Tuition and Fee Advisory Board of the University of Oregon Meeting Summary | October 30, 2018

The 2018–2019 Tuition and Fee Advisory Board (TFAB) of the University of Oregon met at the Miller Room (107) in the Erb Memorial Union on the UO's Eugene campus on October 30, 2018. Below is a summary of the meeting; documents reviewed during the meeting are available online.

Attending: Odalis Aguilar (guest), Jim Brooks, Imani Dorsey, Maria Alejandra Gallegos-Chacon, Emily Halnon (guest), Tova Kruss, Stuart Laing, Kevin Marbury (co-chair), Jamie Moffitt (co-chair), J.P. Monroe, Chris Murray, Philip Scher, Kathie Stanley, Janelle Stevenson

Staff: Debbie Sharp (Office of the VPFA)

Welcome and introductions. Co-chair Kevin Marbury, vice president for student life, welcomed the group and invited all participants to introduce themselves.

Budget information. Co-chair Jamie Moffitt, vice president for finance and administration/chief financial officer gave an overview of the budget of the University of Oregon. Key points discussed included the increase in tuition costs for students as a result of decreased funding from the state; the increasing dependence on non-resident tuition; and the projected rise in costs associated with funding PERS (Public Employees Retirement System). Participants discussed the way the UO PERS costs are calculated; how Oregon compares to other states with underfunded public employee retirement plans; and how long PERS increases are anticipated to continue.

PUSF and funding mechanisms. Moffitt provided an overview of the Public University Support Fund (PUSF), explaining the mechanisms by which moneys are appropriated by the Legislative Assembly to the Higher Education Coordinating Commission for allocation to public universities. Participants discussed the three components of the PUSF at length: activity-based funding, outcomes-based funding, and mission differentiation funding. Other operating funds outside of the PUSF were also discussed, including state programs, statewide public service programs, and Oregon sports lottery funding. Dialogue focused on working collectively to increase the size of the funding pool and encouraging reviews of the cost-weighting factors and Student Success Completion Model.

Adjournment. The meeting adjourned at 1:15 p.m.