

Tuition and Fee Advisory Committee Meeting (TFAC)

March 13, 2023 – Meeting #5

Via Zoom

8:30 – 9:30 AM

MINUTES

I. COMMITTEE WELCOME

II. DISCUSS STUDENT SURVEY RESULTS

The committee presented a summary of the survey results to the student committee members. This included the strong favor toward a tuition plateau, along with slight increases to the resident undergraduate tuition rate per credit and health service fee.

III. DISCUSS RECOMMENDATION

The committee presented to student members that although survey results demonstrated strong interest in a tuition plateau, this would be a substantial change in the tuition rate structure and may benefit from further study to ensure that the overall change would have a net positive impact on students. Student committee members agreed that this plateau may benefit from 1 year of consideration and revised the draft recommendation letter to reflect that acknowledgment.

With no immediate implementation of a tuition rate plateau, the committee and student members discussed the survey results for the undergraduate rate per credit. Survey results indicated that students were most comfortable with an increase of \$6 per credit, from \$194 to \$200 per credit. Student members of the committee were comfortable with these results and approved of including this rate in the final recommendation letter.

Next, the Health Service Fee recommendation was discussed. Based on survey results, the draft recommendation included a rate of \$162 per term, an \$8 increase from the current fee for students taking Monmouth campus based courses. Additionally, the draft recommendation included \$81 per term fee for students taking Online or WOU:Salem courses. Beth Scroggins voiced that even that this rate of increase for next year, the Student Health & Counseling Center would not have a budget reflecting current service level. Thus, she presented an alternative fee for Online and WOU:Salem students at a rate of \$120 per term instead. Student committee members inquired about the level of services that Online and WOU:Salem students would have the ability to access, and Beth assured that all counseling services would be available to students remotely, although they would not have the ability to access certain medical services that cannot be offered remotely. Student committee members discussed Beth's recommendation and agreed to revise the draft letter to increase the recommended fee for distance learners from \$81 to \$120 per term.

IV. DRAFT RECOMMENDATION LETTER

The committee opened the floor for any further discussion from the student committee members for the final recommendation letter. Student members indicated they were comfortable with the increases to tuition & fee rates that were presented in the letter and agreed that these recommendations were ready for presentation to the WOU President for consideration.