Provost’s Role and Responsibilities

• 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

• 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...;
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.