted that in the coming year the club sports program and the outdoor program will be moving from the EMU to Physical Education and Recreation. As a result, Chong shared that Student Life is proposing a one-time adjustment to support this move; this adjustment would only impact the new, incoming 2025 cohort of undergraduate students, and for graduate students in FY26, and is cost neutral.

The group discussed the graduate and undergraduate rates for administratively controlled mandatory fees, noting that undergraduate rates are part of the fixed five-year guarantee and that graduate fees increase each year. The group also considered the collaborative efforts being made across campus to ensure overall mandatory fees increase as little as possible each year, despite increasing cost driver pressures.

The Student Life mandatory fees proposal for 2025-26 is available [online](https://tuition.uoregon.edu/sites/default/files/2025-01/student-life-25-26-mandatory-fees-presentation-to-tfab.pdf).

**Course fees**. Moffitt introduced the topic of course fees at the university, noting that fees directly associated with a course are reviewed over multiple stages by departments and the Budget and Resource Planning (BRP) office before being presented to TFAB for discussion. She noted that the BRP office reviews all course fees that change—whether they are new, amended, or cancelled—and then highlights any fees that warrant further discussion. Stuart Laing, director of the Budget and Resource Planning office, explained that course fees are specific to the costs associated with individual courses, such as art materials, field trips, consumables or other equipment.

Laing shared a [summary](https://tuition.uoregon.edu/sites/default/files/2025-01/fy26_tfab_summary_of_changes_22jan2025.pdf) of the planned changes to course fees for the 2025-26 academic year and summer 2026 session, nothing that for the upcoming year, there are 379 amended fees, 62 cancelled fees, and no new fees. He further noted that BRP will list all of the proposed course fees on the BRP website, will send out a survey for student input on the fees, and will have a public hearing in the EMU to ensure there are multiple ways for students to provide feedback.

The group asked questions about what specific costs are covered by course fees. TFAB members also discussed how students learn about the fees associated with certain courses, and how the university could ensure the information is highlighted during class registration and to help student/advisor course planning.

The summary of proposed changes in course fees for FY26 shared by Laing is available [online](https://tuition.uoregon.edu/sites/default/files/2025-01/fy26_tfab_summary_of_changes_22jan2025.pdf)*.*

**Campus-based fee structure**. Moffitt explained that the Tuition and Fee Policy Book is sent to the Board of Trustees every year, with changes redlined for their review. She noted that prior to the BOT receiving the fee book, it is reviewed multiple times, including by TFAB. Moffitt shared that there will be a change in the new fee book related to the Portland campus, because the new campus will have a student union and recreation center. Proposed student mandatory fee rates for students at the Portland campus are 50% of the Eugene campus recreation center and student union fees to support the new facilities and operations being offered in Portland. Moffitt noted that representatives from the Portland campus will be invited to talk to TFAB about the proposed changes.

An overview table of the campus-based fee structure for FY26 is available [online](https://tuition.uoregon.edu/sites/default/files/2025-01/campus-based-fee-structure.pdf).

**Undergraduate tuition**. Brian Fox, associate vice president of budget, financial analysis, and data analytics, used the tuition calculator to discuss various enrollment, tuition rates, and budget scenarios with the group. The group discussed the state funding levels, including the Governor’s Recommended Budget, potential revenue from graduate tuition, the ability of the university to have a run rate deficit, and how much tuition rate increases should be modified to minimize adverse effects on student access to higher education. The group considered a range of scenarios using different assumptions, including differing enrollment levels for transfer students, changes in costs of compensation and services and supplies, and the potential impacts of the Big 10 on enrollment at the university.

**Adjournment**. The meeting adjourned at 10:31 am.