

Tuition and Fee Advisory Committee

January 31, 2020, from 1:00 pm to 2:00 pm

Richard Woodcock Education Center, Room 206

Meeting Minutes

1. Introductions.

- a. The meeting was called to order by Dr. Karaman at 1:00 pm.
- b. *Roll:* Erik Morgan, Monica Cerda-Ortiz, NJ Johnson, Juliana Ohashi-Sides, Gabe Dougherty, President Fuller, Will Lucas, Marilyn Maldonado-Dominguez, Claudia Mendez, Andy McDonald, Becka Morgan, Camarie Moreno, Vice President Karaman, Dave McDonald, Jason Weber, and Hunter Weeks.
- c. Dr. Karaman mentioned the total cost of attendance, which includes both mandatory and incidental fees. Dr. Karaman introduced Ms. Scroggins.

2. Student Health and Counseling Fee.

- a. Student Health and Counseling Services is requesting a 4.3 percent increase to the fee, raising the fee to 145 dollars from 139 dollars.
- b. SHCC is currently running on existing fund balances while the fee, which has remained unchanged for three years, stems the bleeding.
- c. Current fee is not enough. Without fee increase, SHCC has two years' funds to maintain current service level.
- d. The fee increase will help to fund a medical provider for two days per week.
- e. From September 1, 2019, to January 28, 2020, SHCC made 103 medical referrals. SHCC is starting to track the cause of the referral since December. Since December, seven referrals were outside the scope of SHCC's services.
- f. SHCC's current operating deficit is projected to be over 528,000 dollars.
- g. Although enrollment is decreasing, SHCC is seeing more students each year.
- h. Mr. Lucas asked if the SHCC seeks medical reimbursement from the student's insurance. The student is billed, and the student can seek reimbursement.
- i. Dr. Bahari-Kashani asked about the distinctions in the services WOU and OSU provide. Ms. Scroggins indicated that OSU does offer pharmacy services but caps counseling to five sessions. Mr. Lucas expressed how grateful he was for the services SHCC provides.
- j. Mr. Dougherty asked about the lead time between the time a student has a desire to be seen and when she is actually seen and if an additional medical provider would reduce that

time. Ms. Scroggins could not guarantee a reduction but did mention that resources can be much more appropriately allocated to existing services.

3. Tuition Increase Model.

- a. Dr. Karaman revealed the tuition increase model that Ms. Moreno constructed. Dr. Karaman encouraged the Committee to explore the model and come up with recommendations based on the model's results and variables.
- b. Ms. Moreno indicated a 2.5 percent decrease to enrollment.
- c. Dr. Karaman interjected that there are two bodies that inform recommendations on the university's cost of attendance—namely, the Incidental Fee Committee and this Committee.
- d. The model assumes that there is no inflation applied to expenditures.
- e. Dr. Karaman stated that even if enrollment continues to decline, remissions will remain stable. The University uses the expected family contribution (EFC) as a proxy of socio-economic status.
- f. Mr. Dougherty asked and answered his own question on fee remissions. Ms. Moreno stated the President's desire to be the most affordable institution in Oregon.