

Recap of President's Report to Faculty Senate 01/07/13

The Oregon University System Capital Projects process was much more complicated this year. In addition to added approvals from the Oregon Educational Investment Board (OEIB), community colleges will be included in the proposal to the Governor, which means another competing entity for funding. SBA is still #1 on the priorities list and Stott Center is on the bubble. Neuberger Hall is unlikely to be funded in this biennium, but should be a top priority for the next biennium. The OUS Capital Projects list will move to the OEIB for review and they will advise the Governor on what should be proposed during the 2013 legislative session.

The President traveled to Doha to present at the 2012 Islamic Finance Conference. He had a chance to meet with the PSU MBA students who traveled to Doha as part of their program. The trip was also used as a recruitment effort and to connect with alumni and potential donors. The outcome of some donor asks remain to be seen.

Enrollment this winter term is roughly level.

The Honors Program has experienced tremendous growth under the leadership of Ann-Marie Fallon, about 58% in the last year alone. Most recently the Rose Tucker Charitable Trust made a \$1 Million gift to the Honors Program.

You can find more information [HERE](#)

Dave and Christina Vernier gave \$240,000 to PSU that will impact many different areas, including GSE for the STEM student focus, matching scholarship funds, and the University Venture Development.

Charitable giving includes PSU faculty and staff. This year during the Oregon Employee Fund Drive PSU employees gave \$41,251, an increase of 6% over last year. The Faculty and Staff Campaign also increased this year, employees giving for the first time almost doubled and the overall giving increased by 28% over last year. The areas that received the most support are student financial aid, academic programs and departments, research and athletics.

In the past month PSU received ample news coverage on two stories, the Engineers Without Borders initiative in Nicaragua and the PSU study of consumer habits of Bicyclists, Pedestrians and TriMet riders in Portland.

To read the full articles:

[Engineers Without Borders](#)

[PSU Study](#)

Upcoming Events you should be aware of:

Martin Luther King Tribute Event with Dr. Cornel West on Tuesday, January 15th.

Winter Symposium on Wednesday, January 16th.