University Budget Committee Meeting
February 10, 2023
Covell 117 and via Zoom

MINUTES

Agenda

1. Review and comment on draft UBC Tuition and Fee recommendations to President Murthy (45 min)
   a. Overview of key recommendations
   b. Discussion on the student building debt/loan fee proposal
   c. Questions, concerns, issues?

2. Cascades Student Health Fees – Terri Libert (5 min)
   a. Cascades – Student Health Fee Memo – major drivers for the increase?

3. Additional detail for Provost Feser on the six-cohort proposal (15 min).

4. Plans for next meeting, issues, questions?

Committee Members Present: Shaun Bromagem, Zackery Allen, Jessica DuPont, Marc Norcross, Xander Robertson, Jon Boeckenstedt, Joe Page, Nicole Von Germeten, Jeff Luck, Erica Stillwagon

Committee Members Absent: Mya Kuzmin, Staci Simonich, Lonni Ivey, Islam Elwefati, Lisa Gaines, John Gremmels

University Staff Present: Sherm Bloomer, Nicole Dolan, Kayla Campbell, Mealoha McFadden

1. Review and comment on draft UBC Tuition and Fee recommendations to President Murthy
   a. Nicci presented overview of key recommendations.
      i. Tuition for continuing undergraduate students (for Corvallis and Cascades, both resident and non-resident) increase at the estimated inflation rate of 3.9%.
      ii. Tuition for students matriculating in the next academic year would increase at inflation plus 0.5%. UBC discussed a larger increase but felt economic circumstances argued for a small additional charge.
      iii. Rates for Ecampus undergraduate programs are recommended to be adjusted across cohorts so that there is one base rate next year ($350/SCH).
iv. Differential tuition charges above base tuition are increased at the rate for continuing students (unless a unit asks for no change as Honors has) so that the charges are the same across all cohorts.

v. Summer tuition is set at one rate corresponding to rates for incoming students.

vi. Resident graduate tuition and Ecampus graduate tuition rates (except for the differential charges) are recommended for no increase as those rates are at the high side of peers.

vii. Non-resident graduate tuition and professional tuition rates are recommended to increase at the 3.9% inflation estimate.

viii. Limit cohorts to 6

ix. UBC Workgroups: Charge by Campus, Differential & Course Fees and Contribution Margin Analysis

Follow up: Jeff wanted to make sure the Ecampus rate indicates that this increase meets market pricing. No other discussion.

b. Discussion on the student building debt/loan fee proposal
   i. Supports debt service used to build, repair, or renew student services buildings (such as the Memorial Union or Dixon Recreation Center).
   ii. Increased $2 last year with recommendation for increases over the four succeeding years to $55 per quarter.
      1. Fee wasn’t increased for at least 20 years and there is a significant need for repair and improvements of these facilities over the next ten years.
   iii. $2 increase (slightly less than 5%) to the fee this year
      1. $49 per quarter
      2. Multi-year proposal is coming for review from Student Affairs to assess need for future increases.

iv. No group discussion by committee.

c. Questions, concerns, issues?
Follow up: Please look at materials and let Sherm know what else needs to be included in the recommendations.

2. Rationale behind the six-cohort proposal for Corvallis and Cascades
   a. Constrain number of cohorts
   b. Simplify the explanation of pricing
   c. Impact small number of students (less than 4% of original cohort)
   d. Create small financial incentive to finish before the end of six years.
   e. After 6 years, you’d be grouped with the oldest cohort
   f. If you leave, you will be grouped with the newest cohort
   g. Next steps: Present to Bursars, Financial Aid, General Counsel, Provost, Budgets Office, Registrar

3. Workplan update
   a. February 24 – FY24 Initial Budgets & Commitments
   b. March 10 – SRBM Revision Update
   c. March 24 – Canceling this one Spring Break!!
   d. April 14 – Workgroup updates: Charge by Campus, Differential Tuition & Course Fees
4. Cascades Student Health Fees – Terri Libert
   a. 109/term
      i. $10 increase per student per term (1300 students)
   b. Following areas will be funded/enhanced through the increase:
      i. MySSP annual license agreement for 24-hour mental health support
      ii. Event programming funds with specific focus on mental and physical health and wellness
      iii. Funding for the collegiate recovery group
      iv. Additional student staff position to assist the health and wellness position
      v. Supply budget for assessment tools and training modules for counselors.

5. Plans for next meeting, issues, questions?
   a. When will the Summer 2023 Tuition rates be available? Sherm responded that Tuition rates will be presented and voted upon by Board of Trustees in April.
   b. Where are work group recommendations in the presentation to the president? Work group recommendations will come separately from these initial recommendations and presented with tuition.