

## Recap of President's Report to Faculty Senate 02/04/13

George Pernsteiner is leaving the Oregon University System. An interim will be in place by March 1st. This is a time of great change and it could make the legislative session more challenging with changed OUS presence in Salem.

President Wiewel is meeting with Legislators to discuss institutional boards, potential changes to the Oregon State Board of Higher Education and the OUS. He will also be involved in a meeting with the OUS presidents, Ben Cannon from Governor Kitzaber's office and Matt Donegan from the Oregon Board of Higher Education in preparation for the Legislative Session.

Legislative Session notes: Topics of interest for PSU are OUS Governance, Institutional Boards, Oregon State Board of Higher Education, and the OEIB in addition to the Operating Budget, Capital Budget for OUS and Tuition Equity.

President Wiewel will give testimony for All Hands Raised, which is important because Rudy Crew wants Post-Secondary Education to be interactive with K-12. Teacher Education and Regional Performance Pacts are also a major initiative for Rudy Crew.

Note on Tuition Equity: even if it passes, the students who would benefit will not be eligible for Pell Grants or Oregon Opportunity Grants.

Note on Institutional Boards: Mitch Greenlick has proposed a bill to put OHSU and PSU under one board. The bill is not likely to pass. PSU and OHSU already have a strong partnership and the collaboration continues to grow.

OHSU has offered a co-investment with PSU for \$1M for the remodel of Stott Center, another symbolic contribution to collaboration.

PSU day at the capital is Wednesday, March 6<sup>th</sup>. Please contact the President's Office if you want to participate: 503-725-4411.

Private donations are up this year and looks like it will be a banner year for advancement.