

GOVERNMENT RELATIONS UPDATE

LOCAL RELATIONS

Mayoral candidates bring debate to Portland State

Portland State University played host to the first of two televised mayoral debates of the 2012 general election. The debate was sponsored by the Portland Tribune, KOIN Local 6 and KPAM AM 860. It was televised live from 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. on KOIN, broadcast on KPAM, and streamed live on the Portland Tribune's website.

On Monday, October 8th, Portland State University was proud to host a 2012 Portland Mayoral Debate. Charlie Hales and Jefferson Smith defended their pasts, traded jabs, and tossed out ideas for solving city problems in a rapid-fire televised debate.

The event was broadcast live by KOIN Local 6. The debate was moderated by station news anchor Jeff Gianola and panelists included Associated Students of Portland State University President Tiffany Dollar, Portland Tribune reporter Steve Law, and retired KOIN news anchor Mike Donahue.



Moderator Jeff Gianola (inlet); below, candidates Charlie Hales (left) and Jefferson Smith

Questions also came from KOIN Local 6 viewers, as well as from candidate-to-candidate during one portion of the debate. This was the first of two televised debates for the general election cycle.

From homelessness to transportation priorities to police reform, the candidates swept through a vast range of issues, offering a variety of ideas and solutions.

Hales touted his experience and accomplishments in both city government and the private sector as a public transit consultant. Smith elaborated the importance of his being from East Portland

(he would be the first mayor from east of the Willamette River) - as it allows him a unique perspective towards the city - and the work he has done as in the Oregon Legislature.

Both candidates said they support fluoridating Portland's water, support the \$35-per-person city art tax on the November ballot, oppose coal trains traveling through North Portland, and believe the council needs to reconsider the policy that allows large apartment buildings to be built without parking.

Audience members included

Portland residents, PSU students and faculty, and supporters of the candidates. According to local coverage of the event, many in the auditorium had not yet decided whom to vote for.

Portland State President Wim Wiewel addressed the audience in attendance. In his remarks he lauded the Education Urban Renewal Area (EDRUA). The EDURA, approved by the Portland City Council this May, would funnel increased funding into the area with the goal of improving blighted areas and fostering economic growth.



Director of Communications Scott Gallagher, President Wim Wiewel, and Director of Local and Federal Government Relations Mary Moller enjoy a moment together after PSU's successful evening as host of the debate.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

November 6th:
Election Day - Vote!
(Ballots due by 8:00 PM)

December 12 -14th:
Legislative Days @ Capitol

Dec. 22 - Jan. 1st, 2013:
PSU Campus Winter Closing

January 14th:
Swearing-in Day @ Capitol

January 15 - 17th:
Organizational Days for the
2013 Session @ Capitol

February 4th:
Legislative Committees Begin

March 6th:
PSU Day @ Capitol
Go Viks!

STATE RELATIONS

The PSU Government Relations team is tracking several state level committees and boards this fall. These committees are forming recommendations to be considered in the 2013 legislative session. Below is an update for each committee that contains links to their websites where you can get more information.



OREGON EDUCATION INVESTMENT BOARD

What is the OEIB?

The [Oregon Education Investment Board](#), chaired by the Governor, is overseeing an effort to create a seamless, unified system for investing in and delivering public education from early childhood through high school and college.

The Oregon Education Investment Board will make recommendations to the Governor about the 2013/15 budgets levels for the seven institutions of the Oregon University System, including Portland State University. The board will also negotiate an achievement contract with each university that outlines the expected performance and outcomes. The OEIB has also formed several [subcommittees](#), one of which will make recommendations concerning the statewide governance structure for Oregon's public universities.

Who serves on the OEIB?

The Governor named [12 educators and community leaders](#) from around Oregon to serve on the board, with Nancy Golden, Superintendent of Springfield Public Schools, as his alternate chair. (Read August 2011 [news release](#).)

What are the goals of the OEIB?

Oregon's goal is that by the year 2025, 100 percent of Oregonians will earn a high school diploma or its equivalent, 40 percent will earn a post-secondary credential, and 40 percent will obtain a bachelor's degree or higher.

If achieved, this standard would represent a significant improvement from today's educational success. Achieving it, however, will require changes to Oregon's public education system to produce better results for students, more resources for teachers and greater return on the taxpayers' investment.

The schedule of the OEIB Community Forums can be found [here](#).

The Subcommittees of the OEIB with available meeting schedules:

State Investments

Governance and Policy

Best Practices and Innovation

November 7, 2012
10:30am - 12:30
Oregon University System Board Room
1800 6th Avenue
Portland, OR 97201

Equity and Partnerships

No meetings currently scheduled

What is the OEIB's charge?

