

Tuition and Fee Advisory Committee Meeting (TFAC)

February 27, 2023 – Meeting #4

Via Zoom

8:30 – 9:30 AM

AGENDA

I. COMMITTEE WELCOME

II. TUITION PLATEAU

- a. Financial Aid Impacts (Kella Helyer)
- b. Committee Discussion

Financial aid is awarded based on the budgeted cost of attendance, which is the same level for students taking more than 12 credits (which is considered full-time). So introducing the plateau will not have a direct impact on financial aid's awarding; the key is just to know what price to set the budget at, which is historically based on taking 15 credits. TFAC is interested in the tuition plateau and can see the benefit of encouraging students who historically took 12 or 13 credits due to price being able to take more credits and graduate quicker. TFAC also recognizes that some students take less credits due to other factors, such as being able to work, whom may be negatively impacted by the plateau. As such, they would like more student input on the idea and plan to ask a question in the all student survey specifically about the plateau.

III. HEALTH SERVICES FEE DISCUSSION

Scroggins provided a sheet that shows what of the Student Health & Counseling Center's services would be available for students who are remote. Almost all counseling services would be available online (with the exception of after hours crisis). Some medical services will be available as well.

IV. DISCUSS PRELIMINARY RESIDENT UNDERGRADUATE RATES

WOU would like to stay below an overall increase of 5%, based on students taking 15 credit hours. Moreno and Karaman are meeting with HECC later today to understand how introducing a tuition plateau based on the price of 16 credits will impact that calculation. Scroggins has asked for a significant increase to the health service fee (\$183 per term, an 18.8% increase). HECC requires universities go to them for special approval of the overall cost of attendance increases by more than 5%, which is based on the cost at 15 credits for resident undergrad

tuition and fees (excluding the incidental fee), so that is something to be mindful of.

V. DISCUSS GATHERING STUDENT AT-LARGE FEEDBACK

Decided an all student survey directly on the Portal is preferred way to gather student input. The students liked the format of the survey last year, Moreno will work to update the questions for current year information as well as adding a fifth question relevant to the idea of a tuition plateau, and send to TFAC in the coming week for feedback or a go ahead. Student Health Advisory Committee (SHAC) would like to have input on question 2 which relates to the health service fee increase, and so they will provide information to Moreno by the end of this week. Goal of making the survey live next Monday 3/6 and keeping it open until Sunday, 3/13.

VI. NEXT STEPS & FUTURE MEETINGS

No meeting next week as we gather the student input. Next meeting Monday 3/13 from 8:30-9:30 where we will discuss the student survey results and try to finalize our recommendation for the tuition rate and whether or not there is a plateau, as well as the health service fee and structure.