

Knowles Notes

February 14, 2020

Happy Valentine's Day! The past week was filled with a number of campus events, including two Town Halls to share the latest news on One WMU, the academic affairs initiative to launch a university college.

- Two town halls, one Wednesday morning and one Friday afternoon, hosted by Provost Bott provided the campus community with important updates on One WMU.
 - Thank you to all who attended the discussion and submitted questions for the design team's consideration. A special note of appreciation to all deans and associate provosts for encouraging their teams to attend. Over 300 individuals attended the two forums!
 - For anyone who could not attend or view the livestream, a recording can be viewed [here](#).
 - An opportunity to name the new university college was also launched. [Learn more](#) via the One WMU website!
- Tuesday morning, the Provost's Council met with the following agenda discussion items:
 - [Amplification Policy](#). The Cabinet has been discussing policies on amplification, and the Council discussed recommendations for Provost Bott to bring forward on behalf of academic affairs.
 - EUP of the Future. Ed Martini, Associate Provost, Extended University Programs, announced plans for the unit to shift to a service unit under the new strategic resource management (SRM) budget model. An official, campus-wide announcement to introduce WMUx was shared on Friday; for the latest news, visit their new website: <https://wmich.edu/x>
 - Partnership Opportunities with GRCC. Provost Brian Knetl joined the second half of the meeting to share some updates on GRCC, specifically their recent [Promise zone announcement](#). WMU will continue to work closely with GRCC to ensure students have clear pathway options. A meeting will be arranged in late spring or early summer to allow leadership teams from both institutions a chance to collaborate.
- Provost Bott also had an opportunity to attend and participate in other events on campus (and beyond):
 - The Administrative Professional Association (APA) executive board invited Provost Bott to join them, where they discussed performance management and professional development opportunities for staff.
 - Thursday afternoon, Provost Bott attended three meetings in Grand Rapids: one with Aquinas, one to discuss industry collaboration with GVSU, and an [Amp Lab](#) Open House. For all three events, the Provost was joined by interim dean of the College of Engineering and Applied Sciences, Dr. Steve Butt, and associate provost, WMUx, Dr. Edwin Martini.
 - In partnership with Cabinet colleagues, the Provost met to discuss ongoing strategic initiatives for enrollment, academic conduct, and [responsible engagement](#) via the [WeTalk](#) panel discussion on Tuesday afternoon.