

Tuition Structure and Process at OSU

Budget Conversation

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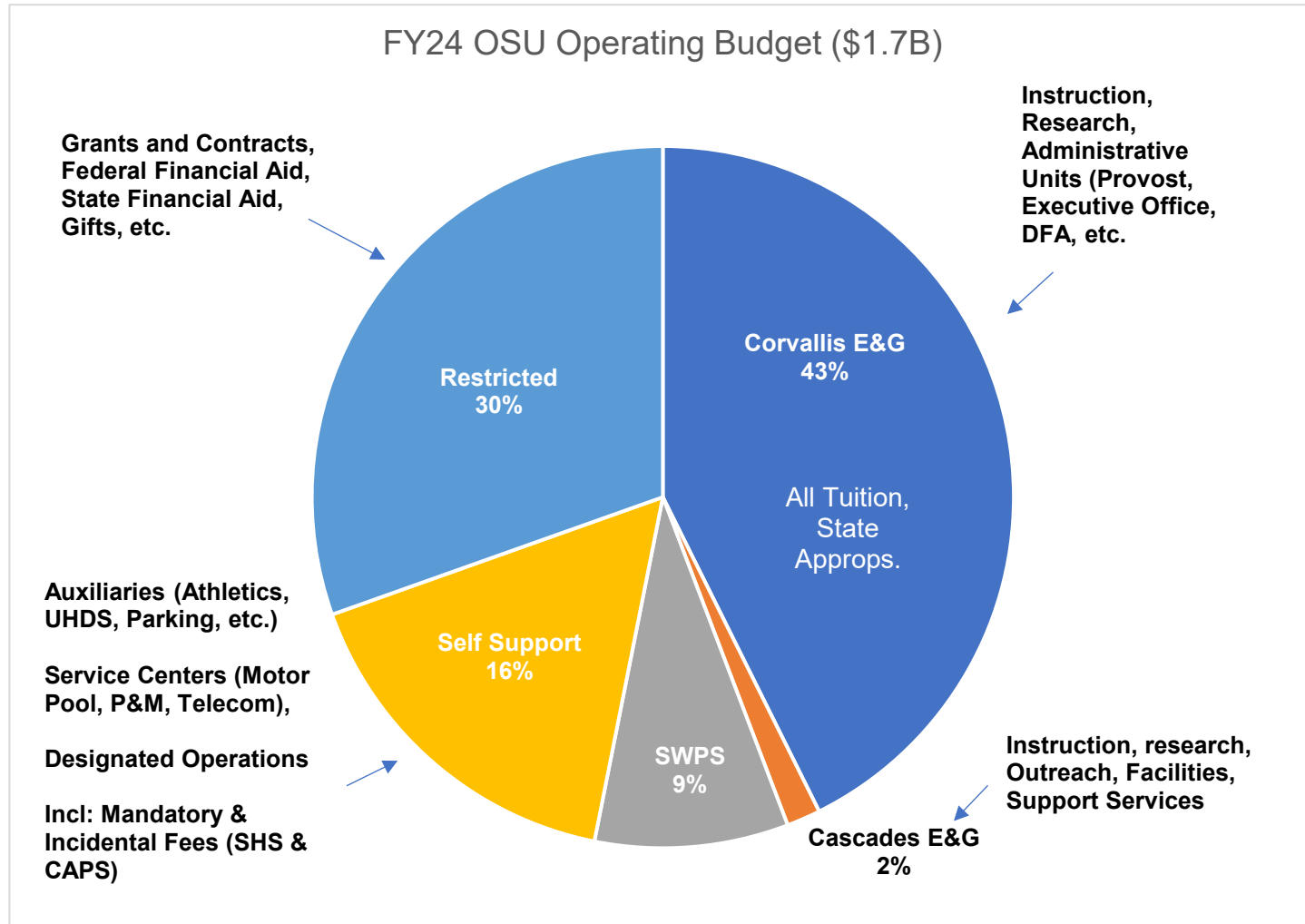


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Tuition structure and process

- How tuition is structured at OSU
- Concepts that differentiate tuition for students
- Key process steps for tuition setting

Sources of OSU Budget



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Structure of OSU tuition

- Many different rates of tuition
 - By Campus: Corvallis, Cascades, Ecampus
 - By Level: Undergraduate, Graduate, Professional
 - By Residency: Resident, Non-Resident
 - By Term: Academic Year, Summer

Undergraduate tuition

- Cohort structure
 - 6 different cohorts (5 currently, 6th for FY 2025)
 - Each entering class of undergraduates comes in at a different rate
 - Annual rates of change differ for incoming vs. returning students
 - Students pay per credit, regardless of load (no plateau)
- Differential tuition
 - Some colleges add a differential on top to account for higher costs of instruction or program-specific features

Graduate & Professional Tuition

- University-wide standard rate of graduate tuition
 - Business & Engineering Differentials
- Graduate tuition has a plateau (9-16 credits)
- Professional schools/programs charge different rates based on market and cost considerations

Other factors

- Resident/Non-resident rates
 - Oregon State, as a public university, charges lower rates to Oregon resident students (both undergraduate & graduate/professional)
 - Reflects the State's investment in the public universities
- Ecampus
 - One rate charged regardless of residency
 - Pricing reflects the market and the different student experience (currently between resident/non-resident)
 - Separate rates for undergraduate and graduate students

Key process steps

- Analysis of “continuing service level” (CSL) expense needs of the institution
 - Inflation-like evaluation
 - Price and volume consideration for expense analysis
 - Personnel costs largest share of expense base (70%)
 - Salaries
 - Other Payroll Expenses (OPE)
- University Budget Committee (UBC)
 - OSU’s statutorily-required tuition advisory body
 - UBC evaluates and makes recommendations to University leadership on all tuition and mandatory fee changes
- Student Incidental Fees developed by Student Fee Committee of ASOSU and ASCC

Key process steps (cont.)

- President's recommendation to the Board of Trustees (BoT)
- Board of Trustees review and approval
 - All tuition and fees are BoT purview
- Oregon Higher Education Coordinating Commission (HECC)
 - HECC review and approval needed if weighted rate of resident undergraduate increase in tuition plus mandatory fees is greater than 5.0%



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