Wim Wiewel

Pronunciation: 'VIM VEEV-ell'

Wim Wiewel assumed the presidency of Portland State University in August 2008. Under his leadership, the University has developed five guiding themes: Provide civic leadership through partnerships, improve student success, achieve global excellence, enhance educational opportunity, and expand resources and improve effectiveness. This has brought a renewed focus on expanding the university’s civic partnerships in the region and achieving a new degree of excellence through strategic investments.

Prior to coming to PSU, Wiewel was the provost and senior vice president of Academic Affairs at the University of Baltimore. From 1979-2004, Wiewel was with the University of Illinois at Chicago (UIC), where he most recently served as dean of the College of Business Administration. Wiewel also directed UIC’s Center for Urban Economic Development. He holds degrees in sociology and urban planning from the University of Amsterdam in the Netherlands, and a Ph.D. in Sociology from Northwestern University.

Wiewel has authored or edited nine books and more than 65 articles and chapters that have appeared in publications and journals, including Economic Development Quarterly, Economic Geography and the Journal of the American Planning Association. His most recent books are Global Universities and Urban Development, The University as Urban Developer and Suburban Sprawl.