



Board of Trustees
Finance and Administration Committee Meeting
April 18, 2019



OFFICE OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Public Meeting Notice

April 11, 2019

TO: Southern Oregon University Board of Trustees, Finance and Administration Committee

FROM: Sabrina Prud'homme, University Board Secretary

RE: Notice of Regular Meeting of the Finance and Administration Committee

The Finance and Administration Committee of the Southern Oregon University Board of Trustees will hold a regular meeting on the date and at the location set forth below.

Topics of the meeting will include a vice president's report with a review of the financial dashboard. There will be discussion and action on the Student Incidental Fee and Mandatory Fees for 2019-20. Information and discussion items will include updates on tuition and fees for academic year 2019-20 as well as state funding for the 2019-21 biennium. The committee also will discuss preliminary information for baseline budgets.

The meeting will occur as follows:

Thursday, April 18, 2019
4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. (or until business concludes)
Hannon Library, DeBoer Room, 3rd Floor, Room #303
Visit governance.sou.edu for meeting materials.

The Hannon Library is located at 1290 Ashland Street, on the Ashland campus of Southern Oregon University. **If special accommodations are required or to sign-up in advance for public comment, please contact Kathy Park at (541) 552-8055 at least 72 hours in advance.**

Call to Order / Roll / Declaration of a Quorum



**Board of Trustees
Finance and Administration Committee Meeting**

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DeBoer Room, Hannon Library**

AGENDA

Persons wishing to participate during the public comment period shall sign up at the meeting.
Please note: times are approximate and items may be taken out of order.

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| | 1 | Call to Order/Roll/Declaration of a Quorum | Chair Sheila Clough |
| | 1.1 | Welcome and Opening Remarks | |
| | 1.2 | Roll and Declaration of a Quorum | Sabrina Prud'homme,
SOU, Board Secretary |
| | 1.3 | Agenda Review | Chair Clough |
| | 2 | Public Comment | |
| 5 min. | 3 | Consent Agenda | |
| | 3.1 | Approval of March 21, 2019 Meeting Minutes | Chair Clough |
| 15 min. | 4 | Vice President's Report | Greg Perkinson, SOU, Vice
President for Finance and
Administration |
| | 4.1 | Committee Dashboard | |
| | 4.2 | Other General Updates | |
| | 5 | Action, Information and Discussion Items | |
| 35 min. | 5.1 | 2019-20 Student Incidental Fee and Mandatory
Fees (Action) | Greg Perkinson |
| 10 min. | 5.2 | Update on Tuition and Fees for 2019-20 Academic
Year | Greg Perkinson |

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AGENDA (Continued)

20 min.	5.3	Update on 2019-21 State Funding	Greg Perkinson; Jeanne Stallman, SOU, Associate Vice President for Government Relations and Outreach
35 min	5.4	Preliminary Baseline Budget Information	Greg Perkinson
	5.5	Future Meetings	Chair Clough
	6	Adjournment	Chair Clough

Public Comment

Consent Agenda

**Board of Trustees
Finance and Administration Committee Meeting**

**Thursday, March 21, 2019
4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. (or until business concludes)**

MINUTES

Call to Order/Roll/Declaration of a Quorum

Finance and Administration Committee Members:

Sheila Clough	Present	Shanztyn Nhipali	Present
Les AuCoin	Present	Bill Thorndike	Present
Shaun Franks	Present	Steve Vincent	Absent
Megan Davis Lightman	Present		

Chair Sheila Clough called the meeting to order at 4:02 p.m. in the DeBoer Room of the Hannon Library. Chair Clough introduced Dr. Lee Ayers Preboski, who then talked about her position at SOU and her role on the HECC. The secretary recorded the roll and a quorum was verified.

Other trustees in attendance: Lyn Hennion, Paul Nicholson, Deborah Rosenberg and janelle wilson.

In addition to some of the members of the President's Cabinet and individuals on the agenda, other attendees included: Penny Burgess, USSE; Echo Field, emeritus SOU faculty; Josh Lovern, Budget Office; Andrew Gast, Office of Development; Deborah Lovern, Provost's Office; Lee Ayers Preboski, Undergraduate Studies and HECC; Susan Dyssegard, Office of Finance and Administration; John Stevenson, Information Technology; and Kathy Park, Office of the Board Secretary.

