Strategic Plan topic teams delve into key campus issues

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THE LATEST DEVELOPMENTS

• All eight Topic Teams held their kick-off meetings to start digging into the objectives and initiatives that will go into the new strategic plan. To see more on the teams, including who is on them, click here.

• The Strategic Plan Development Team and the PSU Alumni Association surveyed alumni to get their input on the plan. See results here.

• The Strategic Plan web page continues to evolve and grow with lots more documentation. Check the new “Engagement” section to see who has participated and how you can still get involved.

RECENT ACTIVITY

• Sonja Taylor, adjunct faculty member, has been added to the Strategic Plan Development Team.

• The SPDT discussed PSU’s “position,” and worked to answer the question: “What is the unique value does PSU deliver, and to whom?” This will become part of the university’s overall vision, mission and values statement.
WHAT’S NEXT

- Two “equity lens” teams are being formed and will hold formal kick-off sessions soon.

- The equity lens teams will monitor both the process and the plan’s output to help ensure issues of race, ethnicity, gender and other equity factors are taken into account.

- The SPDT will soon schedule an all-campus Town Hall for mid- to late April to gather public comment on the work of the Topic Teams. Watch this space for more details.

GET INVOLVED

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What’s happening? Faculty, students, staff, alumni and other members of the Portland State community are hard at work rewriting the university’s strategic plan to respond to dynamic changes in higher education.

Why now? President Wiewel sees the process as an opportunity to engage the entire campus in a unifying conversation about our shared goals, values and mission. He feels this is an appropriate time to have this important discussion about PSU’s future.

Why should I participate? The plan will become the basis for priority-setting at PSU. Your voice, your expertise and your energy are critical in influencing the direction our university will take over the next five to 10 years.