

Dear Trustee,

My name is Hana Maaiah and I would like to arrange a meeting with you and a couple of my classmates at Oregon State University to discuss the Board of Trustees proposed tuition increases coming up for a vote this Friday. It's been quite the process in coming to a decision for you all and we would appreciate the opportunity to discuss the impacts of your decision.

We are grateful for the opportunities we've been given to speak with the board as a group thus far. In fact, the headlines across our state display engaged conversations on behalf of the students and university representatives. These conversations have addressed concerns about the future of education in Oregon, and more importantly set an example for other universities to follow. It's important that students are being taken seriously, and show that OSU works with its students to create a representative institution with equitable processes for setting tuition and implementing policy.

We would like to continue being the model to our country that universities and students are not independent of each other, rather they thrive off of one another and maintain a symbiotic relationship. There is an understanding that a university is in some ways a business, therefore it must bring in revenues and at the very least break even. For this to continue the university must have consumers. This makes OSU stand out, presenting a unique marketing opportunity as the university would have the title of being the only institution in Oregon to not raise tuition. **We not only want our university to be recognized, we need it to be, by increasing the ability for folks to attend OSU you also increase the value of our degrees.** You have the opportunity to potentially increase enrollment, thus increasing our alumni base, as well as gain regional and national attention and popularity for Oregon State.

Please help us make OSU a bold statement against the societal norms that are destroying quality education and abusing students.

We, the students, are asking for a meeting with you in your capacity as a trustee of the board for further discussion of the tuition changes. Students would like an opportunity for civil and personal discourse, perhaps in a less formal setting. We hope to speak in small groups of 3-4 individuals with you during your available office times before the final hearing on April 21st.

With all of us being members of this institution, we understand that time is a valuable resource. If you could have your office please provide me with times that you are available to meet for about 15-30 minutes during this upcoming week it would be greatly appreciated. We look forward to hearing from you and hope to set up a meeting soon.

Also, due to the time crunch, we are willing to do a phone call if this allows for the greater possibility of a meeting available, if this proves to be the fastest and most effective way to receive a timely response. Your cooperation and consideration of students throughout this process is greatly appreciated.

Thanks for your time and consideration,
Hana Maaiah