

- **Re-engage a Wolf campaign...** I'd like to share a few statistics for the degree completion project in which LaRon Tolley has been engaged. As you know LaRon is digging through Banner records identifying students who have large numbers of credits but no degree and have dropped out. Since September 2016, 19 students were recruited back to campus and have successfully graduated (14 in their original degree choice; 5 after switching to interdisciplinary studies). In addition, 16 additional students are now re-engaged with WOU and making progress toward degree completion – 5 of the 16 should graduate this spring. Some of these students have also made arrangements with the business office to carry debt owed to the university while taking classes.
- **Art faculty members recognized:** for the official record, I also wish to join the chorus of appreciation for those of you who participated in March for Science parades this past weekend, and of course to our art colleagues **Kim Hoffman, Sung Park and Mary Harden** and their art students for the now famous salmon sculptures caught in an Oregonian news photo of a march in Portland.
<http://www.opb.org/news/article/portland-march-for-science-earth-day/>
- **180 degree completion initiative:** I appreciate Senate President Schepige providing additional time for Q&A about the WOU Way initiative. As noted at last Faculty Senate meeting this initiative came about due to a confluence of forces, both internal and external to campus, such that the timing is now for us to demonstrate that we are an access institution and that we will guide students to a successful conclusion of their baccalaureate aspirations.
- **Women's Foundation of Oregon presentation:** Executive Director Emily Evans will be on campus on May 11th, this room at 11 am to provide a talk "Count Her In" in which she will report on a comprehensive research project on quantitative and qualitative data on the status of women from every county in Oregon. Abby's House will be issuing further information about