

# Board of Trustees Report to the Faculty Senate

October and January meetings, 2018-19



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**To the Faculty Senate --**



**Happy Valentine's Day!**

**Love,  
-- Mike**



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# Reminder

- I'm the Faculty Member on the OSU Board of Trustees.
- This position was setup by the legislature when they created the university boards.
- I work at keeping up on this stuff so you don't have to.
- I don't speak for the Board.



Rani Borkar, Board Chair

<http://leadership.oregonstate.edu/trustees>

# The October meetings were held in the new OSU facility in Portland



- How can OSU keep up with new types of learners and new ways of learning?
- Who is “Gen-Z”? More entrepreneurial, want more “applicable” courses, don’t want learning to be place-specific, want missions not majors, want a “playlist” of experiences, want to solve social issues.
- OMG, who is “Gen-Alpha”? Under age 8, they will train for jobs that don’t exist yet. How does OSU get ready for them?
- Legislature “cares” about in-state vs. out-of-state issues.
- Presentation by Pharmacy students: there are student-run clinics in Portland (check-ups, health screening) – who knew?





# Board Meeting Issues

- New housing unit.

Market says these need to be studio apartments, not dorm rooms.

This impacts cost.



- Changes in costs for OSU capital projects – construction costs are increasing quickly.
- Change in need for Board approval for capital cost increases: triggered by \$5M or 10%, whichever is less.
- Lots of discussion concerning Financial Aid policy.  
Early-action on financial aid impacts enrollment.  
85% of last year's incoming freshmen received some sort of aid.

# The January meeting was held in Corvallis

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- Ongoing discussion of “How Would We Know?”
- Office of Risk and Compliance: hotline usage has more than doubled over last year.
- Capital Buildings: Board approved long-range capital spending of \$1.4B over next ten years: Cordley to be renovated, two new STEM-related buildings to be built. OSU’s Moody’s rating continues to be a strong Aa3.
- Tuition continues to be an issue: OSU budget continues to be highly tuition-dependent, current in-state admission percentage is 73%.
- Accreditation: site visit is April 23-25. Some Board members will be in attendance.
- Board approved most recent financial audit – some new GASB (Governmental Accounting Standards Board) rules are now in place.
- Governor’s proposed budget is flat, HECC allocation of the budget will continue to be based on student outcomes.

# Thanks!

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