

WMU Provost Weekly Briefing

November 15, 2019

Greetings!

This week provided some opportunities for celebration and calibration for the final weeks of the fall semester. Here are highlights from the week:

1. This week's annual APLU conference took many of our senior officials to San Diego for the first part of the week. Although Provost Bott elected to stay in the Michigan snow, several academic administrators who did attend have kept her informed. Thank you for those updates!
 - a. To encourage institutional participation, both President's Cabinet and Provost's Council were canceled for the week.
2. This morning, the Provost joined our colleagues at Grand Valley State University to formally welcome their fifth President, Dr. Philomena V. Mantella, during an inauguration ceremony and luncheon. Learn more about their first woman president by visiting the [GVSU Office of the President website](#).
3. Provost Bott continues to prioritize appearances at regularly scheduled faculty meetings, as she remains committed to keeping a finger on the pulse of our workforce and culture. This week, she had the pleasure of attending a team meeting with colleagues in the Department of Political Science. If you would like to invite the Provost to attend one of your spring meetings, please contact Megan Way to coordinate availability; she can be reached via email at megan.m.way@wmich.edu.

Looking ahead to next week, we will be hosting both a Provost's Council meeting and an Academic Forum (please also note that the November 20 Academic Forum is an abbreviated 60-minute session to accommodate the fall OCHAD general meeting, scheduled for 4-6 p.m.).

As a friendly reminder, the annual 25 Year Club Gala – hosted by Human Resources – is scheduled for next Tuesday, November 19. Invitations have already been sent to club members and administrators to participate in the celebration; if you believe you may have been overlooked, please contact HR at hr-hris@wmich.edu.