

**Tuition and Fee Advisory Committee (TFAC)**

<https://wou.edu/tfac/>

**January 7, 2021 – Meeting #1**

**Zoom**

**12:00 PM – 2:00 PM**

**Minutes**

**In attendance:**

Becka Morgan (faculty), Daniel Rich (ASWOU), Lacey Davis (ex officio), Camarie Moreno (ex officio), Ana Karaman (ex officio), Blanca Jimenez (student), Chris Smith (student), Earlene Camarillo (faculty), Elizabeth Braatz (ASWOU), and Jay Kenton (Interim President).

**I. INTRODUCTIONS & ROLE OF COMMITTEE**

Ana Karaman provided an overview of the purpose of TFAC and President Kenton shared an update on enrollment and initiatives to increase enrollment.

**II. VPFA PRESENTATION**

Camarie Moreno and Ana Karaman presented on the following topics:

- a. Overview of university budget
- b. Overview of public university funding
- c. Historic perspective on tuition and fees

**III. DISCUSSION**

A discussion took place on how WOU is working to retain students and Jay shared that according to Institutional Research, after two years, WOU only retains 50% of students.

The committee also discussed how putting holds on student accounts creates barriers for students.

Earlene and Becka shared their experiences serving on this committee in the past. It was suggested to consider why students choose WOU and what is the threshold (for tuition) that would make a student decided to not come to WOU or to not return to WOU the following year.

Blanca, Elizabeth, Daniel, and Chris shared their perspectives on why they chose to attend WOU.

#### **IV. NEXT STEPS & FUTURE MEETINGS**

Lacey will reach out to Beth Scroggins (Student Health & Counseling Center) to attend a future meeting.

Camarie will send out the 2022-2023 TFAC Model.

The next meeting will be on Friday, January 21, 2022 from noon-2:00. Meetings will take place at this time every other Friday through March 18<sup>th</sup>. The Committee will try to end the meetings by 1:45pm.

The February UBAC Budget Conversation will be on the topic of retention. TFAC members are encouraged to attend, and this will also be recorded.

#### **VII. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 1:45pm.