

Oregon State University IFS Report

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Highlights from OSU:

Since the election in 2016, President Ray has written a number of campus emails assuring the campus community that OSU will remain true to its core values of social justice and equity despite what the United States Government under President Trump does. This includes not turning over the names of students who are undocumented. It also includes maintaining core values of the campus community LGBTQ and Trans students rights. All of this puts Ed Ray at the front end of criticism from Alumni and donors.

Mark Hoffman the Vice Provost for International Programs has issued a number of emails to our international students about the new Presidential Executive travel Orders. We are doing our best to alleviate the anxiety and stress from our International students.

Oregon State University has a new Provost/Executive Vice President Ed Feser—he from The University of Illinois at Urbana–Champaign. Ed Feser started in an official capacity March 1st. He is replacing Ron Adams.

Oregon State University is conducting a search for a new position called a Chief Diversity Officer. We have had three candidates come through campus and we are now in the process of selecting the final candidate.

OSU has been having conversations at OSU with Lynn Benton Community College about which model we will use for transfer credits. OSU is strongly in favor of the Dual Credit Standards model. We do not want to accept the Assessment based learning or the Willamette Promise model. Our position goes directly against what the HEC wants us to accept.

Last week OSU students began marching on campus demanding an inquiry into the building names and micro-aggressions related to these names. For example Slats Gill Auditorium is named after a coach who did everything he could to keep the men's basketball team all white. He retired in 1961 and this ushered in the first African American basketball player. The students will be working with Steve Clark's office (Marketing) to discuss how best to work on the building names.

Oregon State University will be celebrating its 150th anniversary starting on August 21st with the Solar Eclipse. There will be a series of big events that celebrate the universities accomplishments as having a Sea grant, Land grant and Sun grant. The university will have an open exhibit at the Oregon Historical Society in Portland during the summer. OSU will have a travelling road show around the state to celebrate the university.

Sherm Bloomer, Director of Budget and Fiscal Planning, discussed a future 4-8 percent tuition increase for OSU students. The tuition increase will be decided by the Board of Trustees. OSU is concerned that the state may give us a zero percent increase in funding. OSU is also concerned that they will need to figure out how to make up a 20 million dollar deficit without higher amounts of tuition increases. OSU anticipates that it might get some of the U of O students who cannot afford their tuition increase.

Sherm Bloomer and OSU is also concerned about the PERS issue and how that will affect faculty retirements in the future.