



Western Oregon University

Tuition Advisory Committee

April 4, 2017

Werner University Center, Ochoco Room

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Present: Sam Dunaway, Natalie Legras, Reina Morgan (Assistant), Rosita Olalde, Eric Yahnke (Vice President for Finance and Administration)

VP Yahnke explained that the projected 2.3 million dollar deficit is now expected to be 2.8 million dollars. Tuition rates are expected to increase 10% for the next academic year. Current promise students will continue to have their tuition rates honored and will not see an increase. Housing rates and some fees have yet to be announced, so the total increase in cost of attendance is still unknown. Unless something changes between now and the next Board of Trustees meeting, a 10% increase is what will be recommended.

Each year, WOU experiences an increase in health benefits and PERS. Declining enrollment is another factor in funding because fewer degrees granted results in less funding from the state. Without increased funding from the state, cuts are likely to be made across campus. President Fuller sent out a campus email to determine how 5 and 10% cuts would look in each unit. Using this reduction scenario, cuts would be made strategically instead of being across the board, with the goal of cutting things that will not impact a student's ability to graduate.

Students who have attended Tuition Advisory Committee meetings will prepare a letter that will be presented to the Finance and Administration Committee meeting on April 14, 2017. Students are encouraged to attend that meeting as well as the Board of Trustees meeting on April 26, 2017.