

TUITION & FEE ADVISORY COMMITTEE



Western Oregon
UNIVERSITY



OVERVIEW

- TFAC & TFAC's Role
- University Budget Overview
 - Provide a basic understanding of WOU's budget, including terminology, funds, sources and uses of funds
- Historical Information
 - Provide historical/comparative data on WOU's finances and tuition and fees



TUITION & FEE ADVISORY COMMITTEE (TFAC) ROLE

- Advises the University President on the President's recommendation to the Board of Trustees regarding resident tuition and mandatory enrollment fees for the upcoming academic year
- TFAC is comprised of students (minimum of 4), 2 faculty, and 2 administrators
- HB4141 lays out the requirements for the advisory body



UNIVERSITY BUDGET OVERVIEW



UNIVERSITY BUDGET

Major Funds:

- **Education & General**
 - Main fund – primarily supports the University’s mission
- **Auxiliary**
 - Theoretically self-sustaining, more business-like operations (Housing, Dining, Bookstore, Child Development Center, Incidental Fee Committee)
- **Capital**
 - Construction funds – primarily funded by state allocations specific to Capital
- **Grants**
 - Grant funds – restricted in use for purpose of grant (financial aid, federal grants, state grants)

For the most part, funds are not fungible across funds



EDUCATION & GENERAL FUND

Revenues

- Tuition & Fees
 - Tuition, mandatory fees, fee remissions
- State Appropriations
- Other Revenues
 - Investment, sales & services, other

Expenses

- Personnel (~85%)
 - Salaries, health insurance, retirement, payroll taxes
- Services & Supplies (S&S)
 - Office supplies, books, desks, travel, etc.

Transfers

- Transfers to other funds – primarily athletics to support staff

Fund Balance

- Difference between assets and liabilities of a fund, or the available resources of the fund



STATE APPROPRIATIONS

- Allocation to the Public University Support Fund (PUSF) determined on a biennial basis (\$1B for 2023-25)
- Allocation among the universities determined by the Student Success and Completion Model (SSCM)
 - WOU receives ~7% of the total PUSF
 - In FY25, this amounts to ~\$34.3M
- SSCM comprised of three components:
 - **Mission Differentiation** – regional, mission, and research support (allocated first)
 - **Outcomes-Based** – three-year average total cost weighted degrees produced, student type, and priority area (60%)
 - **Activity-Based** – three-year average total cost weighted, completed, resident student credit hours (40%)



TUITION REVENUE

- Comprised of tuition, fees (matriculation, course, application, etc.), and fee remissions (institutional discounts given to students as part of financial aid)
 - Building, incidental, and health service fees route to other funds outside of E&G
- Driven by two factors: tuition rates and enrollment levels
- Tuition Rates:
 - Tuition & Fee Advisory Committee (TFAC) recommends to the President the resident undergraduate tuition rate
 - Graduate Tuition & Fee Advisory Committee that proposes graduate tuition rate changes to VPFA/President
 - Proposed tuition and fee rates are presented to the Board of Trustees for final approval at the spring meeting
- Enrollment Levels:
 - Assumption made in collaboration with University Budget Advisory Committee (UBAC) based on aggregating admissions, financial aid packaging, housing reservations, and institutional research and academic advising data



E&G FY25 ADJUSTED BUDGET

Revenues

Tuition & Fees (net)	32,686,226
State appropriations	34,961,339
Other Revenues	5,500,000
Total Revenues	73,147,565

