Open Comment Notice

December 10, 2015
Board of Trustees Meeting
Academic & Student Recreation Center Building, Conference Room 515
1800 SW 6th Avenue, Portland, Oregon 97201

The individuals listed below signed up to provide public comment to the Board of Trustees and are scheduled to speak at the beginning of the meeting. These are the only individuals who will be invited to speak during the public comment period. Each speaker will be limited to two minutes, unless the Chair determines otherwise.

1. Melika Belhaj
2. Tony Funches
3. Tabitha Alajmi
4. Jess Millar
5. Samuel J Erbs
6. Ladan Abdi
7. Olivia Pace
8. Ashton Simpson
9. Grant Walter
10. Michelle Mundt
11. Andrea Lemoins
12. Will Peterson
13. Kimberlee King

Thank you for your interest in addressing the Board.

David Reese
Secretary to the Board
How to Provide Comments to the Board of Trustees

The Portland State University Board of Trustees has made up to 30 minutes available at the beginning of each regular Board meeting to provide members of the PSU community an opportunity to address the Board.

Listed below are suggestions to help make your presentation successful.

Know Your Audience

The trustees are citizen volunteers. They care that you have taken time out of your day to come and speak with them. Given the nature of our volunteer board, we recommend the following:

- Be respectful.
- Don't accuse trustees of causing your particular problem.
- Resist the temptation to scold, put down, or insult the decision makers or others.

Know the Issue

Support your personal opinions with as many facts as possible. Be knowledgeable of the "other side of the story." You may be asked to discuss the differences. Draw from your own knowledge and experience.

Presenting Your Testimony

When you are called to make your comments, give copies of written materials, if any, to staff before you begin your presentation.

- Begin your presentation by addressing the chairperson first, then members of the committee. "Chair Nickerson and members of the Board . . ."
- For the record, state your name and any organization or group you represent.
- Keep in mind you have limited time. Based on the number of persons who have signed up to speak, you may be limited to one or two minutes. Be prepared to summarize.
- Thank the trustees and offer to answer any questions. "Thank you for the opportunity to speak with you today. I would be happy to answer any questions."
- When a member asks you a question respond: "Chair Nickerson, Trustee_____ , the answer to your question is . . ."
- Relax! The trustees understand that this may be your first time addressing a board or committee--they won't expect a perfect presentation.

Thank you for your interest in the governance of Portland State University!