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

- Double-down on Distinctive Undergrad Education
- Elevate Graduate Education & Research
- Enhance Reputation & Visibility
Strategic Plan Initiatives

1. More in Four
2. Global Projects for All
3. Major and a Mission
   - Global Competency, Entrepreneurial Mindset, Grand Challenges Scholars
4. Competency-based Online Education
5. WPI PhD Plan
6. Research Enterprise
7. Center for Project Based Learning
8. Global Partnerships
9. Foisie Innovation Studio