



University Budget Committee

April 19, 2023

3:00 – 5:00 PM

University Center 329

Attendance: Paul Lasiter, Stacey Eve, Leslie Webb, Mary Kreta, Suzanne Tilleman X, Christina Barsky, Tony Crawford, Carrie Elensky, Amanda Dawsey, Jen Geist-Quigley, Jolyn Schleiffarth, Hillary Stowell, Cindy Johnson, Nicholas Ververis

Attachments: FY24 Revenue Projections; University of Montana Tuition and Fees 2024 and 2025 DRAFT 32.0.

1. FY24 Budget Allocation Model Review

Lasiter let the committee know that UM has submitted fee requests to OCHE and that they are inline with the rest of the system. Lasiter went through the UM Tuition and Fees workbook for FY24 and FY25. Tuition is estimated to increase at 5% for Resident Undergrad and 6% for every other category. OCHE has given strict guidelines on mandatory fees, capping increases to 3%. On the issue with pay plan increases related to fee funded positions. OCHE asked for data related to those relevant positions.

The goal is to encourage an increase in credit hours per student in order to decrease the fees per credit hour.

Large percentage increases are projected in the non-online areas. The reason is that OCHE has mandated that we decrease online fees over a three-year period.

Lasiter went through three-years of data for FY23, FY24 and FY25. There is a 2.99% proposed increase for existing mandatory fees.

Lasiter went through the fee increases – ASUM fee increase of \$13.00, Rec/UC/Health/Pay Plan increase of \$16.00 over 6 credits, new Documents Fee of \$1.00 per credit hour. The Document fee eliminates other fees including graduation fee, transcript fee, etc.

Tilleman asked about the possibility of these additional fees passing and referenced the Arts Fee that was passed by ASUM previously. Lasiter stated these are more likely to be approved because they eliminate other fees.

Lasiter outlined how the structure of fees are changing. Specifically pointing out the technology fee, where the percent increase is less the more credits that a student takes. Lasiter also specifically pointed out the non-resident facilities fee, proposing an increase of 200% to support new builds to repay.

Lasiter went through the proposed increase in program fees, which allows for UM to drop course fees.

Lasiter went over the mid-cycle change by ASUM to make the sustainability fee mandatory rather than optional.

Lasiter went through the Total Cost of Attendance sheet, noting that this is an estimate and is in no way final. Estimated increase of 6% in cost of attendance. This includes a 5% increase in resident hall fees, which generates additional revenue but still remains below market for the Missoula community.

Lasiter went through the FY24 budget allocations. He noted that the current summer is showing increased enrollment as well as rate per student. Lasiter advised that if the trend holds, there would be \$700,000 in potential new revenue. He also advised there is an increase in administrative assessment due to increased spending.

Lasiter continued going through the Allocation sheet, noting they are principally unchanged, save for minor adjustments. Lasiter noted there is a budgeted deficit of \$2.4 million for FY24. Laster stated given the institutions history, this is favorable – changing from about a \$7 million deficit to about \$2 million. Lasiter noted a rough estimate of increased enrollment at Missoula College to potentially alleviate budgetary stresses. He noted an estimation of a 200 student increase, adding that the composition of the student body is also shifting (rise in non-resident enrollment).

Eve specifically noted the Tuition Revenue estimate sheet, asking everyone to be aware of the complexity of these numbers, noting that increases in students does not necessarily directly correlate to an equal increase in revenue. Lasiter noted the potential variability in this data, but also a higher standard of analysis of prior year data.

Kreta noted that everything is the data is pointing to increased student enrollment, the difficult part is quantifying how much of an increase. Kreta noted it will be much easier in the future to close the gap between estimate and actual with the new ways of data tracking and analysis.