

PROVOST ANDREWS' COMMENTS TO FACULTY SENATE
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1. NWCCU Report

The final evaluators' report for the NWCCU Year 3 Site Visit Evaluation Report is now available at <http://www.pdx.edu/oa/accreditation-documents> . A reminder the report has yet to be approved by the NWCCU Commission. They will meet in early 2013 to do so.

The work ahead for us will be on 1)mission fulfillment indicators; 2) strengthening of policies and practices regarding post-tenure review; and 3)putting in place a fully-functioning program review cycle that includes all academic programs.

I have asked that the Faculty Senate Steering Committee to identify which committees would be best to work with on these items.

2. COL/CAE move

A decision has been made to reverse the decision to remodel space in the Library to house the COL/CAE. This was done after giving careful consideration to needing to have a better sense of the future functions and services of COL/CAE (something being discussed with the Faculty Senate Steering Committee as well as some things that might change based on the ideas that come from the Provost's Challenge), and the need to have more space in the library for student use.

We will find a temporary location for COL/.CAE once their current lease expires. The already cleared out of the space in the Library will make it possible to immediately use that space for student study and meeting space. The Library will submit a request to the space committee for the long term use of that space.

3. Provost Challenge Update:

The <http://rethink.pdx.edu/> website is live. It has the RFP, FAQs, a link to library resources and the concept submission form.

We had strong attendance at the 2 informational sessions held last week and any additional questions can now be directed to rethink@psu.edu.

I met with the EPC and I am happy to meet with other committees to talk about how they can help streamline process and fast track items such that they do not unnecessarily delay academic programs from making progress.

OAA Winter Symposium on January 16 will focus on the rethink PSU and the Challenge. All faculty members should have received an invite on Friday, November 30 and are asked to RSVP if attending the event. As of December 3 there are over 160 RSVPS so it is advised to register soon for the event.