[Senate Bill 909](#) in 2011 created the board and outlined specific charges:

- Developing an education investment strategy to improve defined learning outcomes from early childhood through public schools, colleges and universities.
- Hiring a Chief Education Officer to oversee the unified public education system.
- Establishing a statewide student database, from early childhood through higher education, that encourages accountability for outcomes, and provides better information for policy makers, educators, students and their families to ensure progress along the entire educational path.
- Establishing an Early Learning Council to streamline and strengthen early childhood services to at-risk youth to ensure all children are ready to learn when they enter kindergarten.
- Reporting back to the Oregon Legislature, on progress and legislation for 2012.

When does the OEIB meet next?

Wednesday, Nov. 7, 2012
Oregon University System
Board Room
1800 6th Avenue, Portland, OR 97201

Watch the meeting live [here](#).

Agenda:

1. Adoption of 2013-15 Budget Recommendations
 2. Action on P-20 Report
 3. Preliminary report from YDC on gang violence intervention
 4. Report and further discussion: Parental engagement and use of technology
 5. Public Testimony
- Nov. 27, 2012 - Salem
Location TBA
- Dec. 11, 2012
Portland - Location TBA

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SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON UNIVERSITY GOVERNANCE

What is the SCOUG?

The [Special Committee on University Governance \(SCOUG\)](#) was created in HB 4061 during the 2012 session to make recommendations to the 2013 Legislature about the best methods and practices to establish institutional boards at Oregon universities. During the course of the committee's work, two universities (Portland State University and University of Oregon) requested institutional boards.

Who served on the SCOUG?

Eight legislators and two members of the OEIB served on the SCOUG. Senator Mark Hass, Representative Michael Dembrow, and Representative Mark Johnson served as co-chairs of the committee. Senator Lee Beyer, Senator Frank Morse, Senator Fred Girod, Representative Sherrie Sprenger, and Representative Val Hoyle served on the committee. The two members of the OEIB included Kay Toran and Matt Donegan.

What is the latest news on the SCOUG?

The Special Committee on University Governance held its last meeting on October 4th, 2012, and has made its recommendations to the Governor and the 2013 Legislature. You can find a copy of the committee member's letter of recommendations [here](#). A final copy of LC 759 can be found [here](#). The latest version of LC 759 creates an institutional board for Portland State University and the University of Oregon.

OREGON STATE BOARD OF HIGHER EDUCATION

What is the OSBHE?

The [Oregon State Board of Higher Education](#), the statutory governing board of the Oregon University System and its seven universities is composed of fifteen members appointed by the Governor and confirmed by the Oregon State Senate. Eleven public members are appointed for four-year terms and two faculty and two student members are appointed for two-year terms. The Board elects a president and vice-president.

Who serves on the OSBHE?

[A list of current OSBHE members can be found here.](#)

How does the OSBHE conduct business?

The Oregon State Board of Higher Education currently has three standing committees that meet regularly. The three standing committees of the Board include: Academic Strategies Committee, Finance and Administration Committee, and the Governance and Policy Committee.

When do the OSBHE and the OSBHE committees meet?

[A schedule for all committees can be found here.](#)

HIGHER EDUCATION COORDINATING COUNCIL

What is the HECC?

The HECC was created within SB 242 (the OUS omnibus bill) during the 2011 legislative session. The commission will initially focus on four key issues, as directed by legislation: textbook affordability, credit for prior learning, the Western Governors University, and the budget.

A list of the HECC membership can be found [here](#).

When does the HECC meet?

November 8, 2012
Oregon State Capitol, HR A
900 Court Street NE
Salem, OR 97301
1pm - 3pm

November 29, 2012
Oregon State Capitol, HR A
900 Court Street NE
Salem, OR 97301
1pm - 3pm

December 13, 2012
Oregon State Capitol, HR A
900 Court Street NE
Salem, OR 97301
1pm - 3pm

Where can I get more information about the HECC?

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Paul Kelly Jr., Chair of the Governance and Policy Committee of the Oregon State Board of Higher Education

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TASK FORCE ON HIGHER ED. STUDENT AND INSTITUTIONAL SUCCESS

The Task Force on Higher Education Student and Institutional success can be found online [here](#).

House Bill 3418, passed during the 2011 legislative session, establishes a Task Force on Higher Education Student and Institutional Success. The 17-member task force is charged to examine best practices in higher education, and make recommendations to increase success for students in acquiring basic skills, career preparation and program completion with attainment of certification or degrees. The task force must offer an initial report to the Legislature by December 1, 2011.

The five charges of the Task Force include:

- (a) Examine best practices and models for accomplishing student and institutional success, as such success is measured by achievement of the mission of higher education set forth in ORS 351.009 and the policy for community colleges set forth in ORS 341.009;
- (b) Consider institutional and statutory barriers to student success and completion of programs;
- (c) Examine methods for students to acquire basic skills and career preparation skills;
- (d) Review alternative funding options for providing necessary services to students and promoting best practices for student success and completion; and
- (e) Compare alternative funding options instituted in other states for improving student and institutional success.

A list of taskforce members can be found [here](#).

A summary of the taskforce's recommendations can be found [here](#).



