

FEBRUARY 9, 2015

## Provost hosts open forum on strategic enrollment, budget

The Portland State community is invited to an open forum hosted by Provost Sona Andrews to provide an overview of the strategic enrollment plans and the process being used for setting the FY 2016 budget. The forum will be held from 2 to 3:30 p.m. Monday, Feb. 23, in 327 Smith Union.

## Cultural competency trainings offered

The Office of Global Diversity and Inclusion has announced a series of cultural competency trainings for PSU faculty, staff and students. The trainings aim to break down cultural barriers and will address diversity issues such as race, sexuality, gender, disability and socioeconomic class. The first training, "Illumination Project: Rehearsing to Stop Oppression," will be held from 10:30 a.m. to noon on Thursday, Feb. 19, in the Multicultural Center in 228 Smith Union. Future events include a workshop on changing demographics at PSU and a cultural competency symposium. Register for events and learn more [online](#).

## Rally at the Capitol

A statewide rally for better higher education funding is set for noon Thursday, Feb. 12, at the Oregon Capitol in Salem. PSU is hoping for a big showing, and you can be part of it. Bus transportation is available, leaving at 10 a.m. from campus and returning by 3 p.m. To reserve a seat on the bus, please email [susy.munson@pdx.edu](mailto:susy.munson@pdx.edu) by the end of Monday, Feb. 9.

## Second Thursday Social Club begins

The inaugural Second Thursday Social Club for faculty and staff will gather at 4 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 12, in the Office of Academic Innovation in 209 Smith Union mezzanine. The event provides an opportunity for PSU employees to socialize throughout the year. Food will be provided and a cash bar will be available until 6:30 p.m.

## Mini-park crowdfunding campaign successful

After a successful crowdfunding campaign, Portland State architecture students will install a new public mini-park in front of the Southwest Fourth Avenue food carts this spring. The SoMa Parklet Project launched the campaign through the PSU Foundation in late December. The project reached its goal of raising \$15,350 on Jan. 30 with just one day left in the 43-day campaign. [READ MORE](#)

## Office hours with the president

President Wim Wiewel is hosting open office hours in the Simon Benson House from 2:30 to 3:30 pm. Tuesday, Feb. 17. This is a casual meeting for faculty and staff who would like to talk with the president. There will be a sign-up sheet, and the time allotted to each person will depend on how many people are signed up. For more information contact the President's office at 5-4411.

## Campus Rec presents adventure stories

Two Campus Recreation staff members will share stories from their international outdoor adventures this past year during a lunch and learn event at 12:15 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 12, in 204 Urban Center. AnnMarie Hingley took a self-supported trek through Nepal for a month, and Alex Accetta took a guided trek to Machu Picchu with his 70-year-old mother and 13-year-old daughter. Each presenter will share photos from their trips and offer advice on how to use the PSU Outdoor Program to learn the basics and rent gear for your own adventures.

## Bookstore funds sustainability internships

The Portland State University Bookstore has donated \$40,000 to fund eight internships designed to prepare students for careers in sustainability. Students will participate in the [Sustainability Internship Program](#) for a full academic year, working with organizations engaged in sustainability-related work to develop leadership skills, tackle complex issues and make professional connections. [READ MORE](#)

## Comedy night raises funds for trips

The Student Community Engagement Center will host a night of comedy and a silent auction on Friday, Feb. 13, to raise funds for PSU's Alternative Spring Break program. "My Funny Valentine" will feature comedian Victor Johnson and improv groups Sharkbite Improv and Afternoon Delight. Doors open at 7 p.m. and the show starts at 8 p.m. Friday, Feb. 13, in 101 Smith Union. Admission is free and all funds raised from the auction benefit this year's ASB service trips to Tacoma, Wash., and San Francisco.

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### EVENTS

#### February 11

[Arts and Crafts Market](#)

[Black History Month: Film – A More Perfect Union \(1968-2013\)](#)

[Black History Month: Poetry Open Mic](#)

#### February 12

[Faculty Woodwind Quartet](#)

[OAI Faculty Workshop: Dialogue on Equity in Online Learning](#)

[Human Security in the Age of the Megachurch](#)

[Momotaro's Wars: Images of Disasters and Transnational Cinema in Japan](#)

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

#### February 13

[OAI Faculty Workshop: Success in Your Role as a Tenure Track Faculty Member](#)

[Transportation System Impacts on Bicyclists' Air Pollution Risks](#)

[OIT Workshop: D2L Basics](#)

[Social Sustainability Colloquium](#)

[Chinese New Year Celebration Gala](#)

#### February 14

[Echoes of China: Contemporary Chinese Piano Music](#)

[Vietnamese Culture Show](#)

[Women's Basketball: PSU vs. Eastern Washington](#)

#### February 17

[OAI Faculty Workshop: Visual Design](#)

[OIT Workshop: Google Mail](#)

[Office Hours with the President](#)

### PRESENTED

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