
Oregon State University Tuition and Fee Process

The Board of Trustees resolves that tuition and fees will be established pursuant to the following process:

Tuition and mandatory enrollment fees are established annually by the Board, generally at the Board's meeting in March or April prior to the applicable academic year. When setting tuition and fees, the Board considers a number of factors, including the desire to provide access to degree programs, create a diverse student body, maintain strong degree programs at every level, and develop and maintain the human and physical infrastructure necessary to support Oregon's educational outcome goals.

The Board's commitment to maintaining the long-term quality of the university's programs for students and for the state requires a deliberate approach to managing costs, planning for inflationary increases in costs, and considering new strategic investments. The Board, based on its commitment and fiduciary duties, including managing anticipated inflationary cost increases, establishes the expectation that annual tuition rate increases will be between 2 and 5 percent. Changes outside this range will be considered when necessitated by external factors such as changes in state funding, costs of state-provided benefits, or reductions in program scope or costs.

The Board's consideration of tuition and mandatory enrollment fees will be based on the recommendation of the President. In developing recommendations to the Board, the President will consider the advice of the University Budget Committee, serving in the role of a tuition advisory council pursuant to ORS 352.102 and will consult with the Associated Students of Oregon State University (ASOSU), the Associated Students of Cascade Campus (ASCC) and enrolled students. The President will report to the Board the nature and outcomes of consultations with students and others, including any significant disagreements, and will share all written reports and minority reports, including all recommendations, deliberations, and observations that are provided to the President by the Tuition Advisory Council. The President's recommendation will include considerations regarding historical tuition and fee trends, comparative data for peer institutions, the University's budget and projected costs, and anticipated state appropriation levels.

The Board delegates to the President the consultation with ASOSU and ASCC in their establishment of a process for requesting student incidental fees.

Document History

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