

APRIL 17, 2017

## Board of Trustees votes to raise tuition to avert deep cuts

The Portland State Board of Trustees voted unanimously Tuesday to raise tuition next fall to avert deep cuts in programs and staff, promising to lower the increase if the Legislature increases funding for higher education. Trustee Maude Hines, an associate professor in English, described the vote as a “horrifically reluctant decision,” made because the tuition increase combined with \$9 million in proposed cuts are necessary to avert a \$20 million shortfall in the next fiscal year. [READ MORE](#)

## New men's basketball coach named

Director of Athletics Valerie Cleary announced last week that Barret Peery has been named new men's basketball coach. Peery takes over the Viking program as the 13th head coach in its 56-year playing history, and the sixth since Portland State joined the Big Sky

Conference in 1996-97. He has spent the past two decades in collegiate coaching, most recently as associate head coach at Santa Clara University. [READ MORE](#)

## Classroom sessions on study abroad

Staff and peer advisors from the [Education Abroad](#) office are available to give classroom presentations about study abroad opportunities. Staff can tailor talks to particular programs that are relevant to course topics or provide a general overview on study abroad. [Submit this form](#) to request a representative to come into your classroom. Most presentations are five to ten minutes, although a longer presentation may be requested.

## PSU is Tree Campus USA for third year

For the third consecutive year, the Arbor Day Foundation designated Portland State a [Tree Campus USA](#) in recognition of the school's commitment to maintaining a healthy forest on its urban campus. PSU is one of 296 campuses across the United States with the designation, which recognizes effective campus forest management and engagement of staff and students in conservation goals. PSU will receive the award at the Portland Arbor Day Festival at Mt. Scott Park on Saturday, April 22. The event is free and open to the public.

## Culture & Conversation events in April

“Radical Resistance Post Election” is the first of three discussions in the School of Social Work’s annual [Culture & Conversation](#) series. Community partners will share skills in social movement and community action from 6 to 8 p.m. Wednesday, April 19, in the Native American Student & Community Center. The series, which continue April 22 and 27, is designed to spark campus and community dialogue around identity, equity and community. All discussions are free and open to the public.

## PSU Opera presents two Puccini one-acts

PSU Opera's next production is a double-header: [two one-act operas by Puccini](#) in a single evening. *Suor Angelica* is a tragedy, and *Gianni Schicchi* is a comedy featuring one of the best-known arias in opera, “O mio babbino caro.” The combination is perfect for newcomers and seasoned opera fans alike, and will run April 21-30 in Lincoln Performance Hall. Tickets can be purchased online from the [PSU Box Office](#) or by calling 5-3307.

## Chat feature on Admissions website

The [Office of Undergraduate Admissions](#) now has a chat feature on its website. A collaboration with the Office of Information Technology and the Office of University Communications, Chat is a new way to engage prospective students and collect admissions information. The office is now able to connect with more students at once, provide detailed answers, and send prospective Vikings a transcript of conversations so that they have a record of their questions and answers for future reference.

## Register for May Bike Challenge

The [PSU Bike Challenge](#) is a free month-long event designed to encourage new and experienced riders to bike as much as possible during May. PSU departments compete against each other to see who can get the most students and staff to ride a bike between May 1 and 31, and participants can also win prizes as individuals. Free food and group rides will be available throughout the month of May for challenge participants. [Registration](#) opens on April 21.

## Notices

Summer and fall course material adoptions at the PSU Bookstore are due now. Place orders through [a web form](#), on the [website](#), by [email](#) or in-person at the store.

The Commission on Sexual and Gender Equity seeks nominations for students, faculty, or staff who have demonstrated exemplary advocacy on behalf of queer and trans communities at PSU this year. Nominations, 500 words or less, are due April 23, and should be emailed to Craig Leets at [cleets@pdx.edu](mailto:cleets@pdx.edu).

