

Oregon Institute of Technology

ASOIT General Meeting

Mt. Mazama at 5:00pm

I. Call to Order:

President, Samantha Henkell at 5:09 pm

Guests:

Tuition Forum with Brian Fox

With an Academic Affairs Update from Dan Peterson in place of Dr. Mott

Presentation can be viewed here:

[https://oregontechsfstatic.azureedge.net/sitefinity-production/docs/default-source/finance-and-administration-documents/trc/\(2020-2-24\)-tuition-forum-presentation-klamath-falls.pdf?sfvrsn=fca66d67_2](https://oregontechsfstatic.azureedge.net/sitefinity-production/docs/default-source/finance-and-administration-documents/trc/(2020-2-24)-tuition-forum-presentation-klamath-falls.pdf?sfvrsn=fca66d67_2)

or by searching “tuition recommendation committee” on the OIT website!

Student Feedback

- Is “this” only based on in-state tuition?
 - generally yes
- Where is there representation for grants, etc to supplement corporate funding, as there is state funding to supplement tuition?
 - grants are an unstable thing, the institution is always in the process of obtaining grants but some can take years to establish. There are current grants just not a solid list of them in existence.
- Elaborate on what is meant by “financial aid”
 - Presidential scholarships based on GPA, SAT; admissions and financial aid working together to get aid to those most in need, however it is a flawed system we are working on. The need for need-based scholarships is known.
- Some institutions have different tuition rates depending on the program, does Oregon Tech have anything similar?
 - This is what the differentials represent.
- What do/can we do to help students with their unpaid balances around registration time?

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- Payment plans exist, but unfortunately there isn't a whole lot the institution can do as of right now.
- How are we taking into account the WUE students?
 - We get no state funding for out-of-state students. In terms of % increase, it remains the same for resident and non-resident students
- How can we combine efforts of retention and completion to tuition? Maybe if we are able to retain and graduate more students, that money can offset increases
 - if we grow enrollment and manage costs we can offset potential tuition increases, however these numbers are always unknown and not something we can fully depend on
- What is the justification for enrollment assumptions?
 - last few years have been 10-15% increases in freshman enrollment, this year our application pool is higher still. Past small classes being replaced by larger classes will also increase our enrollment
- What do you mean by investing in retention? besides advisors?
 - Dr. Foley: our biggest push is currently supplemental instruction (SI)
 - Dr. Peterson: working on helping departments and faculty understand their role in retention. How the students' experience on campus directly affects retention
 - Brian: investing in more professors for future years to fix the current lacking issues
- Synchronous classes: when are they coming around?
 - currently only CSET is using them, but math and other departments are starting to experiment with how classes like this will be able to benefit them starting next year
- Follow-up point: EERE program has no options for electives, only one replacement instructor listed on the Approved Faculty Positions table, synchronous classes could help with this
 - Focus on being able to have
- Is there an expectation to integrate online accessibility as well?
 - it depends on the class, but it is a possibility to expand on hybrid classes in this way, yes
- Any thoughts or plans to expand housing?
 - the state will not pay for new housing projects, but we are working on a bond that would allow us to explore the option of a new residence hall in the future. We do own new land across the street from Purvine and the soccer field.

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- Now do we plan to deal with the influx of freshmen and the limitations of the FYE program?
 - no longer offering single rooms, FYE could expand to include more than just the first floor
- Has OIT explored something that other universities have done: a contract with an off-campus apartment building to expand student housing?
 - no but we're still able to easily accommodate for our current growth when it comes to housing
- Approximately half of the students are paying differential vs half not paying it.
- Idea that students in programs are already likely to be retained, so focus retention elsewhere?
- Part of WUE's purpose is to encourage student enrollment in under-enrolled programs. MIT don't have this issue
- Possibility of reducing externship credits? (currently at 15/term for 4 terms)
 - Dr. Peterson: will talk to the medical imaging department
- Is there a list of foundations that donate to the university? other institutions have a super long list of investors, we don't?
 - a list doesn't exist, this is an investment the university is making, but it is a long and difficult process. we are still a young university, sometimes this takes generations. Our remote location also does not help us in the process of making those connections and being able to physically show off our campus to potential investors
- oit.edu/trc has more information and a place for student feedback

II. Officer Reports:

President

Samantha (Sam) Henkell:

- Message from Dr. Nagi, regarding last meeting's presentation: clarification that the building renovations highlighted at the last forum do not affect the tuition process, they are separate budgets.
 - your tuition goes towards faculty salaries, office supplies, student services, etc

Vice President

Mason Wichmann:

- Blood Drive: tomorrow in Mt. Bailey. Sign up at redcrossblood.org, sponsor code OIT

Administrative Affairs Officer

Katy Hunter:

- No Report

Finance Officer

Taylor Kimura:

- No Report

Clubs Officer

Jessica Santana:

- New Community Service Hours Tracking Program coming soon!
 - Keep an eye out on your emails (asoit reps and club presidents), will receive the information through email when it becomes live!
 - NobleHour is the program, find it on the Oregon Tech app! Works like a clock in-and-out system, or submit past hours. Can also find more local volunteer opportunities through the app!

Nontraditional Officer

Sally Sutton:

- No Report

Communications Officer

Samantha McLean:

- Email TP Press by tonight in order to make it on the March calendar!

III. Advisor Reports

Erin Foley:

- Spring Break
- Basketball: Student Affairs purchased 100 tickets for students for the playoffs (students do not get in free to playoff games). Pick yours up in athletics!

Holly Anderson:

- No Report

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IV. Open Floor

- CAB having a Casino Night this Saturday! looking for volunteers. contact campus life or tim.brooks@oit.edu
- Nursing Students without Borders: looking for help with their blessing bags! it is a club competition. Bags are filled with canned goods, hygiene products, etc, club ceremony w/ awards will be held at the end! will count as volunteer hours, and benefit the community. KTEC is already on board
- Treehouse event this Thursday: 6pm Multi-Faith dinner with rodeo's pizza!
- Project Management Institute: tomorrow, Tuesday 1:15 in the library, having their first event, opportunity for volunteer hours
- Stainless Steel Straw Sale from sustainability club in DOW eleanor.kenyon@oit.edu March 6, 12-2

V. Adjournment: 6:59 pm