Meeting #1 of FY 2025-26 Tuition Recommendation Committee for FY 2026-27 Tuition and Mandatory Fees
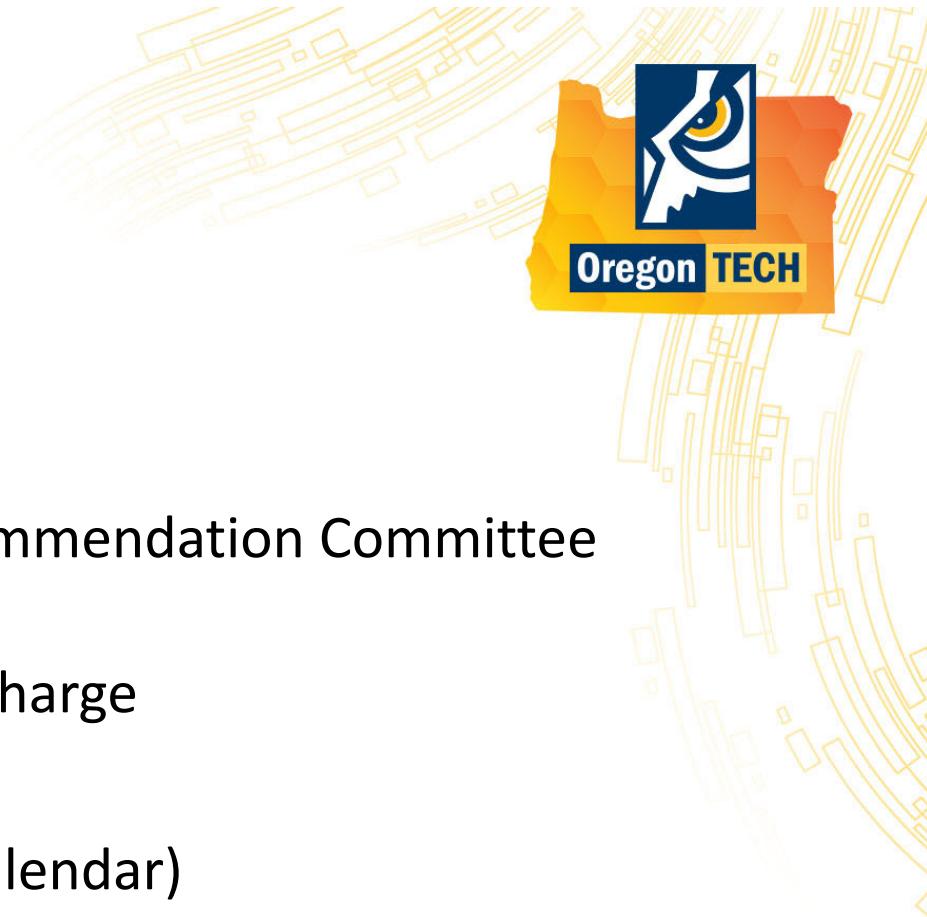
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Topics Outline

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2. Committee Member Introductions

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6. Tuition Setting Timeline (Committee Calendar)

