THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON UNIVERSITY GOVERNANCE

The Special Committee on University Governance convened its first meeting at the Oregon Capitol on April 12th, 2012 at 9:00 AM. The committee reviewed its statutory charge and the work of the 2010 SB 242 workgroup and then set in motion a work plan to prepare recommendations for the 2013 Legislature. Members of the committee include: Senator Lee Beyer (D-Springfield), Senator Fred Girod (R-Stayton), Senator Mark Hass (D-Beaverton), and Senator Frank Morse (R-Albany, Corvallis). Representative Michael Dembrow (D-Portland), Representative Mark Johnson (R-Hood River), Representative Sherrie Sprenger (R-Scio), Representative Val Hoyle (D-Eugene), and Matt Donegan and Kay Toran from the OEIB.

The committee held its second meeting on April 26 to review the recommendations from the governance committee of the Oregon State Board of Higher Education and talk about some of the current powers and practices of the board. The committee will host its third meeting on May 10th at 9:00AM to hear the perspectives of PSU President Wim Wiewel and UO president Bob Berdahl and their desire to obtain institutional boards.

You can review materials from the committee or send letters of support for institutional boards to committee members by clicking here.

You can view materials from the Governance and Policy Committee and the committee’s initial proposal by clicking here.
Dear Portland State University:

It’s hard to believe that it has been more than 40 years since I graduated from PSU. Like many in my generation, I went to PSU on the G.I. bill. My fondest memories are of going “Clean for Gene” with my fellow student activists in 1968 in support of Senator Eugene McCarthy’s successful Oregon primary campaign.

Portland State continues to be important to me because it’s our largest public university, the vital role it plays in our region’s economy, and because I will always appreciate the way my college years prepared me for life beyond.

In 2002, I ran for the Legislature because I wanted to ensure that the children of Beaverton and Aloha had the same educational opportunities that my daughters did. I also wanted to work to maintain and enhance our quality of life, protect public safety, and expand access to affordable health care.

In the 2013 session, I plan to work with my colleagues to help create family wage jobs in Washington County, protect K-12 school, community college and university funding, continue to implement federal health care changes in ways that will meet the needs of Oregon families while spending limited resources more efficiently, and to make Oregon’s communities as safe as possible.

I look forward to seeing PSU in the Capitol during session. Please contact my office if I can ever be of any assistance to you.

GO VIKINGS!

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Representative Jeff Barker (D-Aloha) was first elected to the Oregon House of Representatives in 2002. He serves as Co-Chair of the House Judiciary Committee, on the Joint Ways and Means Subcommittee on Public Safety, and has served on and chaired the House Veterans Affairs Committee.

Representative Barker retired as a lieutenant in 2001, after 28 years with the Portland Police Bureau. Prior to his service with the Portland Police Bureau, Jeff was an Oregon State Police Trooper and Game Warden and served in the First Division of the United State Marine Corps.

His law enforcement experience has led him to focus on criminal justice issues. Jeff has worked tirelessly to strengthen Oregon’s drunk-driving statutes and has been relentless in his pursuit to secure additional funding for Oregon’s schools.

He currently resides in Aloha with his wife of 46 years, Vicki Barker. He and Vicki are the proud parents to two grown daughters: Heidi and Heather, and the even prouder grandparents to grandson Owen.
**Business Accelerator testifies in committee**

On April 19th, Angela Jackson, Director of the Portland State University Business Accelerator and Co-Founder and Co-Managing Director of the Portland Seed Fund, testified before the Small Business Subcommittee on Economic Growth, Tax and Capital Access in Washington DC. Her presentation, titled “Equity Finance: Catalyst for Small Business Growth” spoke to the critical role that “startup companies and their investors play in creating wealth and growing the economy.” Ms. Jackson used the highly successful models she has promoted in Portland as examples of how government can encourage both fledgling startups and spur “angel investment.” Ms. Jackson said she was “quite honored” to be asked to testify in front of Oregon Congressman Kurt Schrader, among others, and greatly appreciated “how willing the representatives were to listen to our ideas.”

**TRANSPORTATION DEBATE HEATS UP IN CONGRESS**

The House and Senate conferees have been named to work on the Surface Transportation Bill reauthorization. Oregon is fortunate to have Congressman Peter DeFazio and Congressman Earl Blumenauer representing our needs in the upcoming process.

