Good Stuff

✓ Strategic Plan released and underway – good progress and more to do
✓ Financially on solid ground – new investments focused on Strategic Plan initiatives
✓ Already raised ~$15M in philanthropy directly towards Strategic Plan goals. Endowment tops $450M for first time.
✓ Gordon Prize win and celebration
✓ Foisie IS & Messenger Hall going full speed ahead
✓ Research expenditures almost $30M – best ever!
✓ Many fabulous new staff and faculty members (welcome!!)
✓ New Board of Trustees Chairman – Jack Mollen
✓ Class of 2020 is the BEST (and most diverse!) CLASS EVER!
Challenges/Opportunities

- Keep focus on our commitments and opportunities of Strategic Plan goals and initiatives
- Manage effectively in current environment – legal challenges, safety, reputation, regulations (FLSA), cybersecurity, working with the city (PILOT)
- Space to manage our growth in size, stature and reputation
- Advance Worcester through economic development activities and innovation/entrepreneurship
- Leverage perspectives of new campus leaders, faculty, staff, students to make us stronger
- Continued focus on making WPI a diverse and inclusive community where all can thrive
Elevate Impact:
A Strategic Plan for WPI

Double-down on Distinctive Undergraduate Education

Elevate Research and Graduate Education

Enhance Reputation and Visibility
Our Accomplishments—Wow!

- **Undergraduate Education**
  - Record # Co-op opportunities available—more than 600!
  - Most off-campus IQPs EVER—almost 850!
  - WPI designated Grand Challenge Scholar Campus by National Academy

- **Research & Grad Education**
  - Research expenditures $29.7M; several large Center grants submitted
  - First two grad courses converted to Personalized Online (POE) format-50 enrolled
  - Launched PhD Leadership program—75 PhD candidates participated

- **Reputation & Visibility**
  - Alden Trust Challenge successfully completed -- $12M raised
  - Foisie Innovation Studio & Messenger Hall groundbreaking
  - WPI received 2nd Kern Foundation Grant to expand I&E work ($1.78M over 3 years)
  - CPBL—more than 40 Unvivs impacted so far—24 attended 2nd summer institute
  - First 3 International Alumni Chapters launched; Email for life for alums
What to Watch for This Year

- Launch of WPI’s **Research Solutions Institute**
- First round of **faculty cluster hiring** aligned with research themes
- New engineering track in the Institute for **Project-Based Learning**
- Series of **co-op focused events** to increase participation
- Launch of an **e-portfolio** option for students
- >100 additional slots and 4 new/expanded centers for off-campus projects
- Launch of the Center for **Graduate Student Professional Development**
- **25 Grand Challenge Scholars** recognized at Commencement
- 2 additional **personalized online courses** launch
- Announcement of an **exciting partnership** with Tsinghua Univ
- And MORE!!
Get Involved

• Input from >1000 people created this plan – it’s ours

• To date over 200 WPI faculty, staff and students have been involved in launching the plan, and we’re just going into our first full acad year of implementation

• **This week:** Status and plans for all 9 initiatives on posters at Faculty Reception and Town Hall – talk to initiative leads, share your ideas, get engaged

• **Coming soon:** Department-level faculty discussions with Kristin Tichenor, Bruce Bursten, Michelle Jones-Johnson and your Dept Head