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Consent Agenda

Trustee Lightman moved to approve the consent agenda, as presented. Trustee Thorndike seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Vice President's Report

Committee Dashboard

Greg Perkinson reviewed the financial dashboard included in the meeting materials. He said operating cash is below target as a result of less revenue due to decreased enrollment. Receipt of state appropriations is delayed, causing a lag in revenue.

Supplies and Services expenses exceed the burn rate, which is problematic. There is less internal reimbursement from housing occupancy back to facilities. Natural gas prices have spiked and electricity costs are about 28 percent higher.

The Joint Committee on Ways and Means has released the co-chairs' budget, which is at current service level: \$40 million over the last biennial budget.

General Updates

Mr. Perkinson provided an update on labor negotiations. Faculty negotiations have culminated in ratification of a contract; they anticipate the final contract to be ready in mid-April. Statewide negotiations with the classified staff union [SEIU] just started and the energy is positive.

In recent meetings with legislators, SOU demonstrated how state funding would affect SOU's need to reduce costs. Various operating revenue and tuition increase scenarios were used to show the funding needed and to demonstrate the cost reductions that would be necessary to meet the 10 percent target fund balance. This started the dialog that if SOU receives less state funding, it will have to be more aggressive in cost cuts and tuition increases.

Mr. Perkinson reviewed a heat map of the top 20 risks identified through SOU's enterprise risk management process, which includes likelihood, consequence, ownership, level of oversight and mitigation steps. The next steps are to do a deep dive with President Schott to ensure the assessment connects with hers. The administrative team will then meet with trustees to identify and discuss their top three risks. Mr. Perkinson described the internal method used to identify and monitor risks.

Noting that scholarships were not included in the top 20 risks, Trustee Lightman expressed serious concerns with the recent admissions scandal at the University of Southern California. Significant discussion ensued on steps taken at SOU to prevent such issues as well as how SOU can improve transparency of decisions made, drive accountability, and award scholarships through the SOU Foundation. Chair Clough said this topic warrants further discussion.

Legislative Affairs Update

Mr. Perkinson drew committee members' attention to the charts in the meeting materials comparing the Governor's Recommended Budget to the investment plan and to the Ways and Means co-chairs' budget. He then reviewed the projected allocation of the co-chairs' budget for each university using the outcomes-based funding model. SOU's additional allocation would be about \$2 million for the next biennium.

President Schott said she has had numerous visits with legislators. The most encouraging was a meeting the university presidents had with Representative Dan Rayfield, who is pushing for higher education to be included in the student success package, along with K-12.

Action, Information, and Discussion Items

Endowment Investment Policy

Sabrina Prud'homme said the work group on policies sought the committee's input on three issues in particular: timeframe for the moving average for the spending policy, asset allocation and the distribution rate. Penny Burgess, Director of Treasury Operations at USSE, discussed the long-term objective of the endowment and how that impacts the allocation; she said she supports the allocation and distribution rate in the current policy.

Board Chair Hennion and Board Vice Chair Nicholson articulated two approaches to the moving average, asset allocation and distribution rate. Trustee AuCoin supported Board Chair Hennion's slightly less aggressive approach. Trustee Lightman reiterated the committee's ability to bring the policy back for future discussion if warranted.

Vice President Janet Fratella added that the SOU Foundation has had the same conversation recently. They increased their distribution rate to 4 percent, use a 12-quarter rolling average and are close to the 75/25 market split.

Trustee Franks pointed out a grammatical error in paragraph 6A. Ms. Prud'homme confirmed that the committee recommended correction of that grammatical error and concurred with the other changes as presented in the meeting materials.

Tuition Advisory Council (TAC) Update

Greg Perkinson reviewed the HECC's slides on college costs and affordability that were included in the meeting materials. SOU's strategic communication plan regarding university finances and tuition shows the messaging to various audiences to educate and create awareness. He said staff have created two checklists to ensure compliance with requirements as SOU moves through the tuition-setting process. Dr. Susan Walsh added that the checklists and other information are posted on the TAC website.

Responding to Chair Clough's inquiry, Mr. Perkinson said the TAC will start meeting again after the spring term begins and will develop its recommendation hopefully within 18-20 days. He will provide a status update at the next committee meeting with the goal of providing a final presentation to the committee and board in May.