7. Student Forums; Student Discussion and Feedback
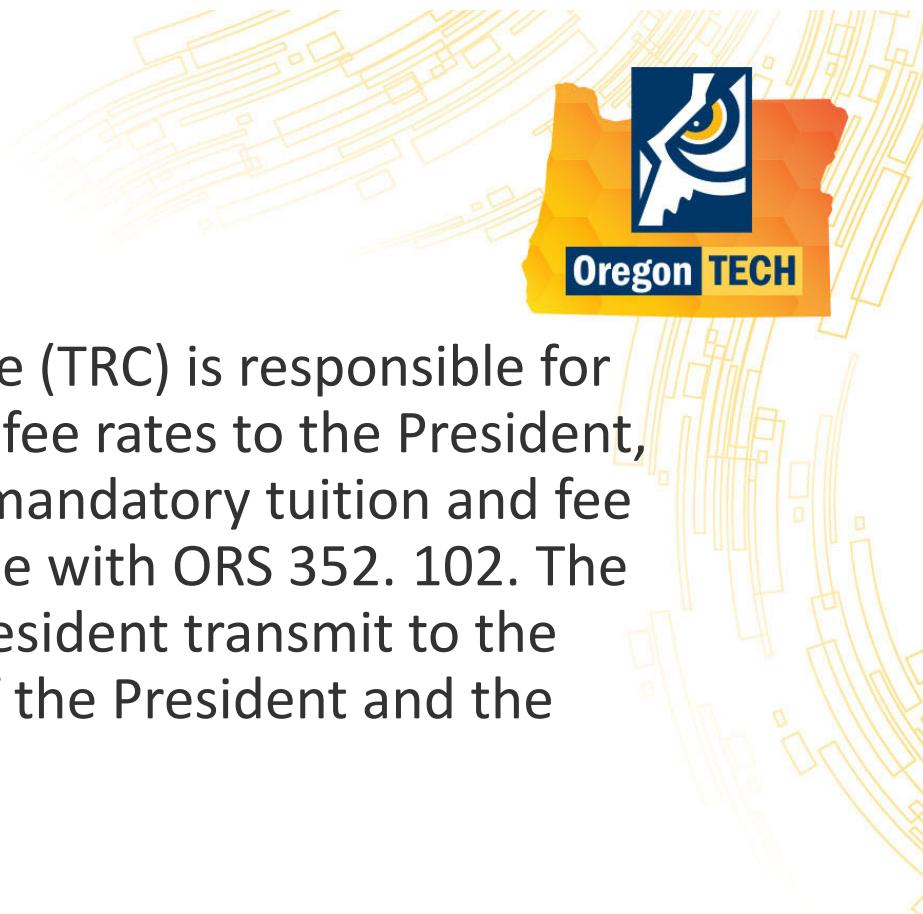
Tuition Recommendation Committee Membership

The committee membership is composed of:

- Six students representing both campuses and appointed by the ASOIT president(s), two of which represent ASOIT and two of which represent historically underserved students of the University, as defined by the University.

- Two faculty, one of which is the Fiscal Operations Advisory Council (FOAC) chair.

- At least two administrators.

- Any changes to the TRC structure required by ORS 352.102, subsequent controlling statutes or Board Policy may be made without notification. The President shall designate one member to chair the TRC.

FY 2026-27 TRC Membership

POSITION	TERM	NAME	DEPARTMENT/DIVISION
Chair- Senior Vice President	2025-26	John Harman	Finance and Administration
Vice President, *ex officio*	2025-26	Mandi Clark	Student Affairs
Assoc. VP/Controller	2025-26	Alicia Dillon	Finance and Administration
Provost	2025-26	Hesham El-Rewini	Academic Affairs
AVP for SEM & Student Success	2025-26	Greg Stringer	Strategic Enrollment Mgt./Ret.
Financial Aid & Registration Coordinator	2025-26	Kendal Marks	Registrar/Financial Aid
Budget & Planning Rep	2025-26	Victoria Inogamova	Budget Office
Faculty 1, FOAC Chair	2024-27	Don DaSaro	Business Management
Faculty 2	2024-27	Ryan Madden	Humanities/Social Services
Klamath Falls ASOIT Delegate	2025-26	Aurora Parsons	Student Government
Portland-Metro ASOIT Delegate	2025-26	Bryce Wilson	Student Government
Klamath Falls Student	2025-26	Uriel Aguilar Torres	Student
Klamath Falls Student	2025-26	Chase Uhrich	Student
Klamath Falls Student	2025-26	Naomi Vazquez Tellez	Student
Portland Metro Student	2025-26	Jessica Armenta	Student
Administrative Support	2025-26	Celia Green	Finance and Administration

