Creating and Sustaining an Accessible and Inclusive University

EQUITY IN ACCESS AND SUCCESS FOR PEOPLE of all backgrounds and abilities is and will continue to be a top priority for Oregon State University, starting with an abiding commitment by President Ray and university leadership.

While there is still much work to be done toward the goal of universally accessible environments, it is important to recognize the university’s commitment as evidenced by many recent improvements and plans for more.

Plans for Success
University leadership has dedicated almost $1 million for accessibility improvements to be completed during summer 2014 and is seeking funding to complete the $21 million comprehensive plan. This work is only part of a larger five-year accessibility plan where we will define outcomes and recommendations and prioritize additional improvements.

We go Further
It’s not enough to meet the minimum legal requirements. We want to go further and are now taking a more proactive approach, including an emphasis on renovating older facilities. We have also put requirements in place to ensure buildings exceed legal minimums.

Moving to Modernize
OSU’s Corvallis campus is a beautiful, historic place. However, this means there are features of some existing buildings, pathways, and parking lots that do not meet standards for new facilities. As the accessibility plan moves forward, improvements will be made and efforts to refashion older facilities will be given sustained attention.

We are Committed
Visit our website for more detailed information and periodic updates about improvements.

For more information:
oregonstate.edu/accessibility or ds.oregonstate.edu

By the numbers
Over the past four years, Campus Operations has invested more than $12 million into accessibility at Oregon State in the form of:

- 145 auto door openers
- 22 built or replaced ramps
- 20+ improved restrooms
- 2 miles of sidewalk
- 30+ Classes renovated
- 75 accessible parking spaces
- 19 street crossings

1 in 30 students served by DAS
Each term, Disability Access Services (DAS) provides thousands of accommodations to students with disabilities to ensure access.

OSU IS CURRENTLY SEEKING $10 MILLION FROM THE OREGON LEGISLATURE FOR SPECIFIC PHYSICAL ACCESSIBILITY IMPROVEMENTS.

OSU provides access in many ways, including:
- Interpreters in classes, plays and events
- Working with UHDS to house students with disabilities
- Reviewing IT accessibility
- Captioning videos
- Creating construction design standards, including classroom and furniture standards
- Providing education and outreach
- Providing textbooks in accessible formats
- Proctoring exams to meet accommodation needs
- Working with admissions to ensure prospective students experience an accessible campus