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The University faces tuition hikes and cost cutting without more state funding

On March 18, Portland State leaders detailed the daunting budget and tuition challenges facing the University over the next two years and the need to rally for more state support. At a packed campus Budget Town Hall for faculty and staff, President Rahmat Shoureshi and other administrators said current funding proposals in Salem would likely result in unpopular tuition increases and other steps to avert cuts in academic and support programs. The last of three student focused [Budget Town Halls](#) is Thursday, April 4, from 5 to 6:30 p.m. in 327 Smith Union. [READ MORE](#)



Learn about international faculty-led programs at day-long symposium

The fifth annual Symposium on International Faculty-Led Programs is all day starting at 8 a.m. Friday, April 5, in Smith Union. The symposium provides a venue for faculty members, study abroad providers, and administrators who are involved in or interested in international faculty-led programs to share best practices and work on professional development. This event is free for PSU faculty and includes a light breakfast and coffee breaks throughout the day. Find out more information and register by [visiting the website](#), or by emailing Skye Clifford, sc Clifford@pdx.edu, or Hannah Fischer, hfis2@pdx.edu.

PSU Library to review contract with Elsevier, scientific publishing giant

The University of California system recently [ended negotiations and terminated all subscriptions with Elsevier Publishing](#), the publisher of over 2,500 scientific journals. They wrote, "Elsevier was unwilling to meet UC's key goal: securing universal open access to UC research while containing the rapidly escalating costs associated with for-profit journals." PSU participates in a cooperative Elsevier contract with Oregon State and University of Oregon, which expires December 2020. Leading up to that, the PSU Library will work closely with PSU administration and the Faculty Senate Library Committee to look at usage, costs and open access. For questions or concerns, contact Interim Library Dean Tom Bielavitz, bielavit@pdx.edu.



New membership leads to new opportunities in India

The University is now a member of the [American Institute of Indian Studies](#), which allows faculty and students to apply for learning and research opportunities in India. The institute—which is supported by the U.S. departments of State and Education, the Smithsonian Institution, and others—has been advancing the knowledge of India in the United States since 1961. PSU's membership is sponsored by the College of Urban and Public Affairs, and professor Pronoy Rai is the University's delegate to the institute and can provide more information.

New Campus Safety resources

Campus Public Safety Office (CPSO) has a new, easier-to-remember emergency phone number: 503-725-5911, but previous numbers still work. In addition, the online [Emergency Procedures Webpages](#) on fire, medical emergencies, campus violence, and more have been updated, and there is a [downloadable poster version](#). Hard copies of the poster may be picked up at CPSO, 633 SW Montgomery.

Notices

An [open house](#) to explore **modernization of Smith Union** is Wednesday, April 3, from noon to 3 p.m. in Parkway North on the first floor of Smith. Refreshments provided. It is hosted by ASPSU, Campus Planning, Opsi Architecture, Smith Union and Lara Media Services.

Free tax preparation and e-filing for low-income individuals (\$54,000 or less income) is offered by CASH Oregon on Saturday April 6 and 13, 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. in 230 Academic and Student Recreation Center. For what to bring and more information, [visit the CASH Oregon site](#) or email vita@bappdx.org.

PSU Eats is hosting one-hour focus groups April 16-18 to find out how it is doing feeding the campus. Each participant will receive \$10 in Dining Dollars and a catered meal during the focus group. [Faculty and staff may sign up here](#).



Apply for Campus Rec Advisory Board

The [Campus Rec Advisory Board](#) is seeking three student members and one non-student member to advise the department on the long-term operation of the Student Recreation Center and the programs housed under Campus Rec. Anyone interested in applying should complete the [Campus Rec Advisory Board Application](#) by Tuesday, April 9, at 5 p.m. To request the application in an alternate format, please contact Alex Accetta at alexa@pdx.edu.

Benefits Buzz

University employees plus four guests may **shop at the Columbia Sportswear employee store** through April 7 [with an invitation](#) and photo ID.

From child rearing to financial goal setting, the PSU employee assistance program, **Cascade Centers**, [offers regular webinars](#) for benefits eligible employees.

PEBB employees are invited to **learn about WW** (formerly Weight Watchers) during a free one-hour webinar Thursday, April 4, at noon. [Sign up online](#).

EVENTS

April 1
[PSU Faculty Senate Meeting](#)

[Earthquake Preparation Event](#)

April 2
[HR Training: New Employee Orientation](#)

[Social Work Dean Candidate Forum](#)

[Self-Portrait in Bloom: An Evening with Niloufar Talebi](#)

[Jamillah James: Connective Conversations Curator Critic Tour](#)

April 3
[HR Training: EPAF](#)

[Rape Myths Through Time](#)

[Smith Modernization Open House](#)

[Softball: PSU vs. Oregon State](#)

April 4
[Biology Seminar: Murine Microbiota Interactions During Acute Inflammation and Recovery](#)

[Noon Concert: Percussion Area](#)

[Life of a Student Loan](#)

[PSU Budget Town Hall Forum - Student Focused](#)

[Making the Right Decisions by Leide Lessa](#)

April 4-5
[TechfestNW](#)

April 5
[Spring Faculty Writing Retreat](#)

[Symposium on International Faculty-Led Programs](#)

[D2L and Donuts Faculty Drop-In](#)

[OIT Workshop: Intro to Cognos \(DataMaster\)](#)

[OIT Workshop: Exploring Cognos Reports](#)

[Transportation Seminar: Deriving Lane-level Insight from GPS Data](#)

[Speech & Hearing Sciences Colloquium: Measurement of Friendship in Autism](#)

[Social Work Dean Candidate Forum](#)

[Chemistry Lecture: New Molecular and Supramolecular Architectures for Binding Xenon](#)

April 7
[Kenton Women's Village 2.0 Open House](#)

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PRESENTED

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