Leadership Summit:

After a highly successful Leadership Summit there has been significant commitment of our board members to WCU’s vision and mission. The main ways in which our board members are contributing to WCU is in endowed scholarships, internship and job site recommendations, advocating for our students and coming to campus to talk with faculty, staff and students.

Program reviews:

I was asked by the Faculty Senate Planning committee to report on the programs that are undergoing review this academic year. The self-study documents, schedules, and external and internal reviewer information can be found at http://www.wcu.edu/about-wcu/leadership/office-of-the-provost/oipe/unitreview/ or unitreview.wcu.edu.

Academic Departments/Programs 2015-2016

Arts and Sciences

- Biology
- Geosciences and Natural Resources (November 18-20, 2015)
- Philosophy and Religion
- International Studies

Business

- All programs [Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business] (October 4-6, 2015)

Education and Allied Professions

- Various programs [Council for the Accreditation of Educator Preparation] (September 27-29, 2015)
- Parks and Recreation Management
- Psychology

Fine and Performing Arts

- Theatre (BA; BFA) [National Association of Schools of Theatre, Commission on Accreditation]
- Interior Design [Council for Interior Design Accreditation] (Interim visit)

Health and Human Sciences

- Recreation Therapy [Program accredited]
- Nursing (BSN; MSN) [Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education]
Administrative Units 2015-2016

Auxiliary Services (Fall 2015)
Cherokee Center (October 18-20, 2015)
Health Services (July 2, 2015 & September 9, 2015)
Highlands Biological Station (August 23-25, 2015)
Information Technology (September 28-29, 2015)
Marketing (TBD)
Public Relations (TBD)
Recycling & Surplus (March 6-8, 2016)
Student Community Ethics (Spring 2016)

Open Hearings Budget Process:

Most of Academic Affairs has been involved in unit, college and school discussions regarding budget since August. All unit, college and school budget hearings are open to campus. The dates and additional information about budget hearings for Academic Affairs can be found at [http://www.wcu.edu/about-wcu/campus-services-and-operations/budget-office/budget-process.asp](http://www.wcu.edu/about-wcu/campus-services-and-operations/budget-office/budget-process.asp). All faculty and staff are encouraged to attend these budget meetings, Provost Council budget hearings (December 2) and the final University Budget hearing (January 28).

Priority Registration:

With the new process in place for priority registration, we have moved from 64% to 15% of our students eligible for priority registration before all other students and banding based on hours to graduation with priority registration tiers within those bands. We have a few concerns from students and parents but all have been addressed and most of the issues were about misunderstanding the banding processes. We will assess the next two registration cycles and bring the data to Senate in 2016.

Center Development Process update:

The Provost Council (PC) discussed the formation of a Center in the November 11, 2015 meeting with all the information, faculty comments from the survey and open forums, senate discussions, letters, comments and the senate resolution. The Provost will submit a letter of recommendation to the Chancellor by November 20, 2015.