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# WESTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY



Office of the Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs

July 2, 2015

Dear Colleagues:

Please allow me to provide a brief update regarding the progress of our Academic Program Review and Planning. The academic deans completed their reviews on May 11. Their feedback was posted on the Institutional Effectiveness website the next day. Please reference the following link to view these documents:

#### http://www.wmich.edu/effectiveness/review/

Since then, I have been working toward completing my own review of the materials compiled for each academic program as well as the feedback provided by the deans. With more than 480 programs to review, it is taking much longer to read and provide comments than I initially anticipated. My focus is on treating each review with the kind of careful reading and thoughtful comments appropriate as a response to the time and effort you have invested in this process.

In general, I am pleased with the information that has been submitted from the department reviews, and the comments from the chairs/directors, faculty teams, and deans. In addition to reviewing the material provided, I am following up with the deans and some department chairs for additional insights regarding their comments.

While I am making steady progress I cannot provide a firm date for completion of my reviews. At this time, I estimate that my comments will be posted by the end of July. As soon as I have completed my reviews, they will be posted to the Institutional Effectiveness website, and we will send out an announcement to let you know they are available.

Thank you for your continued patience.

Sincerely,

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