

MARCH 30, 2015

## Trustees approve tuition increase

The Portland State Board of Trustees recently approved a 4.2 percent increase in tuition and fees for Oregon undergraduates next fall, citing the lack of state financial support for higher education. The increase, combined with a proposed \$4.7 million cut in PSU's spending next academic year, is necessary to balance the budget and avoid deeper campus cuts, said University officials. President Wim Wiewel said a smaller tuition increase would occur if the Legislature allocates more money to PSU and other universities as lawmakers deliberate over the state budget in the coming months. [READ MORE](#)

## OHSU contributes to Viking Pavilion

Encouraged by the success of the Collaborative Life Sciences Building—a joint effort of Oregon Health & Science University, Oregon State University and Portland State University—OHSU is contributing to the development of the Viking Pavilion and Academic Center, a major remodel of the Peter W. Stott Center. The agreement calls for OHSU to provide \$7.5 million to the project for joint OHSU and PSU use of the facility for academic and other events. [READ MORE](#)

## Faculty Support Desk opens this week

A grand opening celebration for the new Faculty Support Desk is planned from 3:30 to 5 p.m. Wednesday, April 1, in the Office of Academic Innovation, 209M Smith Union. The Support Desk, which opened March 30, provides D2L and other teaching and learning platform help for faculty by phone, web and personal appointment. It is open from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Mondays through Fridays. The celebration event will include a tour of the desk and of OAI multimedia spaces. [READ MORE](#)

## Children invited to campus April 10

Children of students, staff and faculty are invited to campus all day Friday, April 10, for [Bring Your Kids to Campus Day](#). The PSU Resource Center for Students with Children is hosting fun events such as a scavenger hunt, face painting, garden tour, and free lunch in the Park Blocks. [Registration is required](#), and students should seek permission from instructors before bringing children into a classroom. With registration children will receive a free backpack containing snacks, coloring supplies and surprises.

## Conversation Project explores guns, race, service

Hotly debated topics take center stage for The Conversation Project 2015 hosted by the School of Social Work, April 6-14. "Guns and America" opens the weeklong series on Friday, April 6, at 4:30 p.m. in 228 Smith Union. The series continues with "White Out" on April 10, "Why Aren't There More Black People in Oregon?" on April 13 and "From Saving to Serving" on April 14. The conversations are free and open to the public. [READ MORE](#)

## Forum to address 'other' sports

The University will hold an open forum Tuesday, April 14, to hear the PSU community's interest in sports currently not offered at PSU and explain the evaluation process for proposed new sports. The University's athletic director, senior woman administrator in athletics, Title IX coordinator and director of campus recreation will participate on the panel, and attendees will have opportunities to ask questions. The event will be held from noon to 1 p.m. in 296 Smith Union.

## Sustainability award nominations open

Nominations are now open for the 2015 Excellence in Sustainability Awards, which recognize members of the University community who advance sustainability excellence at Portland State. Award categories are available to recognize faculty, staff, students, alumni and partner organizations. Nominations can be completed through the [PSU Sustainability website](#) and are due by Wednesday, April 15. The awards will be announced at the eighth annual Sustainability Celebration on May 28.

## Library seeks open textbooks to publish

The PSU Library recently published five open access textbooks authored by PSU faculty that are saving students more than \$23,800. The library is now ready to fund a new round of texts that are comprehensive works geared toward a specific field of study. Faculty authors whose proposals are accepted for publication will receive a \$2,500 stipend. [READ MORE](#)

## Encourage students to:

Submit paper and poster proposals by April 1 for Portland State's second-annual [Student Research Symposium](#), scheduled for May 12.

Submit graduate research presentations by April 10 for PSU's [Three Minute Thesis](#) event planned for May 8.

Apply to be an event planner for the student-led [Programming Board](#) during 2015-16 by May 4.

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### EVENTS

#### April 1

[Sexual Assault Awareness Month Kickoff Event](#)

[Faculty Support Desk Grand Opening Celebration](#)

#### April 2

[Engaging Head, Hand and Heart: Educating Scientists for the 21st Century](#)

[OIT Workshop: D2L Basics](#)

[Backdoor Pedagogy: Teaching Queerly to the Unsuspecting](#)

[Out of the Trash Heaps: Shantytowns and the Informal Economy in 19th-Century Manhattan](#)

#### April 3

[All-Day Colloquium: Community: Making Sense of Self and Others within Feminist and Queer Communities](#)

[Designing for Integrative Learning in the Undergraduate Science Majors Curriculum](#)

[Community-Based Research and the Two Forms of Social Change](#)

[Transportation Seminar: The SFpark Pilot](#)

[OIT Workshop: Intro to DataMaster](#)

[OIT Workshop: D2L Quizzes](#)

[OIT Workshop: Exploring DataMaster Reports](#)

[Softball: PSU vs. Northern Colorado doubleheader](#)

[Workshop: How to Do Community-Based Research That Matters](#)

#### April 4

[Softball: PSU vs. Northern Colorado](#)

[The American Chinese Experience](#)

#### April 6

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

[PSU Faculty Senate Regular Meeting](#)

#### April 7

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

[Sexual Violence and Native Women](#)

### PEOPLE

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