



Western Oregon University

Tuition Advisory Committee

January 20, 2017

Werner University Center, Willamette Room

MINUTES

Present: Bill Kernan, Natalie Legras, Rosita Olalde, Shelby Worthing, Eric Yahnke (Vice President for Finance and Administration)

VP Yahnke welcomed students and noted that the meeting was meant to be an open conversation regarding tuition and funding. Slides from the board Finance and Administration meeting were presented. That presentation is available here: <http://www.wou.edu/board/files/2014/10/WOU-FAC-Presentation.pdf>

The [Governor's Recommended Budget](#) (GRB) included flat funding for public universities for the 2017-19 biennium. The flat funding in the GRB fails to account for the increase in costs related to PERS benefits. Without additional funding from the state, the cost to maintain current level of services may be passed down to students in the form of tuition increases.

The seven public universities are in the process of requesting additional funds from the legislature to cover these costs. VP Yahnke encouraged students to contact their legislators in-person or by mail and attend the Board of Trustees meetings.

Bill Kernan (Director of University Computing Services) demoed a possible mobile app the university could acquire through DubLabs. The app would allow students to use a variety of features aimed to provide information and services in a convenient format.