Student Incidental Fee Update

Greg Perkinson said the students decided on a 4.25 percent student incidental fee increase from \$345 to \$360 per term. The building fee has been \$45 per term for quite some time; they are considering the addition of a nominal \$15 fee to that to support SOU's software, hardware and network. The Student Recreation Center fee is locked at \$95 for three years after the center's opening; Hugues Lecomte is operating the center as a business, looking for ways to generate revenue. The Health Center fee currently is \$140 per term; there is no new recommendation yet. The Housing Office is still looking at adding a new meal plan that will create better affordability and is looking at rolling back to 2016 rates. This will somewhat offset modest increases in housing costs (2.75% in residence halls and \$25-\$30 per month for student and family apartments).

Review of Pro Forma and Budget Discussion

Greg Perkinson reviewed a comparative analysis of having an 8 and a 5 percent primary reserve, showing optimistic, pessimistic and realistic scenarios for each based on different levels of funding, enrollment and cost cutting measures. In the pessimistic and realistic scenarios, austere measures would be required in the form of \$1 million in cost cuts split across the biennium. Responding to Chair Clough's inquiry, Mr. Perkinson said the \$1 million in cost cuts would have service level implications.

Discussion ensued on expectations for the ending fund balance and different ways to achieve it in both years of the biennium. President Schott stressed that she believes

SOU is making the right strategic moves and investments and that it is a matter of time and timing until they work. The consensus of the committee members was to remove the 5 percent primary reserve from consideration. If seeking the HECC's approval of a tuition increase, Chair Clough suggested showing what steps would be required for maintaining an ending fund balance of 8 and of 10 percent.

Trustees explored and discussed a variety of financial scenarios using the interactive pro forma.

Future Meetings

The next regularly scheduled committee meeting will be on April 18.

Adjournment

Chair Clough adjourned the meeting at 6:06 p.m.

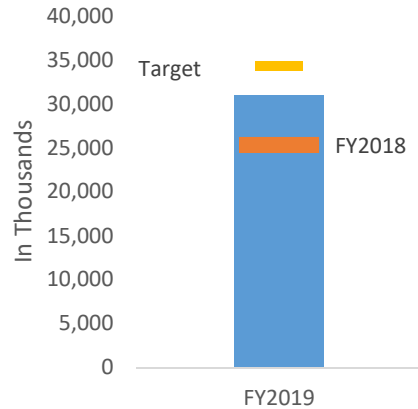
Vice President's Report

Financial Dashboard

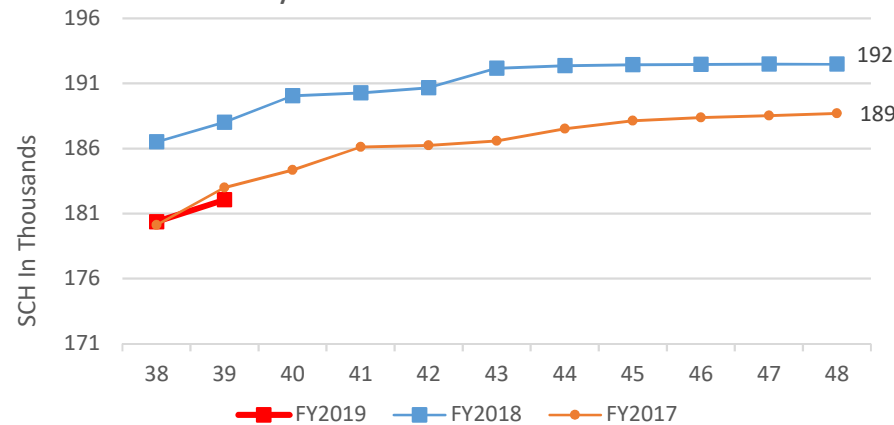
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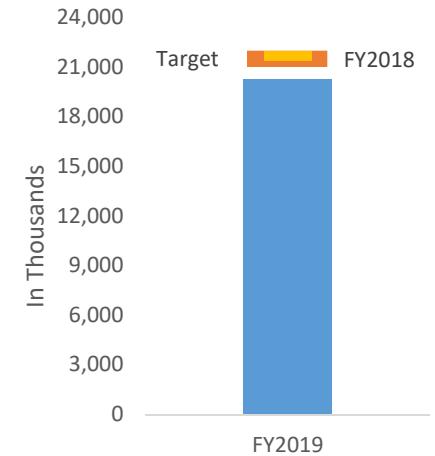
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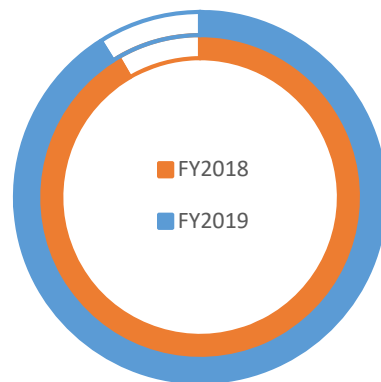


