

President's Remarks – 9/8/15

- Welcome back all!
- A few announcements:
 - Class of 2019
 - Commencement Changes
 - Dining in Higgins House
- A few perspectives
- Strategic plan update

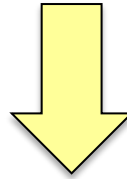
Perspective: A Great Year

- ✓ Strategic planning included over 1000 voices from our community and many great ideas emerged
- ✓ Raised ~\$250M against \$200M goal to close campaign
- ✓ Lowest tuition increase in 6 years while addressing key gaps in staffing and budget
- ✓ Research expenditures up ~24% (wow!)
- ✓ Best athletic performance in recent memory (ever?)
- ✓ Many fabulous new faculty members (including new female Dept head!), new Provost, new FSB Dean!
- ✓ Class of 2019 is the BEST CLASS EVER!
- ✓ And more...

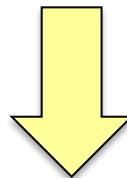
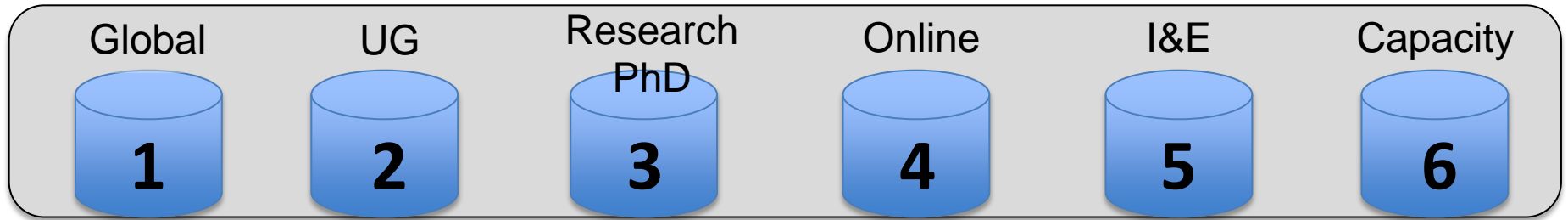
Perspective: What Keeps Me Up?

- Cost to families of a WPI education
- Expenditure growth outpacing revenue growth
- Culture of innovation on our campus – willingness to try new things to stay current and effective
- Creating a culture and infrastructure supportive of research and scholarship
- Ensuring TTT faculty are engaged in all key curricular activities of the Institute (projects, new initiatives, on line, etc)
- Appropriate balance of TTT & NTT numbers & workload
- Implementing highly effective FIS building & programs
- Building a truly inclusive, diverse community/culture
- Developing leaders at all levels in faculty and staff

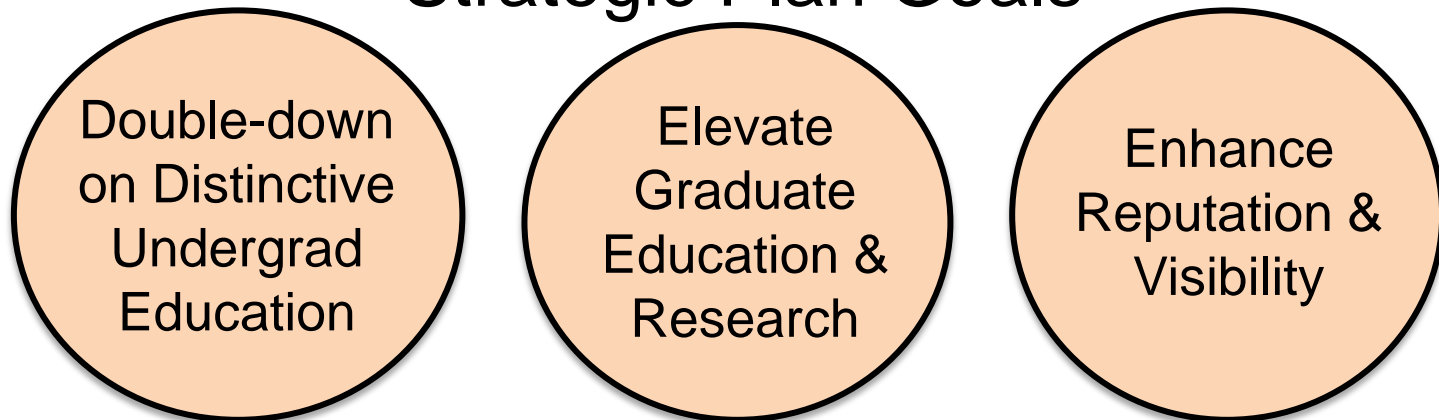
Retreats, Listening Sessions: Over 1000 participants!



“Pillar” Planning Teams: ~100 participants



Strategic Plan Goals



Strategic Plan Initiatives

Distinctive Undergraduate Education

1

More in Four

2

Global Projects for All

3

Major and a Mission

Global Competency,
Entrepreneurial Mindset,
Grand Challenges Scholars

Research and Graduate Education

4

Competency-based
Online Education

5

WPI PhD Plan

6

Research Enterprise

Reputation and Visibility

7

Center for Project
Based Learning

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Global Partnerships

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Foies Innovation Studio