

## Wim Wiewel

Wim Wiewel assumed the presidency of Portland State University in August 2008. Under his leadership, the University has developed five guiding themes: provide civic leadership through partnerships, improve student success, achieve global excellence, enhance educational opportunity, and expand resources and improve effectiveness. This has brought a renewed focus on expanding the University's civic partnerships in the region and achieving a new degree of excellence through investments such as the \$25 million James F. and Marion L. Miller Foundation challenge grant for sustainability.

Since Wiewel's arrival at Portland State, research expenditures have increased 30 percent, athletic programs won three conference championships, enrollment grew for the 13th consecutive year, and the University was singled out in the *U.S. News and World Report's* 2010 edition of *America's Best Colleges* for its commitment to engaged learning through its community partnerships and programs.

Prior to coming to Portland State, Wiewel was the provost and senior vice president of Academic Affairs at the University of Baltimore. While at Baltimore, he initiated a new freshman and sophomore program, and a new emphasis on the university's role in Baltimore's revitalization.

From 1979 to 2004, Wiewel was with the University of Illinois at Chicago (UIC), where he most recently served as dean of the College of Business Administration. He also served as dean of the College of Urban Planning and Public Affairs and as special assistant to the chancellor. In these positions, Wiewel played a lead role in establishing the Liautaud Graduate School of Business, a new College of Urban Planning and Public Affairs, and the UIC Great Cities program. Wiewel also directed UIC's Center for Urban Economic Development.

He holds degrees in sociology and urban planning from the University of Amsterdam in the Netherlands, and a Ph.D. in sociology from Northwestern University.

Wiewel is past president of the Association of Collegiate Schools of Planning, a fellow of the Lincoln Institute of Land Policy, and senior editorial adviser of *Economic Development Quarterly*. He is currently on the boards of the Portland Business Alliance, Greenlight Greater Portland, United Way of the Columbia-Willamette, the Coalition of Urban Serving Universities, and the Coalition of Urban and Metropolitan Universities. He also serves on the sustainability committee of the American Association of State Colleges and Universities and on the advisory committee of the Leadership Development Center of the American Council on Education.

Wiewel has authored or edited nine books and more than 65 articles and chapters that have appeared in such publications as *Economic Development Quarterly*, *Economic Geography*, and the *Journal of the American Planning Association*. His most recent books are *Global Universities and Urban Development*, *The University as Urban Developer*, and *Suburban Sprawl*.