

POSITION	TERM	NAME	DEPARTMENT/DIVISION
Chair	2021-22	John Harman	Finance and Administration
Co-Chair	2021-22	Anna Clark	Budget and Planning Office
Administrator 1	2021-22	Joanna Mott	Academic Affairs
Administrator 2	2021-22	Erin Foley	Student Affairs
University Registrar	2021-22	Kendal Marks	Academic Affairs
FOAC Chair	2021-24	Don DaSaro	Business Management
Faculty Representative	2021-24	Feng Shi	Electrical Engineering and Renewable Energy Technology
Klamath Falls ASOIT Representative	2021-22	Sasha Rabich	ASOIT
Portland-Metro ASOIT Representative	2021-22	Billy Kimmel	ASOIT
Klamath Falls Student 1	2021-22	Mason Wichmann	Student
Klamath Falls Student 2	2021-22	Graeme Wiltrout	Student
Portland-Metro Student 1	2021-22	Jamie Penner	Student
Graduate Student	2021-22	Justin Echternacht	Student
Ex Officio Member	2021-22	Maria Depuy	Budget and Planning Office
Administrative Support	2021-22	Celia Green	Finance and Administration

## Minutes

Meeting Called to order by Chair Harman at 4:02pm

1. In attendance: Chair Harman, Anna Clark, Dr. Foley, Dr. Mott, Karissa Sultan, Mason Wichmann, Graeme Wiltrout, Justin Echternacht, Maria Depuy, Feng Shi, Jamie Penner, Billy Kimmel, Sasha Rabich, Celia Green. Justin Ringle attended as a public participant.
2. Questions from last week's meeting were addressed.
  - a. Billy Kimmel, ASOIT Representative, asked if the differential cost of operating programs has increased at the same rate as the differential tuition has increased.
    - i. Chair Harman replied that this is degree program specific. The differential tuition has increased about 2 percentage points whereas the base tuition has increased closer to 4 or 5 percent.
  - b. Jamie Penner, Portland-Metro Student Representative, asked what additional costs are associated with the Software Engineering degree program. At the Portland Metro Campus, students get a subscription to Visual Studio. Aside from that, there's no equipment so why is this additional tuition being charged?
    - i. Chair Harman stated that differential tuition is a tool that is used in other institutions as well. It is intended to offset some of the additional costs such as specialized faculty, equipment costs, small group learning, experiential learning, externships, etc.
    - ii. Provost Mott said that classes tend to be smaller at OT than they would be at Oregon State University or University of Oregon.

- c. Jamie Penner asked why Portland Metro students are paying the same amount when they do not have access to the same equipment as students are located on the Klamath Falls campus. for equipment that is located on the Klamath Falls campus.
    - i. Co-Chair Anna Clark said we will talk more about this the next meeting as some research needs to be done.
3. Provost Mott presented a slide show featuring enrollment data.
- a. Billy Kimmel, ASOIT Representative, asked for a headcount comparison. What are the problems for all Oregon universities vs Oregon Tech? There is a need to understand what OT's problems are versus what the State's problems are. What is OT doing to get more funding from the State? Billy would like to see efforts that show what OT is doing to advocate for additional funding.
    - i. Chair Harman stated that nearly all public universities in Oregon are experiencing enrollment shortfalls. Some declines are higher than others. Some schools have increased their acceptance rate to offset what would otherwise be deeper reductions in enrollment. Chair Harman indicated that there is increasing competition for students in Oregon as the number of students in Oregon Public universities has declined by 10,000 over the past ten years and the demographics of the state are aging.
    - ii. Chair Harman indicated that increasing revenue sources is difficult as a small university in a rural setting. We must focus on increasing enrollment and getting the HECC to revisit the impact of the SSCM formula revision that has significantly reduced state funds for Oregon Tech.
    - iii. Out of state students pay more in tuition, but Oregon does not include them in the SSCM formula, so there is no state funding associated with their attendance.
  - b. Sasha Rabich, ASOIT Representative, asked if we can compare with WUE student rates as well.
    - i. Justin Echternacht, Graduate Student Representative, explained that WUE is 150% of in-state tuition.
  - c. Billy Kimmel, ASOIT Representative, asked if we have estimates of cost of living for the tuition comparison schools. We need to take that into consideration.
    - i. Co-Chair Anna Clark said she will get that information together for the next meeting.
  - d. Jamie Penner, Portland-Metro Student Representative, asked about the language for the building fee on the website.
    - i. Karissa Sultan from the Business Affairs Office said she will look at that website and see if it needs to be updated.
  - e. Graeme Wilttrout, Klamath Falls Student Representative, said he doesn't feel that tuition shouldn't be the same on both campuses.
  - f. Jamie Penner, Portland-Metro Student Representative, discussed difficulties with transferring courses.
    - i. Provost Mott suggested that Jamie contact Dean Keyser about the issue.
4. ASOIT forums are coming up. All committee members are encouraged to attend both forums. The Klamath Falls forum will be on February 17<sup>th</sup> at 5:00pm. The Portland-Metro forum will be on February 23<sup>rd</sup> at 5:00pm.
5. Meeting adjourned at 5:24pm.