

Tuition and Fee Advisory Committee Meeting

March 6, 2020 – Meeting #4

Hamersly Library, 301A

12:30 PM – 2:00 PM

MINUTES

I. INTRODUCTIONS

The meeting was called to order by Dr. Karaman at 12:31 pm. The following committee members were present:

Will Lucas

Andy McDonald

Erik Morgan

Dr. Becka Morgan

Monica Cerda-Ortiz

NJ Johnson

Claudia Mendez

Mariyln Maldonado-Dominguez

Dr. Hamid Bahari-Kashani

Hunter Weeks

Dr. Ana Karaman

Camarie Moreno

The following individuals were also present:

Gabe Dougherty

Lacey Davis

II. AVERAGE WOU STUDENT FEDERAL LOAN DEBT

Dr. Karaman indicated that we would arrive at a final recommendation to the president during today's meeting. Dr. Karaman presented 2018-19 loan amounts on subsidized, unsubsidized, and private loans. Camarie Moreno indicated that student totals were not distinct—a student could have an unsubsidized and subsidized loan.

- 2018-19 Loan Amounts
 - Subsidized Loan Total: \$8,740,825 to 2,459 students Average Subsidized Loan: \$3,555

- Unsubsidized Loan Total: \$11,199,908 to 2,814 students Average Unsubsidized Loan: \$3,980
- Private Loan Total: \$3,045,361 to 294 students Average Private Loan: \$10,358

III. DISCUSSION ABOUT RECOMMENDATION/DRAFT LETTER TO PRESIDENT

- TFAC Tabling Results – 120 students gave feedback!
- Tuition Increase:
 - 3.41% (\$6): 57
 - 4.55% (\$8): 63
- Health Service Fee Increase of \$6:
 - In favor: 105
 - Do not support: 5
 - The majority of students are in favor of the \$6 increase; therefore, this will be included in the official recommendation to President Fuller.
- According to Dona Vasas, when resident undergraduate is an odd number, the WUE rate rounds to a full dollar.
- The committee members voted on a \$6, \$7, and \$8 increase which resulted in 9 votes for an \$8 increase and 1 vote for a \$7 increase.

After the vote, Camarie projected the recommendation letter template and the committee revised the letter to President Fuller. The committee emphasized the importance of innovative and creative academic programming, and new programs in consideration of our students' interests. Through a consideration of conversations with 120 students and the committee deliberations, TFAC recommends the increase for resident undergraduate tuition to be 4.55% or \$8 per credit (bringing the tuition rate to \$184 per credit) and a \$6 increase to the health service fee (bringing the fee to \$145 per term), and be accompanied with continued university fee remissions to students who are able to afford college least as determined by FAFSA and ORSAA. The committee feels strongly about the necessity to continue efforts of overall affordability through open educational resource initiatives.

IV. UPCOMING MEETINGS

- 3/12/20 (Thursday) UBAC Meeting 1:00-1:20 (HL301A)
 - NJ, Erik, Andy, Monica will attend.
- 4/2/20 (Thursday) FAC Meeting 1:00-2:00 (HL301A)
 - Marilyn Maldonado-Dominguez, Erik Morgan, Andy McDonald, NJ Johnson, Hunter Weeks, Monica Cerda-Ortiz, Claudia Mendez, and Dr. Morgan will be attending.
- 4/15/20 (Wednesday) Board of Trustees Meeting (WUC Columbia Room)
 - Lacey will let everyone know what time (based on the agenda) to attend the meeting.

V. 2020-21 TFAC

The following members are interested in being on next year's committee:

Will Lucas
NJ Johnson
Marilyn Maldonado-Dominguez
Hunter Weeks

Faculty Senate will determine if Dr. Morgan or Dr. Bahari-Kashani will participate on next year's TFAC.

Members please encourage your friends to join next year's committee.

Camarie Moreno will be sending the Continuous Improvement Survey.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 2:02pm.