E&G Fund Balance

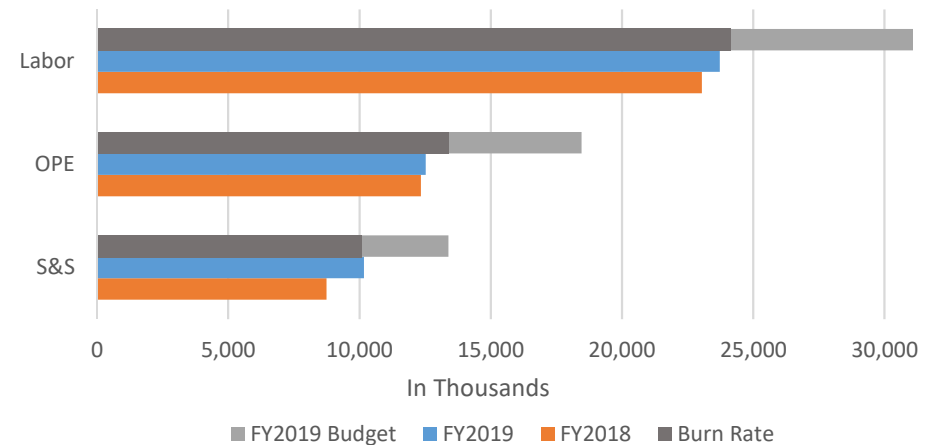


**Initiated
Athletic Department
Financial
Deep Dive**

E&G YTD Revenues



E&G YTD Select Expenses



2019-20 Student Incidental Fee and Mandatory Fees (Action)

(This section updated with latest available information)

FY20 Proposed Tuition & Fees Changes



Tuition - Per SCH	Current	Curr/AY	Proposed	Prop/AY	Inc \$/SCH	Inc \$/AY	Inc %
Resident Undergrad	\$ 172.00	\$ 7,740.00	?	?	?	?	?
WUE	\$ 250.00	\$ 11,250.00	?	?	?	?	?
Nonres Undergrad	\$ 526.00	\$ 23,670.00	?	?	?	?	?
Resident Grad	\$ 430.00	\$ 15,480.00	?	?	?	?	?
Nonres Grad	\$ 538.00	\$ 19,368.00	?	?	?	?	?
Masters - Education	\$ 369.00	\$ 13,284.00	?	?	?	?	?

Mandatory Fees	Current	Curr/AY	Proposed	Prop/AY	Inc \$/Term	Inc \$/AY	Inc %
Student Incidental	\$ 345.00	\$ 1,035.00	\$ 360.00	\$ 1,080.00	\$ 15.00	\$ 45.00	4.25%
Student Rec Center	\$ 95.00	\$ 285.00	\$ 95.00	\$ 285.00	\$ -	\$ -	0%
Student Health Services	\$ 140.00	\$ 420.00	\$ 143.00	\$ 429.00	\$ 3.00	\$ 9.00	2.14%
Building Fee	\$ 45.00	\$ 135.00	\$ 60.00	\$ 180.00	\$ 15.00	\$ 45.00	33.33%
Composite Mandatory Fees:	\$ 625.00	\$ 1,875.00	\$ 658.00	\$ 1,974.00	\$ 33.00	\$ 99.00	5.28%

Tuition & Fees Totals	Current	Curr/AY	Proposed	Prop/AY	Inc \$/Term	Inc \$/AY	Inc %
Resident Undergrad	\$ 3,205.00	\$ 9,615.00	?	?	?	?	?
WUE	\$ 4,375.00	\$ 13,125.00	?	?	?	?	?
Nonres Undergrad	\$ 8,515.00	\$ 25,545.00	?	?	?	?	?
Resident Grad	\$ 5,785.00	\$ 17,355.00	?	?	?	?	?
Nonres Grad	\$ 7,081.00	\$ 21,243.00	?	?	?	?	?
Masters - Education	\$ 5,053.00	\$ 15,159.00	?	?	?	?	?

