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Fall 2015 Semester Message

Fellow Faculty and Staff:

As we head into the home stretch for the Fall 2015 semester, I wanted to touch base with you on a few matters of interest.

Student Affairs

Following Howard Bailey's recent announcement of his retirement at the end the calendar year, I have determined that we will conduct an internal search for our next lead Student Affairs officer. We have impressive talent among senior personnel in Student Affairs at WKU, and that prompts me to make this search simple, straightforward, and opportunistic for those who have worked hard to put themselves in a position to be considered. The process will move along over the next few months. I look forward to making an announcement once a decision has been reached.

Winter Break

After discussing the winter break schedule with the Administrative Council and reviewing the tasks that need to be completed at the end of the semester, I have decided that we will close a few days early this year and begin our winter break on Wednesday, December 16. Commencement is Saturday, December 12, and campus offices will be open Monday and Tuesday (December 14 and 15) to allow faculty to submit final grades and administrative units to wrap up the semester's work. I know how valuable family time and the holidays are, and I hope all can enjoy having a few extra days. So, please note this change—we will begin our holiday break on Wednesday, December 16, and return to work on Monday, January 4—energized and ready to welcome in the New Year!

Homecoming

Homecoming week is coming up. I hope everyone is making plans to participate in Homecoming activities as they relate to your unit, department, college, or program. We will have lots of visitors on campus from Thursday, November 5, through Saturday, November 7. Let's make all our guests feel welcome and be sure that our alumni and friends enjoy their return to campus. Happy Homecoming in advance to everyone!

Thanks for your loyalty, dedication, and support of our students. I will be in touch with our final fall enrollment data in the next few days. Best wishes for the remainder of this fall semester.

Gary A. Ransdell



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