

President Wim Wiewel comments to Faculty Senate 12/03/12

PSU receives \$50,000.00 grant from the PGE Foundation. The grant is in support of a power engineering teaching laboratory to prepare engineering students for careers in the power industry.

Green Portable Classrooms prototype wins the 2013 international SEED award for excellence in public interest design. The portable classroom is a collaborative project between PSU's new Center for Public Interest Design and Green Schools for the Future. The classroom bridges the gap between standard portable classrooms and the high cost of green construction. The Green Portable Classroom lets in twice the natural light, circulates three times as much air, and consumes half as much energy than a standard portable, yet costs a fraction of the other green modular options. Portable classrooms will be built in Oregon.

You can find more information [HERE](#).

PCC and PSU now have a reverse transfer agreement. It will grant students who have completed enough credits an associate's degree. The reverse transfer agreement program was made possible by a two-year, \$450,000 grant from the Lumina Foundation. The Reverse transfer agreement supports the 40-40-20 goals and further expands the collaboration between PCC and PSU.

You can find more information on Reverse Transfer Degrees [HERE](#).

Simon Benson Awards Dinner speaker for 2013 will be Tom Brokaw. Save the date for Tuesday, October 22nd, 2013!

PSU is talking to developers about the potential uses of University Place Hotel space. The hotel was purchased in 2004. Though any redevelopment is not in the near future, the beginning discussions for best use of land are starting to happen.

The Governor's proposed capital budget was released on Friday 11/30. If the budget is approved, it could mean as much as a 7 or 8% increase for the Oregon University System and significant changes to PERS could make that possible. The proposed budget could put the School of Business building and the Viking Pavilion within reach this biennium. Although the thought of an increase instead of a cut is good news, the reality is that the State only provides one-sixteenth of our funding. Even an 8% increase for OUS may not have a significant impact on PSU and it is based on assumptions about programmatic changes in PERS, health care, and public safety that are politically controversial. The proposed budget highlights are attached.

You can find more information on the Governor's 2013 – 15 Proposed Budget [HERE](#).



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Preliminary Budget Summary for the Oregon University System

Governor's Balanced Budget for 2013-2015

(all amounts rounded up; Sources: GBB and DAS)

December 3, 2012

Summary of Funding

- State General Funds for the Oregon University System (OUS) are \$ 708.6 million for 2013-2015; and including \$28.5 million in Lottery Funding to cover debt service, total funding is \$737.1 million, an increase of \$45.9 million or 6.6% over 2011-2013.
- Debt service on university facilities used for student instruction and education delivery is a combination of State General Funds and Lottery Funds and totals \$121.2 million for 2013-2015, up 19.8% from the \$101.2 million in 2011-2013.
- Savings to OUS from proposed PERS benefit calculations changes are estimated at nearly \$52 million and accrue entirely to OUS. The anticipated PERS savings are available to help offset increased health benefit costs in the 2013-2015 biennium.

Budget Details

- Within the total General Funds are the following details based on a new grouping of program budgets as presented in the GBB:
 - Oregon University System Statewide Programs were funded at \$37.1 million which is an increase of 6% over the 2011-2013 funding of \$35 million. Programs in this group include:
 - Engineering and Technology Industry Council (ETIC): \$29.0 million
 - Dispute Resolution Program: \$2.4 million
 - Oregon Solutions Program: \$2.2 million
 - Clinical Legal Education Program: \$0.34 million
 - Climate Change Research Institute: \$0.30 million
 - Institute for Natural Resources: \$0.39 million
 - Signature Research Centers: \$1.0 million
 - Oregon Metals Initiative (OMI): \$0.73 million
 - Industry Partnerships: \$0.64 million
 - Public University Support Fund (excluding the System Chancellor's Office) was funded at \$465 million which is an increase of 7.9% over the 2011-13 funding of \$430.9 million. This includes enrollment funding, regional support, research support, engineering programs, health professions, campus public service programs, and all other targeted programs not included in the OUS Statewide Programs group above.
 - Oregon State University's Statewide Public Services were funded as follows (all were level funded from '11-13): Extension Services = \$37.5 million; Agricultural Experiment Station = \$51.8 million; and Forest Research Lab = \$5.7 million.

- Public University System Chancellor’s Office for system-wide funding and services is \$18.9 million, down 8.4% from \$20.6 million, related to transition of certain duties to other state entities.
- Sports Lottery, which supports intercollegiate sports (88%) and graduate scholarships (12%), was zero funded. It was funded at \$8.6 million in 2011-2013 from Lottery funding. Sports Lottery distributions are established by statute so this change in funding will require legislative action.

Summary of Capital Construction Funding

- Budget funding for OUS capital construction is provided in a new way for 2013-2015. The GBB includes \$275 million in General Fund and Lottery Fund backed debt-financed projects for 2013-2015 for the education outcome area. The budget includes three specific allocations: \$10 million for development of the Oregon Education Investment Board (OEIB) statewide longitudinal database, \$6 million for the Student Achievement Centers proposed in the Chief Education Officer’s Corps of Professional Educators initiative, and an additional \$15 million for seismic remediation of K-12 school facilities. The remaining \$244 million is recommended for community college and OUS capital projects. The Governor, in consultation with the OEIB, is evaluating capital projects proposed by the colleges and universities based on their contribution to the state’s 40-40-20 goal and will make specific project recommendations prior to the 2013 legislative session.
- An additional \$269.4 million is recommended for OUS projects that are financed with campus-paid debt, such as Article XI-F (1) bonds and OUS revenue bonds. Projects include student recreation centers, housing and dining facilities, information systems and communications infrastructure, land and building acquisitions, and other priorities.

Other Higher Education-Related Funding (not in OUS budget)

- The Oregon Opportunity Grant program of need-based student financial aid was increased 20% to \$119.3 million, up from \$99.4 million for 2011-2013.
- OregonINC received funding for the following efforts to promote research and innovative technology transfer to advance Oregon’s economy: ONAMI = \$6.1 million (up from \$5.0M); OTRADI = \$1.7 million (down from \$2.7M); Oregon BEST = \$8 million (up from \$3.7M); Oregon Wave Energy Trust = \$2.5 million (up from \$2.4M); Drive Oregon Initiative for electric vehicles = \$2.2 million (up from \$1.2M); Unmanned Aerial Systems Center of Excellence = \$2.5 million (new funding); Portland Incubator Experiment & Oregon Film = \$900,000 (new funding); Undefined innovation = \$5.5 million (new funding).