

Report to Senate, May 2017.

January 25, 2017 Board Meeting

Board Membership Updates

- Dr. John Minahan has resigned
- Rep. Betty Komp is a new Board Member
- Dr. Cornelia Paraskevas was reappointed for a 2-year term

Highlights

- DACA updates: TheDeam.US will provide scholarship funding of \$20,000 per year for four years to support DACA students
- HECC Career grant for career advising and mentoring
- Capital repair budget that allows transfer of OMA; updates on new health/counseling center and remodeling of Natural Science building.
- Update on WP and Accelerated learning credit transfer in the state
- Draft of Year One report to NWCCU
- Update on Strategic Planning; board approval

Informational presentations

Access, Affordability, and Tuition

- WOU has lowest institutional aid per new student among Oregon public institutions (\$2,235)
- Cost of attendance: \$23, 556
- Average Load Debt for WOU students: \$29, 116
- Cost per credit: \$550

Foundation

- Established in 1965; non-profit; purpose: support the university through charitable giving
- Assets: \$14.8 mi
- Plans to develop needs assessment for first comprehensive campaign

Finance Committee

- (State) Flat funding of universities; increased costs (8-10%) for retirement and health benefits
- (WOU) Salaries by employee type: Classified 22% ; Unclassified 21%; TT 37%; NTT 16%; students 4%
- Recommended fund balance: 15%; need to use \$2.4 mi from reserves to balance the budget even with tuition increase not to exceed 10%

April 26, 2017 Board Meeting

Highlights

- Approval of Board Statement on the Performance Evaluation of the University President (president's self-assessment report submitted to the board by April 1 to include retrospective and prospective assessment)
- Approval of Dr. Fuller's reappointment; salary will be median salary based on CUPA-HR reports
- Approval of Minor in Youth Crime Studies
- Approval of tuition proposal--10% tuition increase (cost per credit: WOU Regular \$171; WOU Promise \$199)
- Endorsement of 60-30-90 WOU Way
- Student offered public commentary on effects of proposed tuition increases
- WOU has earned Oregon's Chief Financial Office's Gold Star Certificate for fiscal year 2016.
- Student Athletes (runners) honored

Budget

- 19% decrease in admitted freshmen for 2017-18; 14% decrease in total admits
- Tuition proposal: 9 meetings between student (ASWOU and IFC)- administration committee
- Fund balance reduced to 13.4% to cover \$2.8mi deficit (Fund balance projected to reach 0% in FY 2022)

Informational Presentations

Athletic Department

- NCAA Div. 2: 307 members, 49% public, 51% private
- WOU: Emphasis on student-athlete experience: 26% of WOU athletes on honor roll; 3.08 GPA; engaged in campus and community service: 70% of student athletes receive aid; grant-in-aid scholarships WOU \$2,769 (NCAA D2 \$6,087)
- Will host NCAA West Regional Cross Country Championships in fall 2019 & 2021

CASA

- Established in 2010 ; has received three cycles of grant funding
- Part of Abby's House Center for Women and Families
- Offers multiple counseling services and outreach programs

STEM Scholars Center

- Center for underrepresented students (minorities, women, socio-economically disadvantaged students) funded by pilot grant to improve student recruitment and retention in STEM
- Interdisciplinary faculty team (Biology, Chemistry, Computer Science, Earth Science, Math)
- Activities include high school outreach through Willamette Promise; hosting high school and middle school STEM classes on campus; high school laboratory equipment loaning program in chemistry; summer bridge program; peer mentors for tutoring; community outreach through the Monmouth public library (recent NASA educational grant)