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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.

**THE LATEST DEVELOPMENTS**

- Topic Teams are nearly formed around **eight key themes**; the teams will include [Strategic Plan Development Team](#) members as well as other faculty, students and PSU community members with expertise or interest in the topic.
- Strategic plan organizers are surveying the broad campus community to gather data on PSU values. [Take the survey.](#)
- Work continues on recasting and updating PSU’s vision and mission statements.

**RECENT ACTIVITY**

- About 130 faculty, staff, administrators and students, attended the Winter Symposium and gave key input that will be used by the Topic Teams as they make recommendations for elements of the strategic plan.
- More than 100 students, staff and faculty attended a strategic planning town hall and gave advice on PSU’s reputation, position and values.
- Students who attended the Party in the Ballroom were interviewed on camera on their thoughts about what Portland State should stand for five years from now. [Watch the video.](#)
- Strategic plan organizers met with a variety of campus groups, including:
WHAT’S NEXT

- Topic teams will begin meeting to draft key elements of the final strategic plan.
- The Strategic Plan Development Team will work on defining PSU’s values.
- Strategic planning will be the topic of a special session of the PSU Faculty Senate.
- A subcommittee of the Strategic Plan Development Team will work on a final draft of PSU’s vision and mission statements.
- The next meeting of the SPDT is scheduled for Feb. 5.

GET INVOLVED

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