

2019-2020 Tuition Review Advisory Committee**Meeting Minutes**

Friday, October 4, 2019

1:00 pm – 2:00 pm

Chancellor's Conference Room

Attendees: Warwick Arden, Emma Carter, James Withrow, Tsailu Liu, David Hinks, Charlie Maimone, Peter Harries, Hans Kellner, Lisa Zapata, Krista Ringler, Duane Larick, Barbara Moses, Jennifer Coltrane

1. Summary and Approval of minutes from previous meeting
 - a. Minutes were approved as submitted.
 - b. Provost gave brief recap of process and today's plan.
2. Review of feedback from Student Government
 - a. Emma gave an update on student senate recommendations.
 - b. James Withrow - wrote recommendations based on last TRAC meeting. Intended to be an attempt at a reasonable approach as there is a desire among students to keep things relatively low. Also realizing there are important initiative which could be funded with this money.
3. Preliminary testing of different tuition rate scenarios/discussion
 - a. The Provost asked Jennifer Coltrane to take the spreadsheet and run through different scenarios demonstrating how it works and then plug in suggested scenarios. The Provost reminded the committee that there will be approximately 1 million for faculty promotions. He explained that the spreadsheet is formulated with the approximation of faculty promotion amount and GSSP based preliminary information. Also reminded the committee that the tuition remission is the difference between non-resident graduate rate and resident graduate rate. In the last years we set to correct that undergraduate non-resident should be paying more than graduate resident. We could try to correct that more.
 - b. Walked through several scenarios including the one submitted by the student government. Reminder that anything we don't use goes to quality and accessibility which is for student centered services. It's the leftover bucket. It is the bucket that funds pretty much most new stuff that we can do for the entire student body, particularly undergraduate student body.
 - c. Discussed the process in how financial aid is calculated. GSSP student number comes from Peter in terms of state supported and non-state supported. The non-state supported is multiplied by the tuition remission difference.
 - d. Question was raised if there were any perception of what the BOG wants. Provost answered they want us to be in the bottom quartile for in state undergrad and market rate for the rest. For us, the middle of our peers would be a huge jump. The in-state undergrad gets the most attention. Think there is an understanding that with the inflation and cost of education we can't continue to provide the same level of quality of our educational product with little or no increase in tuition. Board will more than likely be split. Yes some advantage for having higher for out of state. My approach is be conservative and put in good faith what we think is reasonable and what we need. Charlie - board does focus on undergraduate increase. Don't believe they will spend much time on undergraduate nonresident and graduates. They will trust they are primarily market driven. Only thing to add, there is now some discussion in the legislature of an attempt to guarantee the tuition as a way to motivate graduation.

- e. Provost was asked to talk about funds to give to new student body. He stated that this year we are not getting any enrollment increase because of change in funding model so this is a gap year. Could receive any amount from 5 to as high as 25 million. Next year not sure what it will be. If our current enrollment and projections prove accurate it should prove positive between 5 - 10 million. It will be the first time they've ever done it. This amount of money is less than would like to have for the student body. Does that mean we can't live on it, no, it doesn't. When you think big pic and we're a 1.7 billion enterprise, doing all new things for all students is not a lot of money. This money can impact number of advisors or faculty which do impact our students. Important to keep things low overall, fair and equitable, when you're getting down into the low millions it is worrisome. Discussed faculty salary concern. We are low on our faculty salaries. The best investment on students is quality faculty.
4. Final campus initiated tuition increase recommendations & recommended percentages for allowable uses
 - a. After reviewing severally different scenarios, the committee unanimously agreed to the following tuition increases: 2.5% for in-state undergraduate, 3% for out of state undergraduate, 2.5% for in-state graduate and 4% for out of state graduate. Motion was made by Peter Harries and seconded by Lisa Zapata. All in favor and none opposed.
 - b. Recommended percentages: The committee discussed percentages for allowable uses. After discussion, the committee agreed to the following: 33.7% for Need-Based Financial aid, 23.1 for Graduate Student Support Plan to hold harmless, 14.1% for Faculty Promotional Increases and 29.1% for Improve Quality & Accessibility.
5. Wrap Up
 - a. Provost Arden thanked the committee for their input and working together to arrive at a recommendation that all are comfortable with to move forward.