

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- Chair Harman at 4:04pm

Don DaSaro is out sick. We reached out to Feng Shi via email and phone and did not hear back. All other members were present.

Also in attendance were Karissa Sultan and Justin Ringle.

1. Questions from last week: Jamie Penner, Portland-Metro Student Representative, asked about the reduction in STEM premium funding from the State. Chair Harman explained that HECC reconfigured the SSCM allocation model. This resulted in a loss of \$2.6 million for the 2021-23 biennium. Oregon Tech leadership worked with HECC to get a hold-harmless for FY 2022, but OT will have a reduction of at least \$1.1 million for next year (FY 2023).
2. Reviewed and discussed slides which have been posted to the TRC website.
 - Jamie Penner, Portland-Metro Student, asked if new buildings and building renovations are entirely funded by bonds. Chair Harman explained the 3 types of bonds, Article XI Series G, Q, and F. Q bonds are 100% paid for by the state. G bonds require a match from the University. For example, Oregon Tech provided a \$1.0M match on the Boivin renovation which is a \$20M project. Most of our construction and renovations are a mixture of Q and G bonds. The tuition dollars are considered general funds and essentially go into the same pot as the state allocated dollars. Oregon Tech could pay for a bond match from these or other reserve funds.
 - Provost Mott asked about the red bar on the graph and the Engineering and Technology Sustaining Fund. Chair Harman explained that it's part of our operational revenues and is

around a \$1 million - \$1.2 million a year. It's a small appropriation from the state. There are a few other schools who get this funding. The amount hasn't changed much in recent years.

- Jamie Penner, Portland-Metro Student, asked if future slides could include the differential portion of tuition in the tuition graphs showing differential increases on top of the base tuition increases. Including the cost of inflation in these graphs would be helpful.
 - Justin Ringle, public participant, asked about the reserve fund. The Board suggests a 10 – 15% reserve fund, but the graph shows that we tend to settle at about 20%. Why is it higher? Chair Harman explained that the fund is a cumulative balance over time and has been at that level for the past several years. The Board allows a balance of up to 33% in accordance with the policy. This balance allows the University to continue operations in periods of unexpected expenses, reductions in state funding, or emergencies and serves as a source of funds for required bond matching funds.
 - Jamie Penner, Portland-Metro Student, asked how Oregon Tech is planning for a lower level of admissions and fewer students in general, given national trends, and how those projections are impacting budget planning. Chair Harman explained that Oregon Tech has experienced a period of increased enrollment until the current year, where we have experienced a shortfall. HECC has been looking at trends to provide us with more information for planning. Oregon Tech offers unique programs. Our students are successful once they enter the workforce and OT has a good reputation with comparable tuition to other institutions. We are optimistic that the vision for the institution and success of students and our dedicated faculty will help us continue to be successful. One of the reasons we are looking at a new student housing project is to help support enrollment growth.
 - Anna Clark, Co-Chair, offered additional clarification. The state funding model is related to the types of programs and degrees. These metrics determine our share of the Public University Support Fund. What changes State support is not just enrollment growth, but how enrollment is changing in relation to the other 6 public institutions. If enrollment doesn't change for all 7 schools, the funding will stay the same if they are all down by the same percentage.
 - Jamie Penner, Portland-Metro Student, asked if there are statistics or studies regarding decline in admissions in Oregon or across the country. Can we see the trends? Co-Chair Anna Clark said she would work with Provost Mott to get that information to share at the next meeting.
 - Justin Echernacht, Graduate Student, said the date for the Klamath Falls forum is scheduled for February 17th. The Portland-Metro forum has not been scheduled yet.
3. Co-Chair Clark suggested moving the third TRC meeting from February 11th to the 4th so the students would have more time to review materials before the forums. Provost Mott is unable to attend on the 4th so the meeting date will not be adjusted the 4th.
- Jamie Penner, Portland-Metro Student, asked at what point is the recommendation for tuition developed. Chair Harman explained this is the final piece of the Committee process. The next meeting will contain more information for the 2023 budget. Then the forums will be held. At the 4th meeting, the TRC will reflect back on Oregon Tech's financial position, resource needs and budget situation and will develop a recommendation based on all information provided and discussions held during the TRC process. The committee will decide what to recommend to the President and will develop a recommendation letter from the Committee. Dr. Nagi will evaluate the recommendation in developing his recommendation to the Board of Trustees. The forums are for data sharing, student engagement, and feedback. Nothing is recommended until the final fourth meeting.
 - Jamie Penner, Portland-Metro Student, asked how students are notified of changes in tuition once the increase has been decided. Chair Harman said the Board of Trustees will consider the

recommendation in April. We would know at the April 7th, 2022, Board of Trustees meeting if the recommendation has been approved.

Meeting was adjourned at 5:28 pm.