TRC Charge

1. The Tuition Recommendation Committee (TRC) is responsible for recommending the tuition and mandatory fee rates to the President, who must in turn report and recommend mandatory tuition and fee rates to the Board of Trustees in accordance with ORS 352. 102. The Board of Trustees shall request that the President transmit to the Board the joint tuition recommendation of the President and the recognized student government.
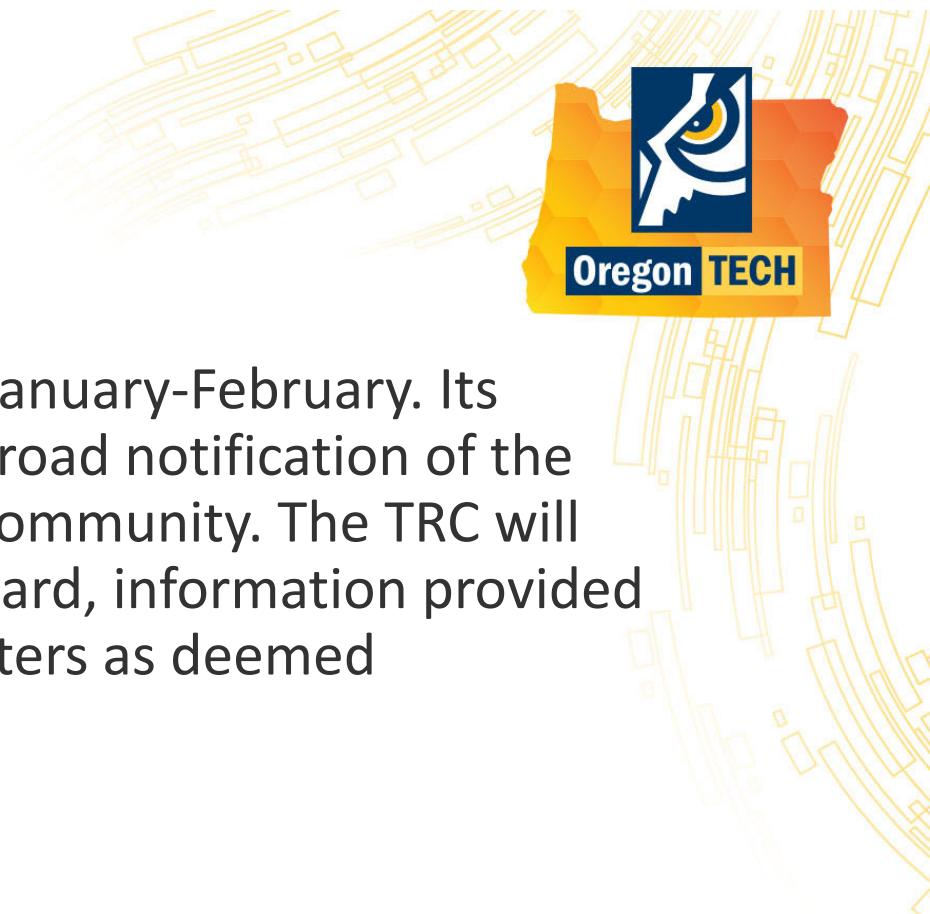
TRC Charge Cont'd

2. Before making any recommendation to increase tuition and mandatory fees, but especially when the proposed increase is more than five percent annually, the TRC must document its consideration of the impact on students and the necessity of the increase in achieving the mission of the University. The TRC shall provide meaningful opportunities for members of the student government and students at large to participate in the process and deliberations.

TRC Charge Cont'd

3. The TRC will meet at least twice during January-February. Its meetings shall be open to the public and broad notification of the meetings shall be made to the University community. The TRC will consider the guidelines provided by the Board, information provided by the Administration, and such other matters as deemed appropriate.

TRC Charge (continued)

Final Deliverable:

By the final meeting on March 4, 2026, this committee **must provide a recommendation for the tuition and mandatory fee rates** to the President for the 2026-2027 academic year.