FY20 Adopted Housing & Meals Changes



Housing	Current	Curr/AY	New Rate	New/AY	Inc \$/Term	Inc \$/AY	Inc %
Greensprings - Double	\$ 2,493.00	\$ 7,479.00	\$ 2,562.00	\$ 7,686.00	\$ 69.00	\$ 207.00	2.77%
Greensprings - Double-as-Single	\$ 3,293.00	\$ 9,879.00	\$ 3,384.00	\$ 10,152.00	\$ 91.00	\$ 273.00	2.76%
Madrone - Single Apartment	\$ 3,847.00	\$ 11,541.00	\$ 3,962.00	\$ 11,886.00	\$ 115.00	\$ 345.00	2.99%
Shasta - Double	\$ 2,816.00	\$ 8,448.00	\$ 2,900.00	\$ 8,700.00	\$ 84.00	\$ 252.00	2.98%
Shasta - Single	\$ 3,429.00	\$ 10,287.00	\$ 3,532.00	\$ 10,596.00	\$ 103.00	\$ 309.00	3.00%
McLoughlin - Double	\$ 2,965.00	\$ 8,895.00	\$ 3,054.00	\$ 9,162.00	\$ 89.00	\$ 267.00	3.00%
McLoughlin - Single	\$ 3,682.00	\$ 11,046.00	\$ 3,792.00	\$ 11,376.00	\$ 110.00	\$ 330.00	2.99%
McLoughlin - Super Single	\$ 4,050.00	\$ 12,150.00	\$ 4,172.00	\$ 12,516.00	\$ 122.00	\$ 366.00	3.01%
McLoughlin - Studio Single	\$ 4,131.00	\$ 12,393.00	\$ 4,244.60	\$ 12,733.81	\$ 113.60	\$ 340.81	2.75%

Meals	Current	Curr/AY	New Rate	New/AY	Inc \$/Term	Inc \$/AY	Inc %
Red Plan	\$ 1,917.00	\$ 5,751.00	\$ 1,865.00	\$ 5,595.00	\$ (52.00)	\$ (156.00)	-2.71%
Black Plan	\$ 1,917.00	\$ 5,751.00	\$ 1,865.00	\$ 5,595.00	\$ (52.00)	\$ (156.00)	-2.71%
S Plan	\$ 1,592.00	\$ 4,776.00	\$ 1,535.00	\$ 4,605.00	\$ (57.00)	\$ (171.00)	-3.58%
O Plan	\$ 1,592.00	\$ 4,776.00	\$ 1,535.00	\$ 4,605.00	\$ (57.00)	\$ (171.00)	-3.58%
U Plan	\$ 1,592.00	\$ 4,776.00	\$ 1,535.00	\$ 4,605.00	\$ (57.00)	\$ (171.00)	-3.58%
NEW PLAN			\$ 1,250.00	\$ 3,750.00			
Hawk Plan	\$ 825.00	\$ 2,475.00	\$ 850.00	\$ 2,550.00	\$ 25.00	\$ 75.00	3.03%
Madrone Plan	\$ 800.00	\$ 2,400.00	\$ 800.00	\$ 2,400.00	\$ -	\$ -	0.00%

Student Fee Status Update

- ✓ Incidental Fee: ASSOU student body president Alexis Phillips proposed to President Schott a fee increase of 4.25% to = \$360 per term
- ✓ Building Fee: This fee has been set at \$45/term at 12 credits for quite some time; propose increase \$15 to = \$60/term
- ✓ Rec Center: locked at \$95 for 3 years after the center's opening
- ✓ Health Center: currently \$140/term. Proposed 2.1% increase to = \$143/term
- ✓ Housing:
 - Room rate: Increasing 2.99% to \$2,900/term (Shasta Double)
 - Meal rate: DECREASING -2.71% to \$1,865/term (Red Plan)
 - NEW Meal Plan: \$1,250/term

SOUTHERN OREGON UNIVERSITY

ASSOU INCIDENTAL AND RECREATION CENTER FEE JOINT RECOMMENDATION

For July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020

Date: April 10th, 2019

To: Southern Oregon University Board of Trustees

From: Associated Students of Southern Oregon University

DESCRIPTION OF REQUEST

Recommendation for Student Incidental Fee 2019-20 and Student Recreation Center Fee 2019-20