Expenses

Personnel	60,459,097
Services & Supplies	10,591,506
Total Expenses	71,050,603

Net Transfers **5,597,998**

Total Expenses & Transfers **76,648,601**

Net Recurring Budget **(3,501,036)**

One Time Activities 1,107,346

Net Budget **(4,608,382)**

Beginning Fund Balance **13,753,975**

Projected Ending Fund Balance **9,145,593**

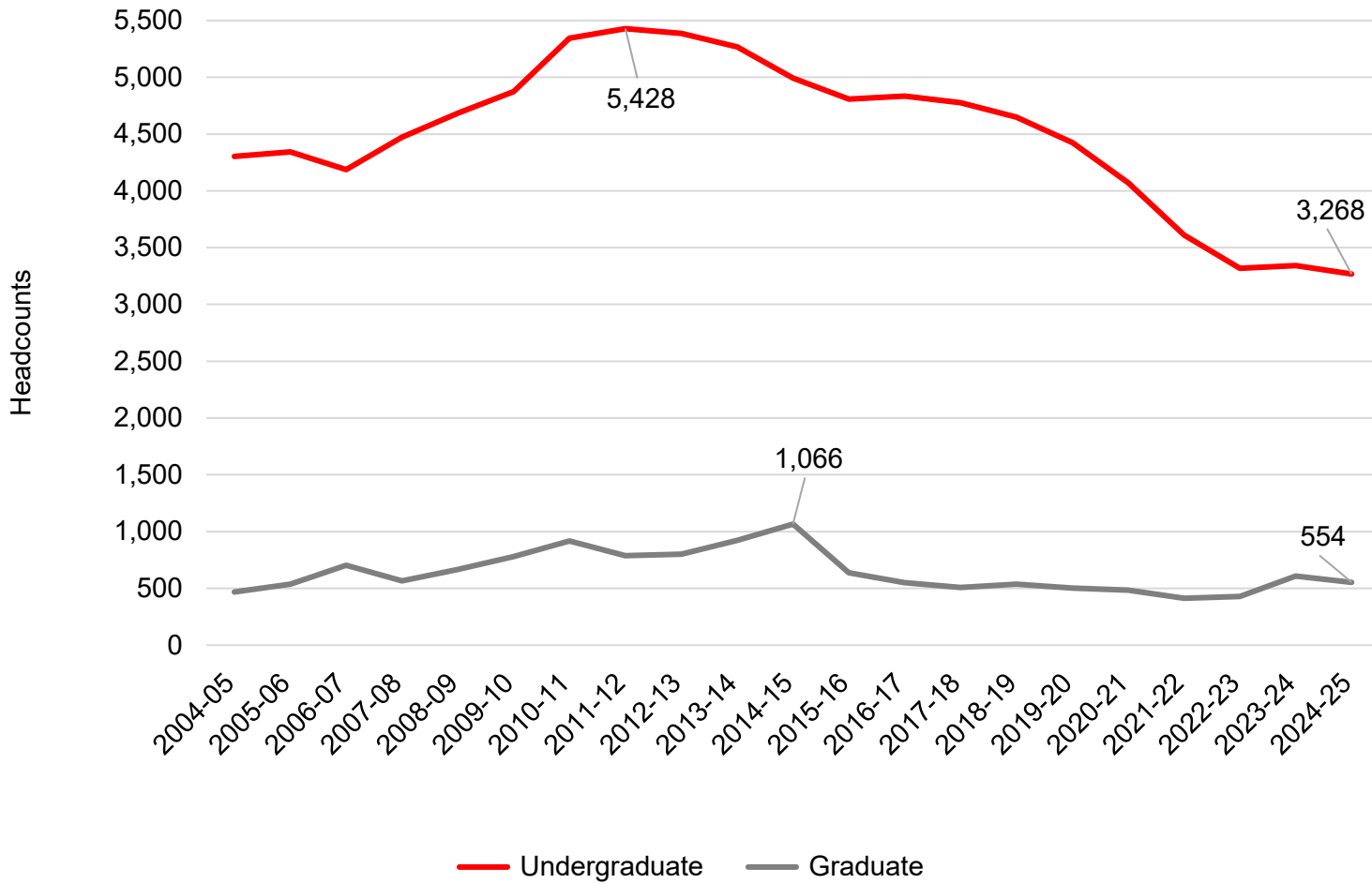
Fund Balance as a Percentage of Revenues **12.50%**