TRC Principles and Process

Guiding Principles

- Consider long-term factors when recommending the single year decisions (important to have a forward-looking vision).
- Recognize the importance of affordability for students.
- Tuition levels should be developed using data and information, including internal budget, comparator institutions, and external cost indices.
- Ensure we maintain the current service level, quality and support that Oregon Tech provides to students.
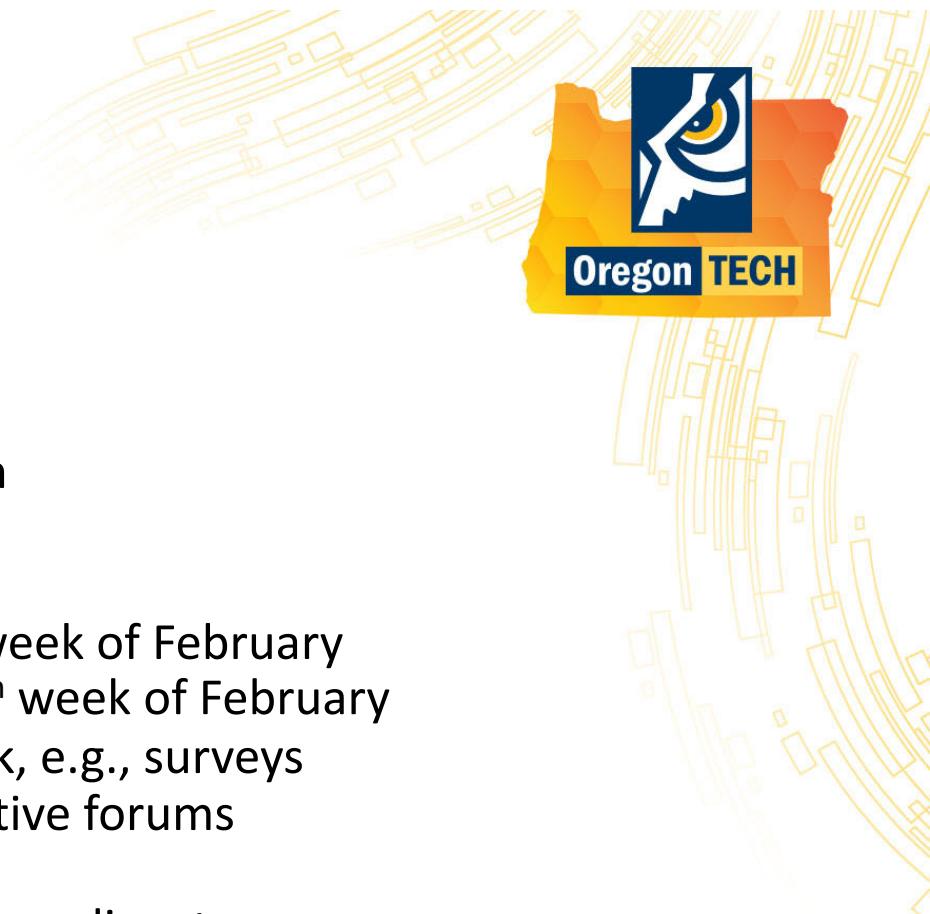
Process Framework

- Communicate openly and transparently with all stakeholders at an appropriate level of detail.
- The committee will utilize data and information throughout the process.
- Communicate respectfully and ask questions.

Tuition Setting Timeline (Calendar)

January 22, 2026	TRC Charge, Principles and Process, Calendar
January 29, 2026	University Budget, Management Report, Components of the E&G Budget, State Appropriations, Tuition Historical Lookback, Discuss Forums
February 11, 2026	Enrollment Discussion, FY27 Budget Forecast, State Funding, Tuition Comparators
TBD- 4th Week of February	Tentative TRC & ASOIT Campus Open Forum for Klamath Falls Campus
TBD- 4th Week of February	Tentative TRC & ASOIT Campus Open Forum for Portland-Metro Campus
March 4, 2026	Forum Feedback, Finalize TRC Recommendation
March 16, 2026	Chair Finalizes Committee Report
March 27, 2026	President Recommendation Submitted to Board
April 10, 2026	Oregon Tech Board Review and Approval

Student Forums

Student Forum Planning
- Content of Forums
  - Budget and related financial information
  - Answer questions and address concerns
- Scheduling
  - Klamath Falls Campus – date TBD – 4th week of February
  - Portland Metro Campus – date TBD – 4th week of February
- Gathering student information and feedback, e.g., surveys
- Other details to consider in organizing effective forums
  - TRC participants and meeting notes
  - Forum advertisement, e.g., email, social media, etc.

Questions?

Next meeting – January 29, 2026