

Meeting of the Tuition Recommendation Committee (TRC)

Teams Only Friday, February 19, 2021 8:00 am - 9:00 am

Interim Chair:		
Erin Foley	Vice President for Student Affairs & Dean of Students	Klamath Falls
Members:		
Hassan Alhayek	Student Representative	Portland-Metro
Richard Bailey	Department of Business Management, ETM & FOAC Chair	Klamath Falls
Erik Johnson	Director of Admissions	Klamath Falls
Wendy Ivie	University Registrar	Klamath Falls
Joanna Mott	Provost & Vice President for Academic Affairs	Klamath Falls
LeQuynhDao Nguyen	Student Representative	Portland-Metro
Rosanna Overholser	Department of Mathematics, HAS	Klamath Falls
Sasha Rabich	Student Representative	Klamath Falls
Peter Sherwood	Student Representative	Klamath Falls
Peter Wantuck	ASOIT President	Portland-Metro
Mason Wichmann	ASOIT President	Klamath Falls
Additional Attendees:		
Ken Fincher	Vice President for Institutional Advancement	Klamath Falls
Jaron Hartman	Research Analyst for Institutional Research	Klamath Falls
Stephanie Pope	Assistant Vice President for Financial Operations	Klamath Falls
Nellie Stewart	Executive Assistant for Finance & Administration	Klamath Falls

Minutes

Meeting called to order – Interim Chair Erin Foley

Chair Erin Foley called the meeting to order at 8:04 am.

1. Tuition Recommendation Committee Principles

Review of TRC Charge.

Meeting materials and Campus Open Forum information posted on the website: https://www.oit.edu/finance-administration/tuition-recommendation-committee

2. Questions from last meeting

- Comparators data on expenses (not just tuition rates)?
- Others?

Jaron Hartman shared that the IPEDs data and reporting structure do not allow an expense comparison with other universities. The easiest way to show data is in pieces of overall expenses and overall revenue and then compare.

Mason Wichmann asked what the forecast looks like if Oregon Tech continues to raise tuition each year by 5%. Stephanie Pope replied that this question is hard to cost out, however, an estimation would probably show a steady and same position for Oregon Tech.

Mason Wichmann asked if there will be an impact on budget and tuition from the faculty negotiations. Stephanie Pope replied that this will be determined after there is a ratified contract to implement, however, an estimation would be that there will be a continuous impact based on the amount of years the contract is for.

Rosanna Overholser asked for the online tuition amount versus the in-person tuition amount be addressed as it seems odd to be so different from the student perspective.

Rosanna Overholser asked for the long-term planning for students to forecast their courses to graduation from Oregon Tech. *Provost Mott* replied that there is now a two-year schedule for students to review on the Registrar's website.

3. FY22 Budget

Chair Erin Foley presented PowerPoint.

4. Forums

Peter Wantuck shared that the student questions from Portland-Metro came from the student survey and a student meeting. Mason Wichmann shared that the student questions from Klamath Falls came from the survey. He noticed a theme with COVID related questions and concern and misunderstanding if there is a tuition increase.

Sasha Rabich and Rosanna Overholser agreed to attend all campus open forums and take notes during each session.

Peter Wantuck is working on marketing to Portland-Metro students via Stall Street Journal and a campus-wide email. Mason Wichmann is working with ASOIT representatives for Klamath Falls marketing efforts.

Rosanna Overholser asked if we should present a low 2% tuition increase to show the students the cuts that would be required. She shared concern for the student unhappiness this past year and the message will be hard to receive that tuition will increase. Chair Erin Foley shared concern for presenting a 2% as an option that students may think it means it is a viable option, when it just simply is not. Provost Mott agreed. Rosanna Overholser added that it may be beneficial to show how the budgets are made and approved to give context.

5. Next Meeting

Cancel Friday, February 26 at 8:00 am meeting.

Friday, March 5, at 8:00 am meeting will be used to work on the TRC recommendation.

Schedule Friday, March 12, at 8:00 am in case more time is needed.

Homework: think about information to be included in the campus open forums.

Meeting Adjourned—Interim Chair Erin Foley

Chair Erin Foley adjourned the meeting at 8:52 am.