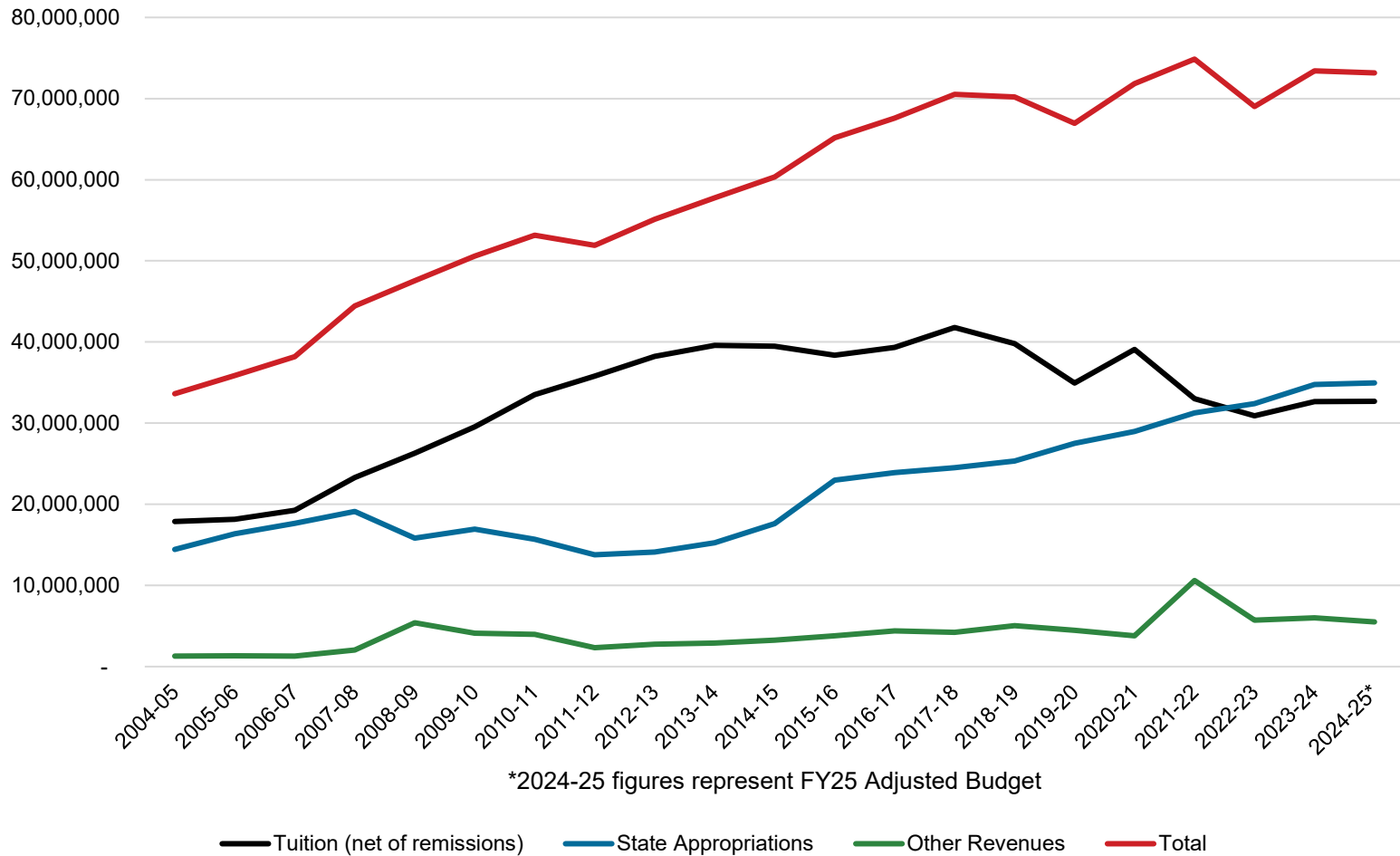
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