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

**Meeting Summary | October 28, 2024**

The 2024–2025 Tuition and Fee Advisory Board (TFAB) of the University of Oregon met in rooms 231 and 232 of the Erb Memorial Union (EMU) at 2:15 p.m. on Monday, October 28, 2024. A remote option was available by request; all but two participants attended the meeting in person. Below is a summary of the meeting; documents discussed during the session are available [online](https://tuition.uoregon.edu/updates).

**Attending**: Krista Borg, Angela Chong (co-chair), Mark Diestler, Huntyr Doeling, Brian Fox, Heather Gustafson, Lamia Karim, Justin Krier, Bruce McGough, Laura Lee McIntyre (remote), Jamie Moffitt (co-chair), JP Monroe, Hal Sadofsky, Amy Squires (remote), and Kathie Stanley.

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

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

**Guaranteed Tuition Program**. Moffitt provided an overview of the university’s Guaranteed Tuition Program, providing the historical context for the program and explaining its development. She explained that the program was designed to help students know their annual tuition costs when considering attending the UO. Moffitt explained that, since summer term 2020, the UO undergraduate tuition rate has been locked for incoming undergraduate students for five years, along with administratively controlled mandatory fees, summer tuition, Honors College and business school differential tuition, and the international student fee. She proceeded to explain how planning for the program involved the UO modelling out tuition increases over graduation periods of four, five, and eight years based on an average 5-year historical rate of 5%. Moffitt explained the analysis showed the Guaranteed Tuition Program saving money for full-time and part-time students. Moffitt then covered the advantages of the program for students and the institution, noting that the university takes on financial risk so that students can have peace of mind and financial predictability with guaranteed tuition.

The group asked questions about budget neutrality, enrollment trends, increasing costs of higher education, and how student application levels for UO compare to other flagship research institutions.

The Guaranteed Tuition Program presentation is available [online](https://tuition.uoregon.edu/guaranteed-tuition-ppt-10-28-2024).

**Public University Support Fund (PUSF) and other funding mechanisms**. Brian Fox, associate vice president of budget, financial analysis, and data analytics, presented information on 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.

Fox explained that the PUSF supports university operations and is distributed by the Higher Education Coordinating Commission (HECC) to the seven public universities in Oregon using the Student Success and Completion Model (SSCM). He then went on to explain other funding mechanisms for higher education in Oregon, including state programs, statewide public service programs, Sports Lottery funding, and supplementary funding for the Technical Regional Universities and Portland State University (PSU).

Participants asked about the statewide public service funding to Oregon State University (OSU), whether the HECC makes a distinction between online and in-person enrollment, and how funding relates to graduation rates and community college transfers. The group also discussed the timelines associated with the Oregon Legislative Assembly’s next biennial state budget, and the potential impact the next budget could have on funding for K-12 and higher education in Oregon.

The PUSF presentation is available [online](https://www.chronicle.com/article/should-college-presidents-be-rankedhttps:/tuition.uoregon.edu/updates).

**Adjournment**. The meeting adjourned at 3:37 p.m.