Encourage master’s and doctorate students to submit their thesis by April 24 for the fourth annual [Three Minute Thesis Competition](#) planned for May 4, 4 to 6:30 p.m. in Shattuck Hall Annex. Winners will go on to compete in the State Championships and will receive a cash prize.

The PSU Red Cross Spring Blood Drive is Monday through Wednesday, April 24-26, 11:30 a.m. to 5:50 p.m. and April 27, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. in the Smith Union Ballroom. [Schedule an appointment](#) in advance or be a [volunteer](#).

Sign-up to learn the nuts-and-bolts of [writing a textbook](#) in a half-day workshop offered by the Office of Academic Innovation on May 5 in M209 Smith Union.

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### EVENTS

**April 17-21**  
[Portland State Bookstore Clearance](#)

**April 17-27**  
[Veils/Stratum: MFA Exhibition](#)

[Bowed by the Wait of it All: MFA exhibition](#)

**April 18**  
[Lean Cafe: A3 Thinking and Kaizen](#)

[Leading Policy Innovation in Vietnam: Open Forum](#)

[FS Training: ePSU Marketplace](#)

[OIT Workshop: Intro to DataMaster](#)

[OIT Workshop: Exploring DataMaster Reports](#)

[Athletic & Outdoor Connect Sustainability Panel](#)

[Business Connect to Community](#)

[Will Do Magic for Small Change Performance Reading](#)

**April 19**  
[HR Training: PeopleAdmin](#)

[Mixed Origins: Exploring Multiracial Identities](#)

[Beekeeping Workshop](#)

[Earth Week Seed Giveaway](#)

[OAI Faculty Event: TA Workshop on Using Backward Design to Plan Course Assignments and Assessments](#)

[Can a Political Activist be a Good Historian?](#)

[OIT Workshop: Excel and Spreadsheet Basics](#)

[Social Event for Supervisors of Student Employees](#)

[Radical Resistance Post Election](#)

**April 20**  
[FS Training: PSC and PSI](#)

[HR Training: Retirement Choices Lunch and Learn](#)

[Provost's Lecture Series: Voter Turnout for Mayoral Elections in America's Largest Cities](#)

[Zumbathon](#)

[March for Science Sign-Making Party](#)

[A Japanese American Origin of Japanese Studies in the United States](#)

**April 21**  
[OAI Faculty Event: Faculty Writing Retreat](#)

[Earth Day E-Waste Collection](#)

[Earth Day Festival](#)

[Center for Public Interest Design Talk: Killian Doherty](#)

[Transportation Seminar: A Conceptual Framework for Understanding Latent Demand](#)

[Maseeh Mathematics & Statistics Colloquium with Jeffrey Thunder](#)

[Chemistry Seminar: Kimberly Beatty](#)

[Sustainability Film Series: Queen of the Sun—What Are the Bees Telling Us?](#)

[PSU Steinway Piano Series: Andrew Brownell Masterclass](#)

**April 21-30**  
[PSU Opera: Suor Angelica + Gianni Schicchi](#)

**April 22**  
[Earth Day of Service](#)

[El Cuento: The Story](#)

[March for Science](#)

[PSU Steinway Piano Series: Andrew Brownell Recital](#)

**April 23**  
[PSU Steinway Piano Series: Susan Chan Masterclass](#)

### PEOPLE

G.L.A. Harris, Kris Henning, Julie Perini, Christof Teuscher

### PRESENTED

Elena Avilés, Peter Boghossian, Scott Burns, Abby Chroman, Jill Emery, David Ervin, Mark (Harmon) Leymon, G.L.A. Harris, Theresa Julnes Keleka Kaimanu, Per Henningsgaard, Eric Holmes, Charles Klein, Adele Larson, Meiru Liu, Nathan McClintock, Catherine McNeur, Will Parnell, Kimberly Pendell, Elizabeth Pickard, Robert Schroeder, Gerry Sussman

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### GRANTS

Christof Teuscher

### ADDITIONAL LINKS

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Athletics News & Schedules  
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