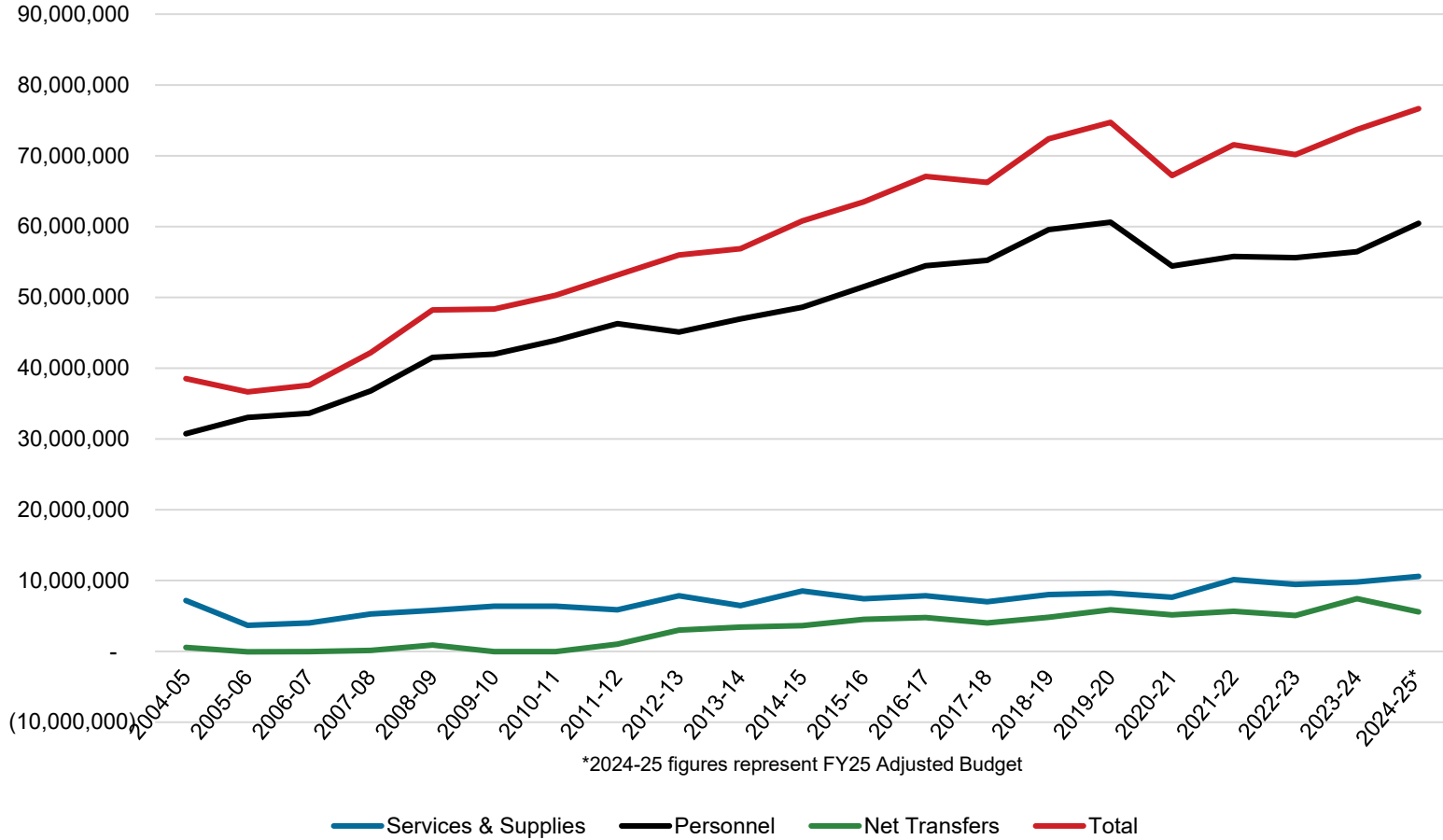
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