

Attendance: Austin Carsh, Kennedy Hedges, Ben Johnson, August Peterson, Sami Searles, Sherm Bloomer and Karren Cholewinski

Absent: Lisa Lin and Isai Garcia

Portland Initiative Update

The plan for tuition rates for the Portland “campus” is to discount rates rather than taking to the OSU Board of Trustees for rate establishment of another rate. This option seems to make sense, making it possible to move forward for the first year, Fall Term 2018.

University Budget Committee – Tuition Scenarios

The undergraduate tuition scenarios were the bulk of the conversation last week. The increases in tuition scenario B are \$7 SCH for resident undergraduate students and \$14 SCH for non-resident undergraduate students.

The UBC favored recommending Scenario C to the Provost. The reasoning came from faculty members on the Committee (department chairs) there is insufficient resources to meet the needs of classes and services for students. There is not enough financial aid to meet the need and classes are too large for some of the basic courses (Bacc Core). Essentially, they argued, raising tuition an additional percentage point could provide more support to meet the current needs. Department chairs face limits due to number of staff/instructors/GTA's available to teach these courses. Scenario C would provide additional resources for financial aid & additional staffing for Financial Aid/Registrar offices and additional funding for instructors for the high Drop/Fail/Withdraw (freshman/sophomore) classes. Additionally, some members of the committee were not all convinced it is reasonable to put more resources into financial aid (philosophical point of view).

The downside of any tuition increase is the compounding of tuition over time. University of Oregon is increasing their resident undergraduate tuition 2.84% and non-resident undergraduate tuition 2.49% for 2018-2019.

SBAC Members – Tuition Scenarios

- You can always do better if you have more money. Resources are always going to be the cap for whatever you can afford/offer.
- When tuition goes up, so does the need for more financial aid resources.
- Recommendation 1-Long-term tuition rate planning, included in the memo to the Provost, will need implementation along with Scenario C if that is what the President recommends to the Board of Trustees.
- Scenario C is arguably the path, which prevents the 5% increases in the future. Increases in tuition of 5%, or higher, requires OSU to ask for rate approval from the Higher Education Coordinating Commission (HECC). Can we survive the PERS liability years and eventually have flat tuition or a reduction?
- OSU has a reputation for being an affordable quality degree.
- College ranking – the D/F/W rates factor into the rankings.

Student Conversations – Tuition Scenarios

Suggested groups to meet with for the tuition conversations:

- Student Affairs List – Rec Sports, RA's,
- ASOSU – Legislative Session; Austin to have Branch Chair contact Sherm

- August – Chair Ag Exec Council
- Kennedy-PHHS UG Council
- College of Engineering
- Dom Miller re Greek Life
- ASOSU
- Open group (contact Advisors)

Sherm will prepare a one-page visual to share with students. Envisions the front side have information about how tuition dollars are distributed/spent and on the back side the tuition scenarios including arguments in support of scenarios B&C.

What other issues for this year?

- **PAC Classes:** Proposing a zero credit option (fee only course) and a for credit option (tuition funded course). There will be a transition period for this change. The PAC classes have been declining 8-9% annually, approximately 1,000 SCH. Since these courses are part of PHHS, they are in agreement with this new solution. Many students want to enroll for the physical activity but are not willing/interested to pay the SCH price plus the price of the fee.
- **New budget model** – explanation/discussion (highly modified responsibility centered model)
- **Administrative Bloat** – How do we assess administrative bloat? How do we assess our salary structure? Administrator pay vs. responsibility; what is administration? Student services? Focus on the things administration is not...faculty, necessary positions, expenditures outside of college. Where do/How are the tuition funds spent outside of the college?
 - Sherm: Many factors come into play when discussing administration
 - Salaries-often driven by market rates
 - Employee categories at OSU (classified, unclassified, bargaining units)
 - What is our benchmark for salaries and are we at market or not? Do you let the market drive all these jobs?
 - Athletic Coach salaries vs. Senior Administrators salaries – are they paid the same?

Agenda items for the March 5 SBAC Meeting:

- Feedback regarding the student tuition conversations
- Framing for the administrative “bloat” conversation (slice and dice)
- Other topics that may arise