

## Tuition Advisory Committee

February 16, 2018

11:30am-1:30pm

RWEC 104

### MINUTES

#### 1. CALL-TO-ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 11:34am.

Present: Liangli Chen, Reina Daugherty (Assistant), Lila Gardner, Evelyn Guzman, Kella Helyer (Director of Financial Aid), Jay Kenton (Interim Vice President for Finance and Administration), Morgan Montoya, Jamie Norr, Emily Wanous

#### 2. INTRODUCTIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

VP Kenton introduced Kella Helyer from the WOU Financial Aid office.

He also shared that Reina created a new [website](#) for the TAC.

#### 3. FINANCIAL AID INFORMATION

Kella Helyer presented on financial aid, including WOU scholarships and fee remissions. She explained the differences between types of aid and where the funds come from. She also touched on the scholarship opportunities for specific student groups that the committee had asked about such as DACA students and international students.

VP Kenton explained the background of the WOU tuition promise rate. The rate was initially offered at a time when there were large tuition increases happening and it provided a good option for students who wanted to be able to secure a rate for their entire four years. Now that tuition increases tend to be more stable, students could end up paying more money by choosing the promise rate if the standard rate does not increase much each year. With this background information, VP Kenton asked the committee for their opinion on having the option to choose the promise rate. Overall students thought the program is a nice option to have. Many students agreed that it would be helpful to get more information up front before having to make the decision to participate in the promise program or not. Some ideas for

improving the program were to make the decision revocable, allowing students to make this decision at a later time in their freshman year, or bridge the gap between the two rates so that students who choose the promise rate are less likely to pay more. One student said she thought the program was very unique to Western Oregon University because she had not heard of other universities offering a similar program.

#### 4. TUITION INCREASE SCENARIOS

VP Kenton presented a [tuition setting worksheet](#). He demonstrated various tuition scenarios and showed the committee how they can use this calculator themselves to see how different factors affect each other. You can see how enrollment and fee remissions impact the revenue.

#### 5. NEXT STEPS

The committee will meet next on March 2nd at 11:30 am. VP Kenton will be giving a presentation at the ASWOU Senate meeting on March 8th at 6pm.

#### 6. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 12:48pm.