DESCRIPTION OF FUNDS

Student Incidental Fee and Incidental Fee Reserve

Student Recreation Center Fee and Recreation Center Fee Reserve

Summary/Description	Index	Budget
Initial Budget Level (IBL)	Athletics Advisory Committee (AAC)	1,374,292
Initial Budget Level (IBL)	Educational Activities Advisory Committee (EAAC)	693,633
Initial Budget Level (IBL)	Stevens Union Advisory Committee (SUAC)	1,726,502
	Subtotal:	3,794,425
Incidental Fee Reserve	IFCRES	210,805
Building/Equipment Reserve	Building (SUIOBR,SUMBMR) Equipment (SUADDR,SUBERS,SUGNER,SUMIEQ)	-0-
Green Tag Fee	SUGNTF/SUGBEF	166,604
SFC Emergency Reserve		40,000
	Total Initial Budget Level	4,211,834
	Projected Average Student Academic Year FTE	3,904
	Incidental Fee per Term – Academic Year 2019-20	\$360
	Incidental Fee per term – Academic Year Prior Year 2018-19	\$345
	\$ Change from Prior Year	\$15
	% Change from Prior Year	4.25%
	Projected Student FTE Summer Term	1102
	Incidental Fee – Summer Term 2019	\$82
	Incidental Fee – Summer Term Prior Year	\$79
	\$ Change from Prior Year	\$3
	% Change from Prior Year	3.66%
	Projected Average Student FTE	3,904
	Recreation Center Fee per term – Academic Year 2019-20	\$95
	Recreation Center Fee – Academic Year Prior Year	\$95
	\$ Change from Prior Year	\$0
	% Change from Prior Year	0%

JOINT RECOMMENDATION

☒ Approve ☐ Disapprove



President, Associated Students of
Southern Oregon University
Alexis Phillips

04-10-19

Date

☒ Approve ☐ Disapprove



President, Southern Oregon University
Linda Schott

4/10/19

Date

SOUTHERN OREGON UNIVERSITY

MANDATORY FEE RECOMMENDATION

For July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020

Date: April 15th, 2019

To: Southern Oregon University Board of Trustees

From: Linda Schott, President Southern Oregon University

DESCRIPTION OF REQUEST

Recommendation of mandatory student fees for academic year 2019-20

DESCRIPTION OF FUNDS

Building Fee and Student Health Services Fee for Academic Year and Summer Term

Recommendation and Prior Year Review	Rates	Notes
Building Fee per term – Academic Year 2019-20	\$60	
Building Fee per term – Prior Academic Year 2018-19	\$45	
\$ Change from Prior Year	\$15	
% Change from Prior Year	33%	
Building Fee – Summer Term 2019	\$45	
Building Fee – Prior Summer Term	\$34	
\$ Change from Prior Year	\$11	
% Change from Prior Year	33%	
Student Health Services Fee per term – Academic Year 2019-20*	\$143	*Not applicable to online only students
Student Health Services Fee per term – Prior Academic Year 2018-19	\$140	
\$ Change from Prior Year	\$3	
% Change from Prior Year	2.1%	
Student Health Services Fee – Summer Term 2019*	\$102	*Not applicable to online only students
Student Health Services Fee – Prior Summer Term	\$100	
\$ Change from Prior Year	\$2	
% Change from Prior Year	2%	

PRESIDENT'S RECOMMENDATION

[☒] Approve [☐] Disapprove



President, Southern Oregon University
Linda Schott

4/12/19

Date

SOUTHERN OREGON UNIVERSITY

HOUSING RATE AND MEAL PLAN CHANGE NOTICE

For July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020

Date: April 15th, 2019

To: Southern Oregon University Board of Trustees

From: Linda Schott, President Southern Oregon University

NOTICE TO THE UNIVERSITY BOARD OF TRUSTEES

The schedule of housing and meal plan rates below will be in effect July 1, 2019.

