

SOU in Salem: Notes from the Capitol, Week 12

Big News:

- The Ways and Means Roadshow continues! SOU will have our best opportunity to share with members of the budget writing committee on April 25 at Klamath Community College
- April 21 is coming soon. That is the date for “TRU Lobby Day” to showcase the value and distinctiveness of Oregon’s regional universities—students, staff and faculty can sign up here:
- April 9 was the deadline for bills to move out of their originally assigned committees; those which did not are officially “dead” for the session—although there are still mechanisms to get the concepts in those bills moved into other legislation.
- The four TRU universities will be featured in Informational Hearings in the Senate and House higher education committees in early May.

The Little Things:

- SOU is featuring three current and former students in the budget hearings for public universities that are taking place April 17, 21 and 22. Thanks to Dylan Bloom ('24), Trustee Garima Sharma, and Government Relations Assistant Chloe Fiveash for testifying and representing SOU and all higher education.
- President Bailey and Marc were featured Wednesday evening on KOB15’s “Five on 5” and had a great time speaking about the legislative session and answering questions.

Bills of Interest:

- HB 2649 - operationalizing the Taiwan Student MOU - passed out of House Higher Education and Workforce Development

Things to consider:

- How are the TRUs distinct institutions? Please come prepared to have a little discussion at the next LAT meeting.

What we are especially focused on:

- April 21 TRU Lobby Day
- April 25 stop on the Ways and Means Road Show at Klamath CC. (Sign up here.)

- Organizing for the final half of the session—particularly on budget matters and our capital construction proposal.