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Strategic plan team members named

The group in charge of developing a new strategic plan for Portland State has been named and will hold its first meeting within two weeks. Members include faculty, students and staff, as well as representatives from the PSU Foundation and Board of Trustees. The Strategic Plan Development Team will have primary responsibility for engaging the campus community to gather ideas and data. They will recommend a thoroughly vetted final draft of the strategic plan to President Wim Wiewel. The Board of Trustees will have the final say in adopting the plan. [Full list of team members](#)

OTREC is now TREC

The University has earned a reputation for innovative transportation programs that span multiple disciplines, all in service of livable communities. That expertise is available in a single place through the renamed TREC, Transportation Research and Education Center. Formerly known as OTREC, the program has awarded Portland State more than \$30 million since 2006. Last fall, it collected nearly \$3 million to expand a national transportation study program. TREC has a new website at trec.pdx.edu.

Pros and cons of campus police proposal discussed

Subcommittee members of PSU's Board of Trustees expressed concerns about a proposal to establish an armed campus police force and asked for additional details to back up the proposal when it met Monday, Oct. 27, at University Place. The meeting was the first of two scheduled by the PSU Board of Trustees Special Committee on Campus Safety. The second will be held Monday, Nov. 24, from 3 to 6 p.m. at University Place. The full Board of Trustees will discuss the issue, and possibly vote on it, when it meets Dec. 11 from 1 to 5 p.m., at University Place. [READ MORE](#)

Provost shares ideas listens

Sona Andrews, provost and vice president for Academic Affairs, is now writing a [weekly blog](#) on issues and happenings that affect the Portland State community. Her blog site also includes an "Ask the Provost" section for email questions. In an effort to further improve communication, Andrews is available to talk with faculty and staff at monthly drop-in sessions. The next session is Monday, Nov. 10, from 2:30 to 3:30 p.m. in 294 Smith Union.

Provide holiday cheer for student-parent families

Departments are invited to "adopt" one or more student families and provide new gifts this holiday season. The PSU Resource Center for Students with Children is spearheading the 2014 Winter Wonder Donation program to make sure student-parent families don't have to go without this December. Sponsors may purchase items from a list submitted by parents or donate gift cards. Gifts should be delivered by the second week of December. [Sign up to adopt a student family by Nov. 14.](#)

Panetta keynote event raises more than \$1 million

For the third year in a row, the PSU Foundation raised more than \$1 million at its annual Simon Benson Awards Dinner. Over 1,400 people attended the gala honoring philanthropists and alumni. Former U.S. Secretary of Defense and CIA Director Leon E. Panetta was the evening's keynote speaker. [READ MORE](#)

EMSA vice president candidates on campus

Two finalists for vice president for Enrollment Management and Student Services (EMSA) will speak at sessions open to the campus community in the coming weeks. The first candidate is scheduled for Friday, Nov. 7, from 3:30 to 5 p.m. in 338 Smith Union. The other candidate will meet with the campus on Tuesday, Nov. 18, from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in 327 Smith Union. The finalists will respond to the question "What do you see as the challenges and opportunities for EMSA, and what experience do you bring to address them?" Candidate names, vitae, cover letters and a feedback forms will be posted on the [EMSA website](#) 24 hours before their visit.

Not too late to hear PDXTalks

When was the last time you heard someone tell a story that made you think? Or moved you to action? Or left you in tears or laughter? That's the idea behind PDXTalks, held Oct. 17 during Portland State of Mind.

Five faculty talked on topics close to their hearts. They are Brian Michael Bendis, Kate Bingaman-Burt, Cornel Pewewardy, Mark Weislogel, and Claire Wheeler. [Listen to their 20-minute talks on YouTube.](#)

Veterans share their stories

Military personnel make up less than 1 percent of the total U.S. population. Because of this, many people only see the stories of war portrayed in mass media with no emotions or different perspectives. The Telling Project seeks to change this. Oregon veterans and their families make up the cast of Telling: Portland 2014 set for Monday, Nov. 10, at 7 p.m. in the Smith Union Ballroom. PSU's Veterans Resource Center is hosting the free event. [READ MORE](#)

Encourage students to...

[Attend the Nonprofit Career & Volunteer Fair](#) from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 6, in the Smith Union Ballroom, third floor.

[Attend the Portland Law School Fair](#) from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 8, in the Smith Union Ballroom.

[Attend the NW Graduate School Fair](#) from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday, Nov. 17, in the Smith Union Ballroom.

New tobacco-free policy affects campus community

After a multi-year effort, a new Smoke and Tobacco Free Policy has been drafted by the Center for Student Health and Counseling and approved by the University Policy Committee for public comment. As part of the policy refinement process, the Committee seeks review and comment from members of the PSU community. The Office of General Counsel will be the [Policy Library webpage](#) of the PSU Office of General Counsel. Comments may be submitted on the webpage. The last day for public comment is Monday, Nov. 24.

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