

Tuition and Fee Advisory Committee (TFAC) <https://wou.edu/tfac/>

**February 8, 2024 – Meeting #1
3:00 PM – 4:00 PM via Zoom Meeting
Minutes**

I. INTRODUCTIONS & ROLE OF COMMITTEE

Darin Silbernagel, University Treasurer welcomed the group and introduced the purpose of this committee. Members present introduced themselves and their role. Members present included Darin Silbernagel (University Treasurer), Patty Flatt (Faculty), Eva Alvarez (Student), and Beth Priddy (Student).

WOU has a history with this committee to receive feedback from students to recommend future tuition & fee rates for undergraduate students to ensure the most accessible and affordable institution possible. Now, it is required by law to have a committee with representation made up of students, faculty, and staff. This committee's recommendation will go to the President and Board of Trustees for approval; Generally the rate increase will fall between 0-5%.

II. BUDGET PRESENTATION

WOU's budget is different than a standard business, because it is a public university, which relies on fund accounting. We have individual sets of books for types of funding for our Education & General Fund, Auxiliaries, Capital, etc. This committee's main focus will be on the Education & General Fund, which is funded by tuition and fee revenue, as well as state appropriations. Our tuition & fee revenue will be dependent on the rates set and enrollment at WOU. Auxiliary operations are intended to be self-sustaining operations, meaning revenues generated are used to support operational expenses. Student Health & Counseling Center (SHCC) is a great example of that, as the Student Health Fee paid by students supports the expenses of health services. This committee will also recommend the Health Service Fee.

III. NEXT STEPS & FUTURE MEETINGS

WOU's goal is to remain as affordable and accessible as possible for our students, while balancing our need to retain financial sustainability as an institution. Darin Silbernagel asked if anyone had questions or comments. Darin Silbernagel said he will send out the power point and next steps for the committee will be to schedule the next meeting and plan to have the majority of work completed by the end of March 2024.

VII. ADJOURNMENT