**Provost Report**

**Faculty Senate**

**January 26, 2012**

Budget Process

* University Budget Advisory Committee will be formed with 5 faculty, 5 staff, and 2 students
* Chancellor has charged each division with conducting budget hearings and developing priorities prior to the presentation of budget priorities to the Chancellor’s Leadership Council on March 12
* Provost Division process has been distributed to Council of Deans (see attached)

Asheville Instructional Space

* Preliminary conversations have been conducted with Biltmore Park concerning possibility of WCU programs in Asheville relocating to Biltmore Park
* Meeting was held with WCU program directors to garner space needs—Biltmore Park spaces can be customized according to our needs
* Council of Deans have projected the growth possibilities given no limitations on time of day and classroom availability
* Chancellor, Interim Provost, Legal Counsel, and Chief of Staff attended meeting at UNC-A to discuss possibilities (ASU, WCU, and UNC-A in attendance)
* MOU is being developed to reconcile issues of branding and program duplication between UNC-A and WCU
* Business Plan has been submitted to President Tom Ross for consideration
* Additional consideration includes loss of revenue for UNC-A given WCU’s change in location
* Currently waiting to hear response from GA on the Business Plan and finalizing MOU with UNC-A to submit to President Ross

Interim Dean for College of Arts and Sciences

* Internal search process has been developed and distributed to the College of Arts and Sciences
* Involves development of a search committee with faculty, administrator, staff and student representation as well as timeline of submissions (see attached)

Chancellor’s Installation Week

* Plans are underway for week of Chancellor’s Installation (draft schedule attached)
* Classes will not be cancelled, but all are encouraged to attend
* Students required for the preparation and presentation of events need to be excused from classes for these university sponsored events-----list of students will be distributed to faculty as soon as possible

Provost Search

* Two of the three candidates have now come to campus (or will by the Senate meeting)---the third will arrive next week. ☺

Respectfully Submitted

Beth Lofquist, Interim Provost

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