PSU is particularly watching the University Transportation Center (UTC) Program closely. We just recently were awarded $3.5 million to continue our research at our UTC, the Oregon Transportation Research Education Consortium (OTREC).

Our Director of OTREC, Dr. Jennifer Dill, will advocate for future competitions to focus on excellence to meet the nation’s transportation challenges. This will be a contentious process with the conference reconciling a short-term House extension bill - including a requirement to approve the Keystone oil pipeline - with a two-year Senate extension bill costing $109 billion.

**OREGON STATE SOCIETY BANQUET**

**PSU Sponsors and Attends in Washington, D.C.**

Mary Moller, Director of Local and Federal Government Relations, and Ari Wubbold, Graduate Assistant to the Office of Government Relations recently attended the annual Oregon State Society (OSS) Banquet in Washington, D.C. Ms. Moller had the honor of being the Master of Ceremonies and the event was attended by many D.C. area Oregonians in addition to Congresswoman Suzanne Bonamici and Commissioner Nick Fish.

This year’s banquet benefited the non-profit Oregon HEAT, an organization that develops and coordinates resources to help low-income Oregonians meet their energy needs and achieve energy self-reliance through energy education and advocacy.
PSU CLOSER TO EDURA APPROVAL

The Education Urban Renewal Area (EDURA) passed another hurdle recently. President Wim Wiewel presented alongside Keith Witcosky, Deputy Director of the Portland Development Commission (PDC), in front of the Portland Planning and Sustainability Commission (PSC) on April 24, 2012. The commission unanimously voted to recommend the approval of the EDURA to the Portland City Council. Urban Renewal Areas need to be approved by the PSC, PDC, and ultimately the City Council.

The EDURA will bring over $50 million dollars to PSU to improve and expand much needed infrastructure. Upcoming projects will include the School of Business expansion, Neuberger Hall redevelopment, and expansion of science facilities.

EDURA

Please Attend and Show your support!

The Education Urban Renewal Area (EDURA) proposal has some important dates in April and May that we would like to announce:

May 9th from 2:00 PM
Portland City Council Testimony
Location: City Hall

May 16th, 10:00 AM
Portland City Council Final Vote
Location: City Hall

All these events for the EDURA are open to the public. We are working towards final passage on May 16th in front of the Portland City Council.
SAVE THE DATE
Mark Your Calendars

Legislative Days
May 2012
PSU is planning to visit legislators during May Legislative Days at the State Capitol. Legislative Days are a series of days where legislators gather at the Capitol to convene interim committees. The House Higher Education Committee is expected to meet and the Special Committee on University Governance may also convene.

PSU faculty, students, alumni, and staff will meet with legislators concerning our upcoming 2013 capital construction project requests, university governance, and budget issues. May Legislative Days will be held May 21st – 23rd. You can find the official 2012 Legislative calendar here to see additional dates for other upcoming Legislative events.

DAY AT THE CAPITOL
2013
This February, PSU made quite a splash at the State Capitol, when over 140 students, faculty, staff, and alumni made our annual visit. We have already started planning for our 2013 visit which will be on Wednesday, March 6th, 2013.

2012 Election
Several PSU alumni have filed to run for local and state positions. A complete listing of candidates can be found by clicking here to visit the Oregon Secretary of State’s website. The Oregonian also covered the candidate filings. Their coverage can be found here.

Important 2012 Election Dates:

Tuesday, May 15\textsuperscript{th} - Oregon’s primary election

Tuesday, November 6\textsuperscript{th} - Oregon’s general election

If you are interested in attending either the 2012 May Legislative Days or the 2013 PSU Day at the Capitol, please contact Debbie Koreski.

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JOIN THE ADVOCATES!
Interested in Government Relations? Join The Advocates!

The Advocates are the government relations committee of the PSU Alumni Board. They will host their next meeting on Tuesday, May 8\textsuperscript{th}, 5:00 PM

Want more information about The Advocates? Contact Al Fitzpatrick, Chair, at fitzalka@comcast.net or visit their website here.

EVENTS AND HAPPENINGS