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## Russi testifies at OU Day at the Capitol

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"Despite all of the challenges facing our nation and state, we should never lose sight of what higher education is all about," Russi said in his testimony. "It's about creating the future by exposing eager minds to a wide range of knowledge, experiences, people and skills."

Four other university presidents also testified before the House including M. Peter McPherson of Michigan State University, Mary Sue Coleman of the University of Michigan, Curtis Tompkins of Michigan Technological University and Eric Gilbertson of Saginaw Valley State University.

In addition to testifying, the presidents answered questions posed by legislators to help them better understand the long-term effect these budget cuts will have on universities.

Following the meeting, the **OU Student Congress** sponsored a lunch for legislators and OU students, faculty and staff who attended.

### SUMMARY

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