Chancellor George Pernsteiner and Paul Kelly, Chair of the Governance and Policy Committee of the Oregon State Board of Higher Education testify in front of the newly formed Governance and Policy Committee of the Oregon Education Investment Board. Matt Donegan, Chairman of the Oregon State Board of Higher Education is chairing the new subcommittee of the OEIB.

TASK FORCE ON 'STEM' ACCESS AND SUCCESS

SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY, ENGINEERING, AND MATHEMATICS (STEM)

What is the taskforce?

The STEM taskforce was created in HB 4056 during the 2012 session for the purpose of encouraging students to study science, technology, engineering, and mathematics. It works in collaboration with other STEM efforts around the state including the Oregon STEM Employer Coalition. Professor Bill Becker (PSU), has been a leader in both of these efforts.

Who serves on the taskforce?

Representative Chris Harker is the Chair of the taskforce. Senator Fred Girod, Senator Elizabeth Steiner Hayward, and Representative Shawn Lindsay also serve on the taskforce. Members of the public include: William Becker (PSU), Deb Mumm-Hill, Eric Meslow, Todd Sanders, Carla Wade, Aubrey Clark, Jeri Janowsky, Brynn Livesay, Terrel Smith, Lisa Graham, Savannah Loberger, Sabah Randhawa, and Nancy Stueber.



PSU Professor Bill Becker presents at the Portland Metro STEM Partnership.



Election 2012: What's next for Higher Ed?

The current authorization of the Higher Education Act (HEA) expires at the end of 2013. The HEA is federal legislation created in 1965 to provide federal resources for colleges and universities and provides financial assistance for students in postsecondary education. It is usually authorized every 5 years and we will most likely see a re-authorization during the next presidency.

The next President will have plenty of influence when it comes to deciding what's next for higher education through the re-authorization process. Claudio Sanchez from NPR recently wrote an article titled [Obama, Romney On Higher Ed Help: Dueling Visions](#). In this story he lays out where the presidential candidates differ on federal college assistance. It is clear that President Obama and Governor Romney have different visions for higher education. To find out more about their higher education visions go [here](#) for Romney and [here](#) for Obama.

Although the President will definitely have influence as re-authorization goes forward, the Congress will have the greatest direct involvement. The 113th Congress will have to tackle big issues such as financial aid funding, for-profit colleges, and college cost. There will be a number of hearings on these issues in the House and Senate education committees along with possible field hearings across the nation.

Elections matter and more information about re-authorization will be available after November 6.

Don't forget to VOTE!

PSU FEDERAL FINANCIAL AID

Number of students receiving Pell grants (current as of publishing):	8,424 students
Percentage of full-time Pell students vs. total full-time students:	61.1%
Average Pell grant award for PSU Students:	\$4,494 (for 2012-13)
Total Pell funding at PSU:	\$40,493,733 (for 2011-12)
PSU total for Federal Work Study and SEOG:	FWS: \$1,261,431 SEOG: \$968,646

Source: PSU Office of Financial Aid

PSU VETERAN'S STUDENT AID

Post 9/11 GI Bill Student Aid:	650 students - \$7.54 million
Montgomery GI Bill and dependents Student Aid:	223 students - \$1.47 million
Vocational Rehabilitation Student Aid:	124 students - \$1.3 million
Totals (2012):	997 students receiving \$9.01 million

Source: Admissions, Records & Registration - Student Affairs

PSU'S Wiewel honored by U.S. Green Building Council

Portland State University President Wim Wiewel will receive the inaugural Presidential Award from the U.S. Green Building Council's Center for Green Schools next month at the Green-build International Conference and Expo in San Francisco.

Full story can be found [here](#).



President Wiewel signed the Climate Action Plan in May of 2010.



LOCAL HAPPENINGS



Above left, PSU President Wim Wiewel addresses the crowd at the opening of the new TriMet Streetcar Loop. Above right, Portland Mayor Sam Adams speaks to the same crowd, while seated next to him (left to right) are US Representative Earl Blumenauer; US Representative Suzanne Bonamici; President of Powell's Books, Michael Powell; General Manager of TriMet, Neil McFarlane; and President Wiewel.



During Portland State of Mind, the Center for Women, Politics, and Policy held their Next 100 Years: Women's Leadership Luncheon. Pictured above left (L to R) are Associate Vice President for Human Resources Shana Sechrist; Chief of Staff Lois Davis; Multnomah County Commissioner Diane McKeel; Dean of the College of Liberal Arts & Sciences Sue Beatty; Multnomah County Commissioner Loretta Smith; Associate Athletics Director for Business Operations Barb Dearing; and University Librarian Marilyn Moody. Above right, are McKeel; Executive Director of Youth Villages Oregon Lynne Saxton; and Smith.



Above left, US Representative Earl Blumenauer addresses the crowd at the opening of the new University Pointe housing complex, just off PSU campus. Above right, Governor Barbara Roberts, President Wiewel, and others cut the ribbon to celebrate the official opening of the facility.

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