Strategic plan moves forward; Ice cream event a sweet hit

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THE LATEST

- Eight Topic Teams are busy drafting proposed initiatives that will form the basis of the plan.
- CUPA Dean Steve Percy, chairman of the Strategic Plan Development Team, has called for volunteers from the SPDT to form a small sub-group that will organize a first draft of the plan during summer break.
- The sub-group will take initiatives from the Topic Teams and, working with Coraggio Group consultants, craft a first rough draft of the plan. The draft will be submitted to the full Strategic Plan Development Team in the fall.

RECENT ACTIVITY

- Strategic Ice Cream, an event designed to gather feedback on the Topic Teams’ work so far, was a huge success.
- Nearly 800 attended and more than 500 scoops of Ben & Jerry’s ice cream were served. Benefits went to New Avenues for Youth, which helps homeless youth.
- Plan organizers collected hundreds of comments. A four-minute video captures a sampling of the comments.
- For more, see a report on President Wim Wiewel’s web page or Provost Sona Andrews’ blog.

WHAT’S NEXT

- The full Strategic Plan Development Team meets Thursday, May 14 to review research on emerging trends in higher education, among other topics.
- Topic Teams will begin submitting initiatives to the full team for review.
- Watch this space for more outreach events in the fall to gather public comment on the draft plan.
• The Strategic Plan team is working through questions submitted in recent days -- those who included an email with their questions can expect a response shortly.

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.