Student Budget Advisory Council – Meeting Notes
February 10, 2020 7:00 pm – 8:30 pm
3622 Valley Library, Willamette Room East

Agenda

1. Discuss proposals from Student Health Services and Counseling and Psychological Services for fee increases.

2. Finalize undergraduate rate proposals. If Cascades is ready we will also touch on rate changes there to close the gap between Corvallis and Bend rates for resident students.

3. Discuss a draft document on explaining what the tuition rate increases are for.

4. Other issues for future discussion

Proposals from Student Health Services (SHS) and Counseling and Psychological Services (CAPS)

- CAPS has reworked proposal to direct a significant part of the increase to increasing capacity.
    - Over the past five years the number of students seeking clinical services at CAPS has increased 67%. If staffing increased proportionate to utilization, CAPS would currently have 30 counselors instead of 19.
    - Primary focus has been optimizing services during period of 7% staff growth where clinical appointments have increased 53%. Although it is improving there is still a substantial waitlist.
    - CAPS is requesting funding to hire three additional therapists.
    - Impact of three additional counselors on CAPS' student fee would be an increase of $7.54, or 14.3%.
    - How would this proposal aid in optimizing services?
        - Bringing on more specialized counselors would aid the stepped-care approach. This approach will help to further optimize services by screening students to determine their needs and goals. Then based on the screening results, match the student up with services that will be most helpful to them.
    - Would hiring additional counselors target specific communities?
        - CAPS is actively searching to fill three vacancies. Positions list specialized experience working with transgender, gender nonconforming, Latinx, African American, and veteran students.
    - What plan does CAPS have to reduce the waitlist?
        - CAPS currently has a triage system in place where students can come to on-call to be seen right away. This initial appointment can help get students connected with services.
    - Are services accessible to remote students?
        - Cascades has a full-time therapist who functions independently and consults with CAPS often. Cascades also has contracted services through local providers for cases that may exceed internal capacity. Ecampus students can opt in to the student health fee and be eligible for services.
- Student Health Services has found 20% of primary health care visits are designated for mental health and works closely with CAPS to provide care.
    - Visits to SHS for mental health concerns has increased 50% from Fall 2018.
    - Students with 2 or more unique mental health diagnoses has increased 25% from Fall 2018.
    - SHS is proposing a fee increase of 7.0% to help mitigate higher inflationary costs but would still yield a loss. Salary and enrollment are current cost drivers.

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Proposals from Student Health Services (SHS) and Counseling and Psychological Services (CAPS) (continued)

- SHS has capability of generating new revenue by billing insurance plans for services. Primary barrier to this is OSU's current HIPPA status. If HIPPA compliant, which is still a ways out, SHS could contract with insurance vendors and bill students insurance for office visits allowing SHS to operate on a flat fee.

- Thoughts on combining proposals for SHS and CAPS in the future?
  - Would be preferable as long as a way to ensure transparency to the students and stakeholders.
- Cascades: Incidental fees are increasing from $267 to $300.
- Committee motioned yes to the proposed SHS 7.0% fee increase.
- Committee agreed to CAPS proposal plus one additional counselor to help increase capacity to serve students.

Undergraduate rate proposals finalized

- Committee agreed to recommend an undergraduate tuition increase of 3.2% with an acknowledgment to take inflationary burden off students with an argument to in some way smooth out PERS impact.
- Cascades is trying to catch up to Corvallis tuition rates.
  - Cascades is recommending a maximum 5.0% increase contingent on a student engagement meeting next week.
- What is the need for Cascades to catch up to Corvallis tuition rates?
  - Both campuses have the same cost structures and the same impact from inflationary increases. It is a disservice to Cascades students to not have the funds to reinvest in Faculty and support resources and offer the same quality of those received in Corvallis.
- Option to auto-escalate differential tuition based on inflation—Provost, Deans, COB, COE, Forestry, Engineering, and Public Health would like to implement it. Honors has opted out.

Action Items

- Engineering is proposing a possible 10.0% increase in resident and nonresident differential tuition. Kelly will do some due diligence to see if Cascades Engineering will follow suit. Sherm will build in inflationary increases to *2020-21 OSU Tuition and Fee Rate Recommendations*.
- Budget office to develop draft report of recommendation to the President.
- Comments/edits/suggestions on tuition handout - *Where does a tuition increase go?*

Next SBAC Meeting

February 24, 2020 7:00-8:30pm
VLib 3622, Willamette Room East