HOUSING – HALL & TYPE	RATE*	*2.75% Average increase for AY 2019-20
Greensprings Double (only A & B)	\$2,562	
Greensprings Double-as-Single	\$3,384	
Madrone	\$3,962	
Shasta Double	\$2,900	
Shasta Single	\$3,532	
McLoughlin Double	\$3,054	
McLoughlin Single	\$3,792	
McLoughlin Super Single	\$4,172	
MEAL PLANS	RATE*	*3% Average decrease for AY 2019-20
Red Plan	\$1,865	
Black Plan	\$1,865	
S, O, and U Plans*	\$1,535	*Options vary b/t S, O & U
New Plan*	\$1,250	*Not yet named as of 4/10/19
Hawk Plan	\$850	
Madrone Plan	\$800	

Update on Tuition and Fees for 2019-20 Academic Year

Tuition and State Support:

Current Budget **Reduction** Matrix

Cost reduction required to retain 10% Operating Revenue (to Ending Fund Balance)

	Approximate Resident Undergraduate Tuition Increase**					
Biennial Increase to PUSF*	0%	3%	5%	Requires HECC Approval		
				9%	14%	18%
\$0	\$8.3M	\$7.3M	\$6.6M	\$5.3M	\$3.6M	\$2.2M
\$40 million	\$6.9M	\$5.9M	\$5.2M	\$3.9M	\$2.2M	\$.8M
\$80 million	\$5.2M	\$4.2M	\$3.4M	\$0		
\$120 million	\$4M	\$3M	\$2.3M	\$0		
\$186 million	\$3M	\$2M	\$0			

Estimated Remissions Budget	\$3.7M	\$3.7M	\$4M	\$4.5M	\$4.8M	N/A
Innovation & Student Success Investments***	\$2.85M	\$2.85M	\$2.85M	\$2.85M	\$2.85M	N/A

* Assumes restoration of Engineering Technology Sustaining Funds (ETSF) and Sports Lottery

** Assumes 5% increase for Non-Residents and Graduate tuition rates with the exception of the 0% scenario which assumes no increase to any rates

*** Relies on Investment funding (associated with \$186M biennial increase)

High-level Outline of Status w/ TAC



- Strategic pause (due to finals week and Spring Break)
- Open Forum with students on April 11th

Update on 2019-21 State Funding

Governor's Recommended Budget Ways and Means Co-Chairs

Criterion	Base Budget	Ways and Means Co-Chairs
Funding	\$736.9M (same as FY19-21) ^{1*}	\$777.4M (provides Dept of Admin Services calculation for Current Service Level)
Tuition Affordability	Sharp tuition increases (>12% increase both years of biennium)	Tuition increase from 9% - 12% for both years
Cost Controls	Will be required ^{2*}	Some may be necessary (~ \$1M)
Financial Stability	Unstable. Steep tuition increases required to avoid negative fund balance	Strategic Reserve ratio only 5%
Access and Equity	Eliminates OR Opportunity Grant after 2019-2020; Cuts Promise student funding	Some OR Opportunity Grant; Funds OR Promise, Outdoor school, and Sports Lottery;
Success	Less funding available for remissions (scholarships for need and/or merit)	Healthy remissions funding; opportunities for innovation
New investments	No dedicated funding	May fund innovation, campus safety, outreach and youth employment

- ^{*} **Notes:**
- 1 – Flat funding and no Engineering Technical Science Fund (ETSF) or Sports Lottery funding
 - 2 – Program reviews, S&S belt tightening, holding positions vacant, etc.

New Considerations in State Funding



Early learning, behavioral supports among top priorities outlined in Student Success Act

While the committee's proposal makes progress on certain issues — including the need for more mental health counselors, smaller classes and extended learning time — it has no action outlined for higher ed institutions.

When asked if the legislature is moving in the right direction on [higher ed funding](#), Gov. Kate Brown took issue, saying, "Not as far as I'm concerned."

"My understanding is that there are no resources in the investment package at this point in time for higher education," Brown said Thursday. "I think I've been very clear that it's my expectation that those resources be included."

"I want to create a seamless system of education from cradle to career," she said. "I believe that universities and community colleges are a part of that."

Committee co-chairs [Sen. Arnie Roblan](#), D-Coos Bay, and [Rep. Barbara Smith Warner](#), D-Portland, said the goal of the joint committee has been focused on early childhood and K-12 education from the beginning.

However, they both said they welcome more conversations with the Governor and encourage the ways and means committee to allocate more funding for higher education.

Excerpt from [Statesman's Journal](#), April 4, 2019

Preliminary Baseline Budget Information

(Pro forma to be reviewed in meeting)

Future Meetings

Adjournment