

Campus Conversations with President Maloney

October 9, 2019 8:30 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.

Administration Building, Fuller Auditorium

- Unfortunately President Maloney was unable to join today as he was meeting with the Lumina Foundation in Boston. Provost Wims led the Campus Conversation
- Provost Wims welcomed the group
- Provost mentioned that we have several WSU folks working with the DHE and the Lumina Foundation
- Lois thanked everyone involved with the PEAS Conference and thanked everyone for their patience as we had lots of guests on campus
- Adjunct faculty will be receiving their raises shortly
- The Academic Year Kick Off Meeting spoke about the upcoming Strategic Plan, the Strategic Planning Committee has now been formed
 - The process has been adjusted by the DHE. We will be working with them throughout the process
 - There will be multiple opportunities to get involved with the process
- The Academic Year Kick Off Meeting also spoke about the RASE Plan
 - The President has received the recommendations from the group
 - Vice President Forsythe gave an update on the RASE Plan
 - We are currently looking for leaders on campus to champion each initiative
 - Each initiative will go through the proper channels to be approved i.e. governance and the President's Cabinet
 - The goal is to have them all implemented for Fall 2020
 - The RASE Plan and more information can be found here:
<https://www.worcester.edu/FP-Recommendation-Plan/>
- The Sustainability Fair is happening on October 16th & 17th
 - The schedule of events and more information can be found at:
<https://www.worcester.edu/Sustainability/>
- The third annual Adjunct Dinner is on October 28th
- October 30th there will be a launch event for our new Master of Public Administration and Policy (MPAP) and Master of Public Management (MPM) programs
- November 5th we will be showcasing faculty scholars and having the Inaugural Dean's Lecture
- A question was asked about the new Masters programs
 - The two new programs are Master of Public Administration and Policy (MPAP) and Master of Public Management (MPM) programs
 - They are our first new Masters programs in over 10 years
 - We will have a launch dinner with over 100 guests to help promote these programs and then have open houses
- A question was asked about the NECHE process
 - NECHE, formally known as NEASC, will begin our self-study process in AY 2020-2021

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- This will require a large committee to look at our data, project about our future, and NECHE will come to look at our work and hear from us in the Spring of 2021
- President Maloney and Provost Wims will attend a meeting with NECHE soon to learn more about what the process will entail
- A question was asked about what the Board of Trustees received about the MAy Street Building
 - The Administration has been meeting with an architect firm, ARC, to look at options for what the space could look like
 - More detailed information will be presented at the November Board of Trustees meeting
 - This will include the final report and cost estimates