



Western Oregon University

Tuition Advisory Committee

November 14th, 2016 from 8-9am

President's Conference Room

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Present: Carter Craig, Leo Mejia Aguilar, Reina Morgan (Assistant), BillyAnn Stemple, Eric Yahnke (Vice President for Finance and Administration)

VP Yahnke welcomed students to the committee and explained that the purpose of the committee is to help set the resident undergraduate tuition rate. It is a comfortable environment where students can feel free to ask any finance related questions they might have.

Oregon's seven public universities are asking for \$100 million in state funding from the legislature in order to cover the cost of increasing Public Employees Retirement System (PERS) rates. Other than state support, funding comes from student tuition. The goal is to keep tuition rates as low as possible. The tuition promise option that WOU offers allows students to lock in their starting rate for all four years and we have a tradition of having the lowest increases to tuition rates overall. One million dollars from state appropriations last year went to fee remissions to help lower the cost of attendance for students.

The committee discussed options for recruiting more students and it was decided to send out an all student email and reach out to some specific staff and faculty who work with student leaders who might be interested.

VP Yahnke provided everyone with a copy of the [budget book](#) and provided a summary of what is included in it, such as information on the incidental fee committee (IFC), academic infrastructure committee (AIC), tuition and state appropriations, the student success and collaboration model (SSCM), deferred maintenance funding, a 10 year projection, and the fund balance.

The next meeting will be Monday, November 28th at 8am in the President's Conference Room.