

MAY 30, 2017

LAST CURRENTLY for the 2016-17 academic year will be published Monday, June 5. Deadline for that issue is noon Tuesday, May 30.

Tuition increase approved; trustees hope to reduce it with state support

On May 25, the Higher Education Coordinating Commission reversed its previous decision and [approved an increase in tuition and mandatory fees of 8.37 percent](#) for resident undergraduate students at PSU starting in the fall. Earlier, the [PSU Board of Trustees voted unanimously](#) to reduce that tuition increase if the Oregon Legislature and Gov. Kate Brown increase state funding for higher education. Under the board's resolution, the tuition increase would be reduced by 1 percent for every \$20 million in increased state funding for Oregon's seven public universities in the next biennium.

Honored with Diversity Awards

The Portland State community came together May 23 to honor more than 25 faculty, staff and students who received the 2017 President's Diversity Awards for their advocacy, engagement, support and other accomplishments. This year's award recipients included faculty members Samuel Henry, Marilyn Mackiewicz and Judy Bluehorse Skelton and staff Christian Ancicete, Tara Cooper and Virginia Luka. [READ MORE](#)

Record year for Wine and Roses

The Portland State Athletics Wine and Roses event at the Portland Art Museum on May 19 proved to be better than ever. The dinner and auction generated \$515,000 for athletics scholarships and an additional \$150,000 for the Viking Pavilion project—making it the highest-grossing Wine and Roses ever. Some 500 guests attended, including Portland Mayor Ted Wheeler. Denny Ferguson was recognized for his decade of raising funds for Viking Athletics. [READ MORE](#)

Sustainability stars recognized

Portland State's 10th Annual Sustainability Celebration drew more than 250 attendees to the Smith Union Ballroom May 24, marking another year of accomplishments in sustainability research, teaching, and operations at the University. Awards were presented to staff and faculty members Jennifer Allen, Molly Bressers, Pedro Ferbel-Azcarate, Jenny Liu, and Leslie Walters; and to students Tara Brown, Stefanie Steele and Jennifer Stefanick. Institute for Sustainable Solutions Director Robert Liberty announced the creation of a new scholarship fund in honor of President Wim Wiewel. [READ MORE](#)

Hands-on archeology

The PSU Department of Anthropology's annual [Archeology Roadshow](#) features tool-making demonstrations, experts who can identify your personal artifacts, samples of historic beer and more. This year's event, which is free and open to all, will take place during the Farmers Market on Saturday, June 3, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., at Hoffmann Hall. Thanks to a grant from the Oregon Heritage Commission, the Archeology Roadshow will then make an appearance in Harney County on Saturday, June 10.

Five galleries, one show

Art Student Joshua Sherburne's piece Angora Organismo, made from vinyl, water and light, is part of the ["We..." BFA Exhibition](#) June 5-16 in five galleries on campus. Fourteen students graduating from the Bachelor of Fine Arts program in Art Practices will show pieces that incorporate print, painting and sculpture as well as video, photography and digital media. The exhibit takes place in Autzen Gallery, AB Lobby Gallery, MK Gallery, and Littman and White galleries (which will display the art through June 23). A reception is planned for Thursday, June 15, 4 to 7 p.m. in the galleries.

New Director of Academic and Employee Labor Relations

The Office of Academic Affairs has announced the hiring of [Julia Getchell](#) as its new Director of Academic Employee and Labor Relations. Getchell was the executive director of the PSU Chapter of the American Association of University Professors from 2003 until 2009. In her new role, she will manage collective bargaining negotiations and contract administration, and provide consultation and education about academic personnel.

One day at PSU filmed by everyone

What happens in a single day at PSU? Quite a bit. On May 2, PSU students, faculty and staff captured their day in short video clips, which were put together and set to music by Peter Simon in the Office of University Communications. [Watch the video](#)

Upcoming events for faculty and staff

- The Office of Academic Affairs is holding a **Spring Budget Forum** on Thursday, June 8, from 1 to 2 p.m. in 296 Smith Union
- The President's Office is hosting the June 8 **Second Thursday Social Club** at the Simon Benson House. Doors open at 4 p.m., food is provided, and the cash bar closes at 6:30 p.m.

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EVENTS

May 30
[Biker Breakfast @ SRTC Bldg](#)

[Navigating Education Abroad for Diverse Students](#)

[Erasure of Black Trans Women and Femmes Through History](#)

[The Ethnic Cleansing Solution? Partition and Population Exchange in Syria and Iraq](#)

May 30-31
[Kabuki Dance Drums 2017: The Castle Tower & The Puppeteer](#)

May 31
[HR Training: Benefits Only Overview](#)

May 31-June 3
[Sons of the Prophet by Stephen Karam](#)

June 1
[Biology Lester Newman Seminar: Kimberley Tanner](#)

[Noon Concert: Brass Area Recital](#)

[California's Radical Shift Away from Car-Oriented Planning](#)

[OAI Faculty Event: Engaging Students and Making Classrooms Inclusive](#)

[Archaeology – Of Lice and Men: An Overview of Recent Archaeoentomological Projects in the Pacific Northwest](#)

[King School Not Self-Portraits Exhibit Opening Reception](#)

June 2
[CPID Talk: Creating Unique Design Processes to Support Communities](#)

[Civil and Environmental Engineering MS Project Presentation](#)

[Transportation Seminar: China's Motorization Wave and the Place of Emerging Technologies](#)

[OAI Faculty Event: Moving Towards Active Learning, Both Inside and Outside of Class Time](#)

[The Sankofa Project Presents: Ramadan](#)

[Art History Awards Celebration 2017](#)

[Chemistry MA Symposium](#)

June 3
[PDX Asian Lecture: Tang Dynasty Tea Poetry](#)

[Archaeology Roadshow: Travel & Trade](#)

[International Community Development Fund Buffet and Auction](#)

[PSU Opera: Voce d'amore](#)

June 2, 4
[Choir: Global Rhythms VI](#)

June 4
[Task-based Teaching of Chinese Reading and the Implementation of Popular Cultural Resources](#)

[Saori Erickson Senior Vocal Recital](#)

PEOPLE

[Sherril Gelmon](#)

PRESENTED

[Talya Bauer, Daneen Bergland, Berrin Erdogan, Business Administration faculty, Jacen Greene, Inger M. Olsen, Dilafruz Williams, Lale Muazzez Yaldiz, Donald Truxillo](#)

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