

# Provost's Role and Responsibilities

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- Partner with President Leshin and her leadership team on formulation and implementation of the University's strategic and operational activities....;
- Advocate for the faculty in the University's administration, and serve as the primary liaison to the Faculty Governance System;
- Oversee academic planning, resource allocation .....
- Promote the quality, .....of WPI's undergraduate and graduate students;
- Promote the continuing development of the University's robust research programs.....;
- Facilitate the successful integration of the teaching and research activities..;
- Create and oversee the operating budgets for the academic units .....
- Oversee the operation of all offices within the Division of Acad. Affairs .....
- Provide direct supervision and support for the academic Deans, the VPR, VP for Academic and Corporate Development .....

# Qualities and Desired Characteristics of the Provost

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- Proven ability to inspire.....;
- The breadth of knowledge .....to identify existing, emerging, and interdisciplinary fields for institutional investment;
- The skills to work with the faculty and administration ...to ...attract external research funding .....
- A commitment to continuously enhance the quality of student learning ...;
- Demonstrated strategic leadership in planning.....;
- The dedication required to maintain an evolving campus environment ...;
- An evident sense of humor; ...and the ability to listen carefully ....;
- A full appreciation for the importance of the arts and humanities.....;
- The stature to gain the respect of leaders within the local, academic, scientific, and business community;
- The skills to formulate a budget...;

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**Subject:** Looking for a punching bag

I need a punching bag, either a freestanding one or the type that hangs from a chain.

I'm not looking for a small speed bag.

I'm looking for one that you can really pummel.