

Tuition Advisory Committee

March 2, 2018
11:30am-1:30pm
APSC 302

MINUTES

1. CALL-TO-ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 11:35am.

Present: Ailyn Angel, Liangli Chen, Reina Daugherty (Assistant), Lila Gardner, Jay Kenton (Interim Vice President for Finance and Administration), Natalie Legras, Caitlyn Nakatsukasa, Katherine Schmidt (University Budget Committee Co-Chair), Emily Wanous

2. INTRODUCTIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Katherine Schmidt shared how important it is for students to show up and voice their opinion because it really can make a difference. For example, a committee member expressed concerns about the non-resident graduate tuition rate and now for the 2018-19 academic year there will likely be no increase to that rate.

3. TUITION RECOMMENDATION

VP Kenton shared *tentative* tuition increases for the 2018-19 calendar year at EOU, OIT, SOU, and [WOU](#). Kenton explained the need for WOU to increase the amount of fee remissions available to students. The suggested tuition increase would allow for over \$400,000 to be added to the fee remissions for students at WOU. ASWOU Senate President, Lila Gardner, felt that the tuition increase would allow more opportunities for low income and underrepresented students to come to WOU and could also help increase enrollment.

The committee has spoken extensively on the subject and has decided that they would support the proposed tuition increase, so long as the student body will benefit from this tuition increase in the form of more fee remissions.

4. COURSE FEES

The committee members asked a plethora of questions regarding course and other fees. There were some concerns about students taking online or study abroad classes and initially being charged fees that do not apply to them. Katherine Schmidt is currently doing some research on fees and VP Kenton said he will be discussing this with the business office.

5. PROMISE RATE

The committee discussed the promise rate and concluded that if it were to stay in place, more information should be provided to students before they are required to make a decision. VP Kenton explained that admissions counselors started recruiting in the fall and have told students that we offer this tuition option. Because of this we will have to continue the promise rate for the 2018-2019 year. The decision to discontinue it after that point will need to be made soon in order to remove it from marketing materials and not promote it at schools during the recruitment efforts that will start up in the fall. The rate would still have to be offered to students who have already opted in to the promise program.

6. NEXT STEPS

TAC meetings are over for this academic year. There will be an open forum regarding the tuition increase on Monday from 3pm-5pm. The TAC will write a letter to the Board of Trustees explaining the committee's stance regarding the tuition recommendation. TAC students are encouraged to attend the Finance and Administration Committee meeting on April 5th and Board of Trustees meeting on April 18th.

7. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 1:03pm.