Student Budget Advisory Council – Meeting Notes
April 8, 2019, 7:00 pm – 8:00 pm
3622 Valley Library, Willamette Room East

Attendance: Austin Carsh, Kennedy Hedges, Clint Mattox, Lana Klipfel, Sherman Bloomer and Nicole Real

Guests Attendees: JoAnne Bunnage, Director of University Accreditation and Daniel, student representative from the Student Accreditation committee

University Accreditation:

Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities (NWCCU) is OSU’s accreditation agency. Accreditation is required to qualify for federal aid. OSU submits information each year however every 7th year OSU conducts a self-evaluation and host reviewers from the NWCCU. This is a process that allows for self-reflection on how OSU is meeting student achievement goals, assesses performance in student learning outcomes, stewarding resources, and fulfilling its land grant mission. OSU established the following core themes for the 2011-2018 accreditation cycle:

- Undergraduate Education
- Research and Graduate Education
- Outreach and Engagement

Each theme has separate objectives and indicators.

The Accreditation review process starts Monday, April 15th with a welcome breakfast at 8am and ends on Wednesday, April 17th with the report readout at 10am. OSU will have eight (8) reviewers on sight to meet with various students, faculty and staff from all over the University. The reviewers have 45 meetings scheduled and include OSU-Cascades and Hatfield Marine Science Center. There will be three (3) open forums. There will be one forum for students, one for faculty, and one for classified staff.

The student open forum will be held on Tuesday, April 16th at 3:10pm – 4:00pm in the Memorial Union Journey Room. All students are encouraged to attend.

Board of Trustees Update

Tuition - Board approved resident undergraduate tuition increase of 4.5% and resident graduate tuition increase of 4%. They were also okay with the changes and additions to differential tuition that were presented for College of Business, College of Engineering and College of Liberal Arts.

Board talked a lot about the path forward. They are committed to tuition increases that are not more than 5% each year. But also realize that expenses will continue to increase.

The Governor’s tax package was presented last Thursday (4/4) and there was no commitment to Higher Education with the increase of taxes. Only presented was K-12.

OSU needs to really look at State funding with the thought that we cannot really rely on it as we have in the past. If we do receive State funding then need to carefully determine how it is spent. Look more at
one time opportunities instead of permanent faculty positions as the funding might not come in each year.

**Ideas of upcoming meetings?**

- Thoughts on engagement strategies with students around tuition?
- ECampus tuition – is it priced correctly for today’s resource strained environment
- Where will the budget cuts come from and can we track the progress of the reductions?
- OSU Foundation money – What’s available and how does OSU use those funds?

**Meeting schedule for the remainder of the year:**

- April 22\(^{nd}\)
- May 6\(^{th}\)
- May 20\(^{th}\)

**NEXT MEETING – April 22, 2019**

- Engagement strategies
- OSU Foundation Funds