

Tuition Advisory Committee

February 2, 2018

11:30 AM-1PM

RWEC 104

MINUTES

1. CALL-TO-ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 11:38am.

Present: Ailyn Angel, Jackie Butson, Liangli Chen, Reina Daugherty (Assistant), Sam Dunaway, Rex Fuller (President), Lila Gardner, Evelyn Guzman, Jay Kenton (VP for Finance & Administration), Caitlyn Nakatsukasa, Katherine Schmidt, Emily Wanous

2. INTRODUCTIONS

President Fuller introduced Katherine Schmidt as the new co-chair of the University Budget Committee. He also introduced Jay Kenton, interim Vice President for Finance and Administration.

3. UPDATES

President Fuller shared that measure 101 passed since the last meeting. All of the presidents agreed that if it passed that tuition increases would be no more than 5%. He also gave an update on the discussion on tuition rates and remissions that took place at the Board of Trustees meeting.

4. TUITION AND FEES

VP Kenton discussed several handouts: a comparison of our rates to those of other schools, a tuition and revenues handout, and a report of the traditional versus promise rate enrollment for Fall 2017.

President Fuller and VP Kenton spoke on the overall goals of the committee and explained the factors that go into tuition setting, such as state funding, enrollment, PERS increases, negotiated salary increases, etc.

President Fuller explained the difference between the promise rate and variable rate that students get to

choose from. About 30% of WOU Students select the promise rate. The students voiced concern about how soon the decision has to be made and whether or not students understand the options. Because tuition from the promise rate is fixed, additional tuition revenue can only be brought in from the group of students who select the variable rate.

President Fuller and VP Kenton explained the tuition comparisons among public Oregon Universities. When looking at the WOU Non-Promise/Traditional tuition, it is among the lowest for Oregon's four year universities. VP Kenton spoke on the fact that though WOU has a low tuition rate, the amount of remission aid to students is less than almost all of the other Oregon universities. There were concerns about how high the non-resident graduate tuition rate is.

The committee expressed interest in remissions that are available to diverse students and other specific populations of students like DACA and students with incarcerated parents. President Fuller and VP Kenton explained that we can target remissions to certain populations—low income for instance—but some things like race can't be targeted due to federal requirements. WOU participates in a dreamers scholarship program for DACA students, and DACA students are eligible for other forms of WOU aid, but not federal aid.

VP Kenton asked what other groups tuition should be discussed with and Lila Gardner requested that he speak with ASWOU Senate.

5. NEXT STEPS

The committee will meet next on February 16th in RVEC 104.

A tuition proposal will be available for the committee to review by March 2nd and an open forum for students will be scheduled for the beginning of spring term. VP Kenton will model tuition increases of 1%, 3%, and 5%.

6. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 12:47pm.