University Budget Committee Meeting Agenda  
Friday, June 7, 2024  
B011 Kerr Admin. Bldg. and Zoom

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Committee Members Present: Nicole von Germeten, Noe Alvarez, Jon Boeckenstedt, Shaun Bromagem, Tim Carroll, Bob Cowen, Thomas DeLuca, Jessica Dupont, John Gremmels, Steve Hoelscher, Terri Libert, Jeff Luck, Marc Norcross, Audrey Schlotter, Sophia Nowers, Joe Page

Committee Members Absent: Matteo Paola, Tania Davis, Rashed Sayedshareef, Thomas Gonzales, Carissa O’Donnell

University Staff Present: Brent Gustafson, Erica Dodson, Kayla Campbell, Mealoha McFadden

1. Matriculation Fee  
   a. One time resource fee for new students  
   b. Started at OSU with a $50 fee.  
   c. Developed to produce fees to reduce large number of enrollment related fees.  
   d. In Ay204, OSU had a $300 fee to cover things like Open House, START, CONNECT, advising, withdrawals, drops and transcript.  
   e. Since AY2015, it has been $350 and will do so through AY25.  
   f. Cascades fees and Graduate School fees are allocated directly to them.  
   g. At OSU, Student Programs, Student Affairs, enrollment management and Registrar to cover things like enrollment and registration operations, new/transfer student orientation (such as START); graduate student orientation, pre-enrollment advising, campus open houses, math placement tests.  
      i. EOSU $350  
      ii. PSU $450  
      iii. SOU $300  
      iv. UO $525  
      v. WOU $365  
   h. When thinking about rolling into tuition, HECC doesn’t currently include this fee in the 5% threshold.  
   i. Steve H. - PWS is calling for re-design of first year experience and this fee is a dedicated fee to cover services. So, it’d be better to have due to dedicated allocation. Only charged once so doesn’t affect all students.  
   j. Brent – if there is an increase, defer recommendation until the fall since it will affect FY26.  
   k. Is the matriculation fee able to be paid for by financial aid?  
      i. Jon B – yes, it is considered cost of attendance.
l. Bob - Useful to know services and how they’ve changed over time even though the fees haven’t increased. Are they on track with funds they have or what are there needs if a fee is increased?
m. Steve – just like the building fee, this is not a fee that has considered inflation or enrollment growth.
n. Jon – Should be covered by financial aid since it is part of attendance but will check with Keith Raab.
o. Jessica - Should explore rolling into tuition instead. Ecampus students find this as an additional hardship. But would need to ensure that units that rely on that funding would get funding for these services. Incremental increase to those units with CSL built in for future years. Do we charge full amount for students who are only going Pt students or grad/undergrad students? Should this be paid as part of tuition and essential be charged every year, not just a matriculation fee.
p. Bob - Be cognizant of # years to graduate, who is affected by a roll in of these fees (students who take more than 4 years?); How do we support PWS onboarding experience?
q. Jessica - Are re-admitted students charged the matriculation fee again?  
   i. Follow up to find out if charged more than once?
r. Joe – would be worth exploring increase to fee and whether students ask questions. Students don’t know what matriculation means and what are students getting out of it? Maybe it’s a communication issue.
s. Jon - ay for access not usage?
t. Audrey - If people knew what matriculation fees cover, then this conversation may only need to be about increases and not rolling in vs. dedicated one-time fee.
u. Brent – fees sat stagnant for a long time even though services cost more. That was due to enrollment increases.
v. Jeff – If there is a group that looks at this, can the group look at other one-time fees?
w. Marc – Students feel like they are being nickeled and dimed when there are so many fees in addition to tuition.

2. UBC Final Report  
   a. Brent will start this and route via email for input.

3. Tuition Timetable for FY26  
   a. Will hold these dates but may not need all dates.
   b. Waiting for a charge from Provost’s office
   c. Oct-Nov. work on AY26 tuition recommendation and then
   d. Work with ASOSU on getting students to forums.
   e. Beneficial for institution and students to know tuition sooner.
   f. Joe – If board wants to an earlier decision, then the board should shift their schedule rather than
   g. Jessica – complexity of implementation and variety of consultations necessary to understand the ripple effects. Need to see where this fits in the timeline.
   h. When is the deadline to submit things to HECC? A tuition recommendation can be submitted at any time. Don’t meet every month so review timeframe is unknown.
   i. Consider that even though tuition and mandatory fees are resolved in fall, but incidental fee isn’t ready until spring, does it cause any issues for cost of
attendance calculations? Jon said COA is just an estimate so if fees aren’t drastically increased then should be okay. Joe/Sophia – approx. 5% increase yearly

4. Other topics
   a. 9/16-24 ASOSU onboarding so would be a good time to present any info to them.
   b. Based on current advanced tuition deposit, we are looking similar to FY23 record year despite FAFSA issues. Pell tables are being adjusted so may need to make changes to financial aid packages.