



Western Oregon University

Tuition Advisory Committee

February 10, 2017

Werner University Center, Rogue Room

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Present: Carter Craig, Natalie Legras, Reina Morgan (Assistant), Rosita Olalde, Cynthia Oliveras, Eric Yahnke (Vice President for Finance and Administration)

VP Yahnke briefly went over the [proposal](#) that was taken to the Board of Trustees. With enrollment on a downhill trajectory and state appropriations flat, we will be seeing a significant depletion of the fund balance. The fund balance should be 10-20% of the total revenue for the year with a target of 15%, but at this rate the balance will be below 10% in two years.

Without increased funding from the Oregon legislature, tuition will be increased to cover the difference. This increase could be up to 20% for the next cohort of tuition promise students and up to 10% for the traditional plan.

Oregon public universities are joining together to request another \$100 million from the legislature. Students can get involved with this by attending the Ways and Means Committee hearing tonight from 5-7pm, attending lobby days, or by contacting their legislators directly. VP Yahnke noted that legislator contact information is listed in the back of the [budget book](#).

Cynthia will plan an event for February 23, 2017 at 5 PM to bring students in to learn about the possible tuition increase for the next academic year. It was suggested that food be provided to entice students to attend. This event will be in place of the meeting that was scheduled for February 24th.