

JAN. 11, 2016

Strategic plan ready for implementation

A new strategic plan for PSU that "puts students first" and places a greater emphasis on excellence and equity has been approved by the Board of Trustees and is now being implemented. The document, developed after a campus wide conversation that elicited thousands of suggestions, is meant to guide the University into the next decade. It addresses rapid changes in higher education, demographic shifts and new PSU priorities. "This plan puts us in a position to thrive as an academic and economic leader," President Wim Wiewel said. "A lot of work went into it, and that work is going to pay off as we move forward." [READ THE PLAN](#)

Former president passes away

Former Portland State President Gregory B. Wolfe passed away on Dec. 12 in Sunny Isles Beach, Florida. He was 93. As president from 1968-1974, Wolfe helped Portland State become a university in 1969 and see its first doctorate degree awarded in 1972. During his presidency, PSU and the country experienced violent antiwar demonstrations. Wolfe was known as "a tireless (and within the University community, an almost completely successful) advocate of peace and the rational settlement of controversy," wrote the late History Professor Gordon Dodds in *The College That Could Not Die*.

New graduate certificate focuses on energy policy and management

The University has approved a Graduate Certificate in Energy Policy and Management to provide students with key skills for work in the expanding energy industry. Energy—particularly renewable energy—is a cornerstone of the Portland-area economy, with job growth in public, private and nonprofit sectors. The certificate requires completion of five courses and is currently enrolling students. [READ MORE](#)

New director named for Sustainable Solutions

Portland State's Institute for Sustainable Solutions, which supports sustainability-related research, curriculum development, student activities and community partnerships, has named environmental lawyer and policy expert Robert Liberty as director starting Jan. 4. Liberty will focus on cultivating external partnerships and creating and supporting a business plan to ensure the Institute's long-term financial health. [READ MORE](#)

Programs for health and happiness in the New Year

Campus Rec is offering two empowering programs to help kick-start the campus community's health and happiness in the New Year. The Healthy U Wellness Challenge returns for the fourth year and offers more than 40 different ways to improve health. The brand new Project Happiness program is designed to deepen the happiness of individuals and those around them. The programs run from Jan. 11 to Feb. 14. [LEARN MORE](#)

PSU Graphic Design ranked in top five

The Graphic Design program at Portland State was ranked No. 5 in a list of the Top 10 Graphic Design School Programs on the West Coast. Animation Career Review, the website that created the list, also named the PSU program No. 23 in a national ranking of all public and private schools. [READ MORE](#)

Keep informed about OAI community-based learning events

Faculty are invited to join the Community-Based Learning Discussion Group starting Thursday, Jan. 21, from 2 to 3 p.m. in 209 Smith Union. Sponsored by the Office of Academic Innovation, the group meets the third Thursday of each month. [Registration is required](#). Faculty interested in received specific updates about community-based learning events may join [OAI's CBL mailing list](#).

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[Performance Series: Northwest Trio](#)

[Graphic Design Show & Tell: Dan Stiles](#)

[OAI Faculty Workshop: JumpStart Writing Program](#)

[OIT Workshop: Google Calendar, Google+, Hangouts](#)

[Rock Climbing 101](#)

[Anthropology Lecture: The Horse and Cultural Identity in 1st Millennium Britain](#)

[Men's Basketball: PSU vs. Weber State](#)

January 15

[Catalytic Reaction Mechanism Elucidation via Real Time Analysis](#)

[Women of Color Action Team Meeting](#)

[Youth Dive-In Movie: Inside Out](#)

January 16

[Outdoor Program Trip: Cape Falcon Day Hike](#)

[Portland Piano International: Nareh Arghamanyan](#)

[Men's Basketball: PSU vs. Idaho State](#)

January 17

[Outdoor Program Trip: Mirror Lake Snowshoe](#)

[Beekeeping 101 Workshop](#)

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[MLK Day of Service](#)

Campus Closed

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