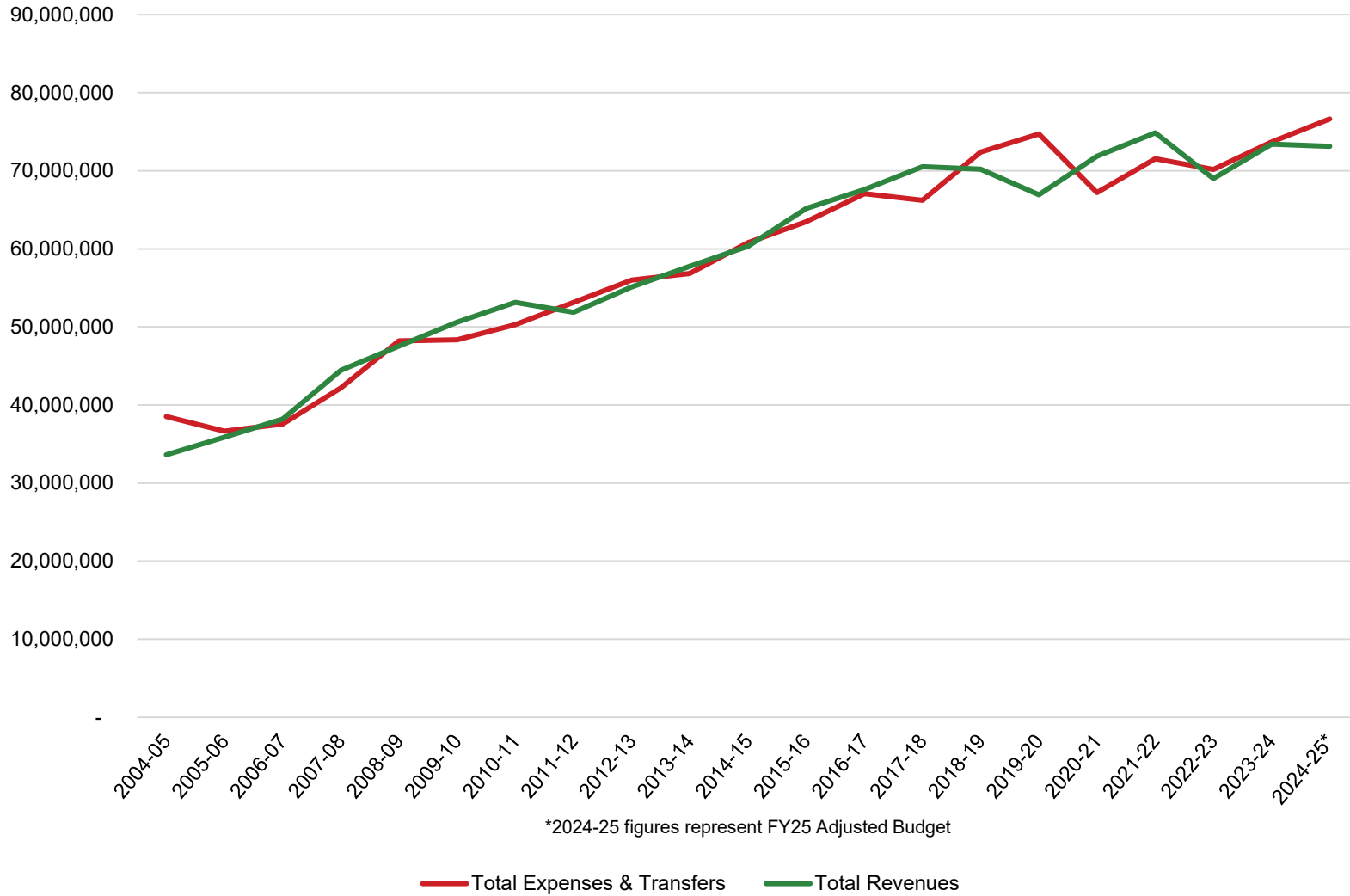
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E&G EXPENSES



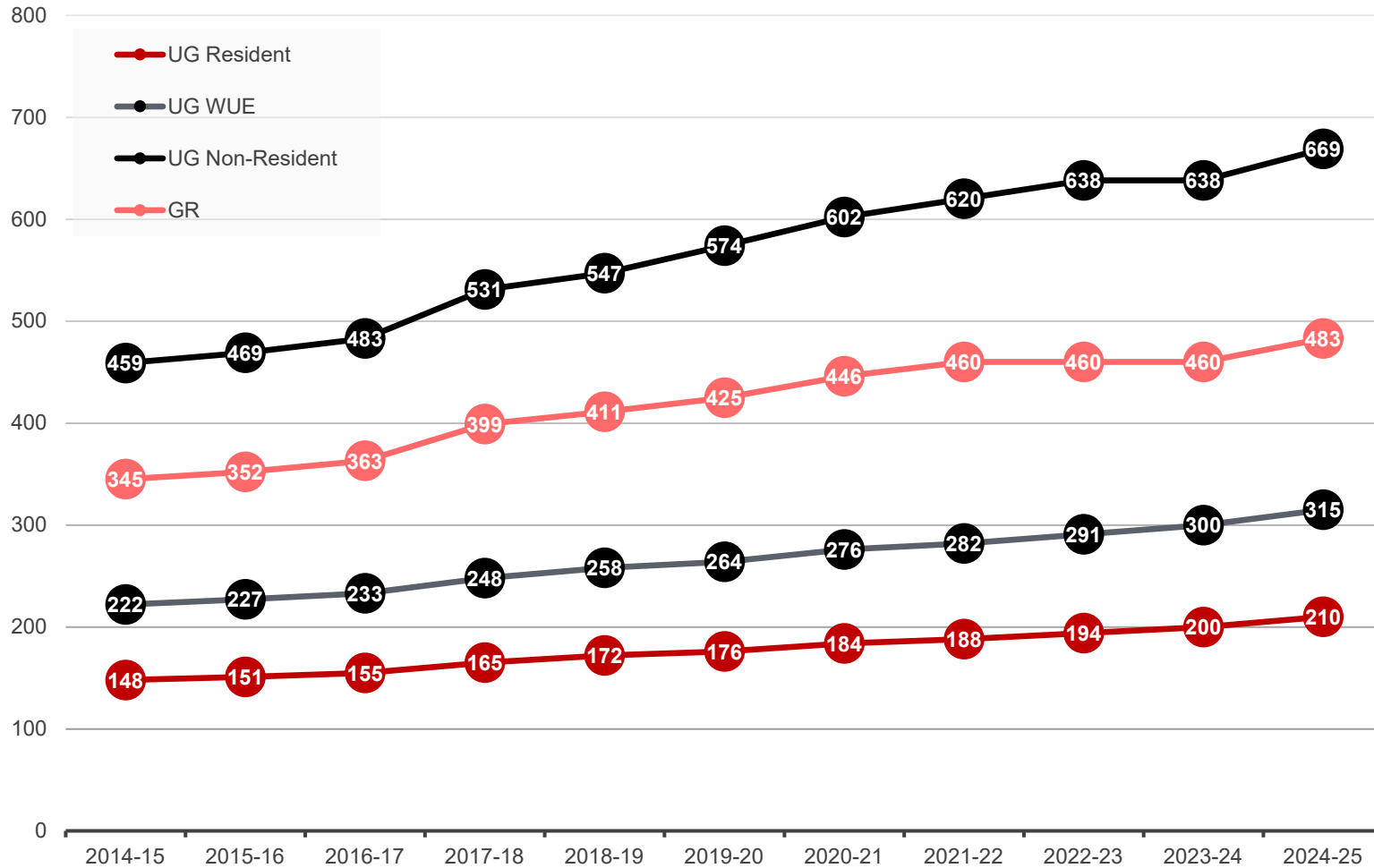
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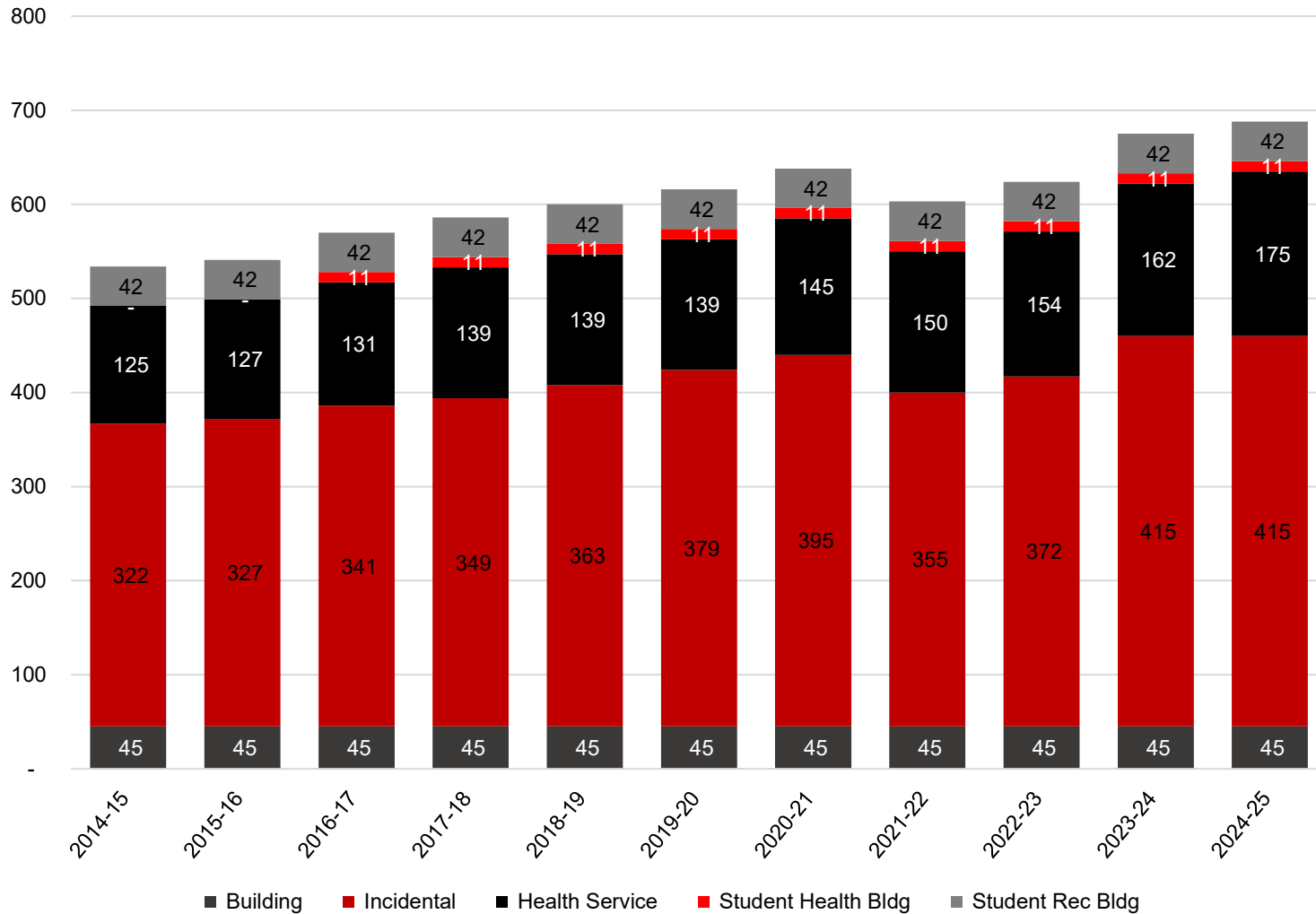
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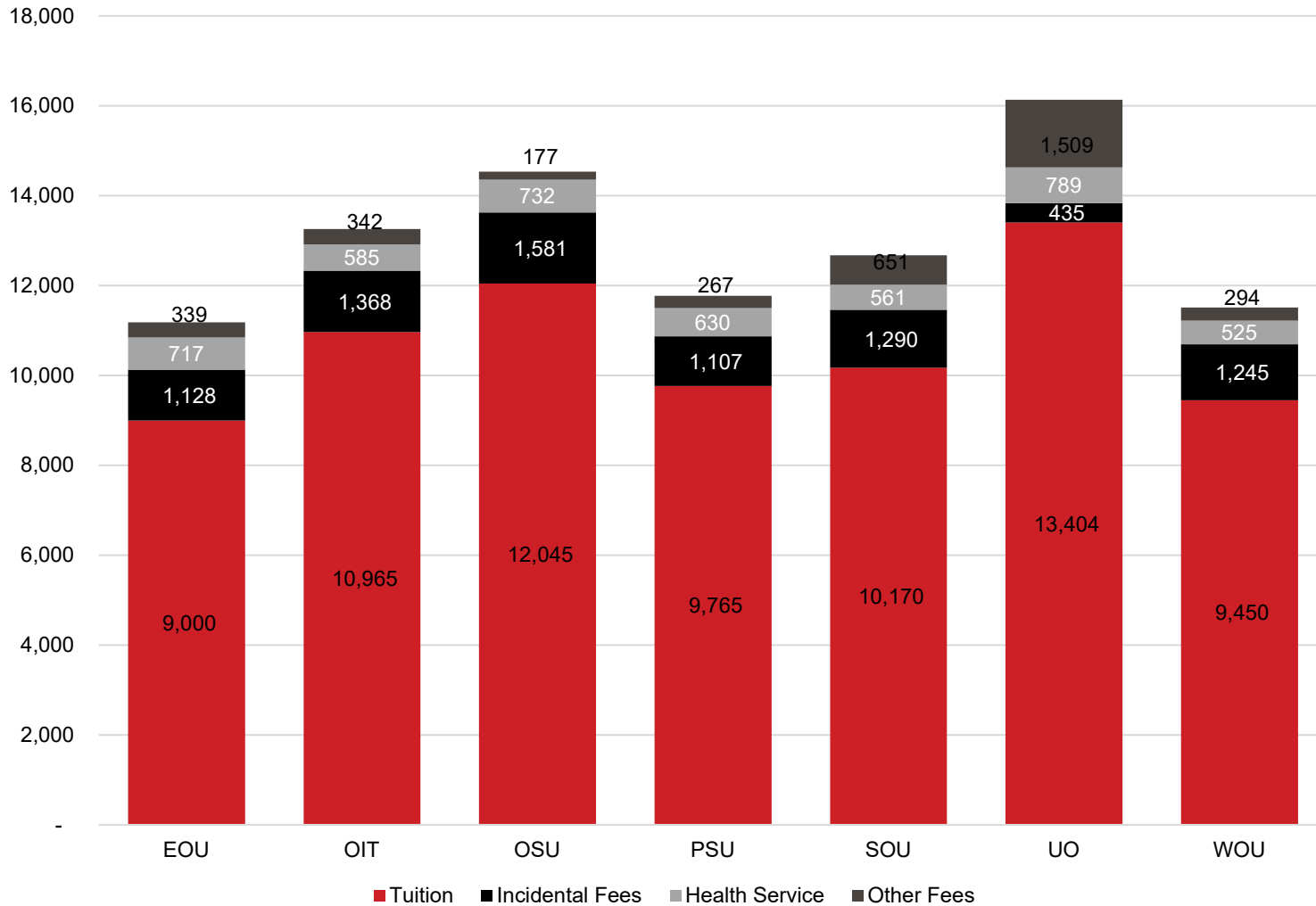
TUITION RATE PER CREDIT



MANDATORY FEES



OREGON PUBLIC UNIVERSITY 24-25 COST COMPARISON



PLANNING FOR NEXT YEAR



What does all of this mean for TFAC?

We are facing a challenge:

- Other than Fall 2023, enrollment has been declining for 10+ years
- State funding for public universities in OR ranks 37th (as of FY23)
- Expenses continue to rise
- Affordability and access are priorities

Your voice is critical in helping determine what our tuition rates will be for next year.

