A new year is upon us—and the new semester is just around the corner. As I reflect on the endeavors of the last quarter of 2015, I am impressed, as always, with the dedication that our campus community has exhibited in our efforts to become a model public comprehensive university. With exciting progress in student success efforts, milestones in the development of the Academic Master Plan, strong recruitment of new faculty and staff, and several executive appointments, we have positioned ourselves well for great individual and collective achievements in 2016.

For more updates and announcements, along with past provost's reports, op-eds, remarks, and emails to the campus community, please visit my blog, http://provostblog.fullerton.edu/.

Shared Governance

**OCT 1, 9, 23, 27**
Met with **Dr. Emily Bonney**, chair of the Academic Senate

**NOV 10, 17, 23**
**DEC 1, 8, 16**
Attended Department Faculty Meetings: Mathematics, Child and Adolescent Studies, Visual Arts, Women and Gender Studies, Asian American Studies, Health Science, Cultural Anthropology, Counseling, Theatre and Dance, Civil and Environmental Engineering, Radio-TV-Film, Secondary Education, and Liberal Studies

**OCT 9**
Planning, Resource, and Budget Committee Meeting. **Topics:** Deferred Maintenance, PRBC Draft Memo to the CSU Sustainable Financial Model Task Force

**OCT 15**
Academic Senate Meeting. **Updates:** Shared progress on six Board of Trustees initiatives around student success, specifically: tenure-track faculty hiring, enhanced advising, augmenting bottleneck solutions, high-impact practices for student retention, and data-driven decisions; also shared progress on narrowing achievement gaps for first-time freshmen and transfer students

**OCT 16**
Academic Senate & Academic Affairs Retreat. **Topic:** The Big 5 Core Competencies

**OCT 19, 20, 26, 29**
Conversations with the Provost: Department Chairs

**OCT 22**
President's Advisory Board

**OCT 23**
Council of Deans: Special Session—Spotlight on UEE and International Programs & Global Engagement

**OCT 28**
Operational Council of Deans Meeting. **Topics:** ASI Funds, Campus Emergency Response Plan

**OCT 29**
Academic Senate Meeting. **Updates:** HHD dean search process, national recognition of CSUF’s Student Success Teams

**NOV 4**
Strategic Council of Deans Meeting. **Topic:** Space Planning

**NOV 6**
Planning, Resource, and Budget Committee Meeting. **Topics:** Space Update, Presentation on Performance-Based Outcomes

**NOV 12**
Academic Senate Meeting. **Updates:** Academic Master Plan

**NOV 13**
Council of Deans: Special Session—Spotlight on Pollak Library
Shared Governance (cont’d)

NOV 18 Operational Council of Deans Meeting. Topics: HRDI—Recruitment, Student Affairs—TitanLink Program, High-Impact Practies

DEC 9 Operational Council of Deans Meeting. Topics: Travel Policy—New Rules, Chairs’ Evaluations, Staff Issues, Scheduling Office Update

DEC 10 Academic Senate Meeting. Updates: Faculty accolades, accomplishments, and honors

Searches, Appointments & Transitions (cont’d)

DEC 1, 2, 3 Attended open forums and met with the three finalists for the position of dean of the College of Natural Sciences and Mathematics during their on-campus interviews

DEC 2 Chaired the kickoff meeting for the search committee for the position of vice president, Human Resources, Diversity & Inclusion

DEC 9 Attended Council of Chairs

DEC 16 Announced the appointment of Dr. Marie Johnson as the new dean of the College of Natural Sciences and Mathematics

DEC 18 Announced the appointment of Dr. Elizabeth Boretz as the assistant vice president for Student Success and the director of the Academic Advisement Center

Searches, Appointments & Transitions

OCT 13, 14, 15 Attended open forums and met with the three finalists for the position of dean of the College of Health and Human Development during their on-campus interviews

OCT 19 Announced the retirement of Dr. Susan Cooper, dean of the Irvine Campus

OCT 29 Announced the appointment of Dr. Laurie Roades as the new dean of the College of Health and Human Development

NOV 3, 4, 5 Attended open forums and met with the three finalists for the position of dean of the College of Communications during their on-campus interviews

NOV 20 Announced the appointment of Dr. Jessie Jones to the position of assistant vice president for academic and community partnerships

NOV 30 Announced the appointment of Dr. Scott Paynton as the new dean of the College of Communications

Special Meetings

OCT 1, 28, 29 Individual Meetings with New Department Chairs

OCT 1, 23, 29 Met with New Faculty Members

OCT 9 Hosted the Annual Presidential Enrollment Management Advisory Group (PEMAG) Meeting

OCT 22 Enrollment Management Committee Meeting. Topics: Flow Visualization Subcommittee Update, Proposed Charge for New EMC Subcommittee, EMC Communications

OCT 27 Met with Newly Tenured and/or Newly Promoted Faculty

NOV 18 Student Success Teams Steering Committee Meeting. Topics: College Career Specialist Overview, Gap-Closing Campaign Updates
Events & Presentations

OCT 1 Attended a lecture and discussion by Mohammed S. Dajani titled “Moderation in the Midst of Conflict: The Palestinian Wasatia Movement and the Path to Peace,” an event sponsored by President García; the Division of Politics, Administration and Justice in the College of Humanities and Social Sciences; and the Rose Project of the Jewish Federation & Family Services in Orange County

OCT 6 & 7 Attended the EAB Academic Affairs Forum (Dana Point, CA)

OCT 14 Board of Directors Meeting, The Education Trust

OCT 15 Joined Interim Dean of UEE & AVP for International Programs Kari Knutson Miller in welcoming a delegation of Mexico University Presidents to campus

OCT 18 Attended CSUF program “Carrie: The Musical,” and joined faculty reception after the show

OCT 28 Remarks: College of Health and Human Development Donor Celebration

NOV 5 Remarks: CSUF’s Inaugural Lecturer Recognition Event

NOV 8 Remarks: School of Music Dedication and Gala

NOV 13 Gave a webinar entitled “Improving Student Outcomes through Actionable Data” for WICHE (Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education)

DEC 15 Attended a holiday reception for the President’s Advisory Board

DEC 16 Attended President García’s campus-wide holiday open house for faculty and staff

Special Meetings (cont’d)

DEC 8 Student Success Teams Steering Committee Meeting. Topic: Draft SST Spring Retreat Plans

DEC 10 IRA Task Force Meeting

DEC 15 Enrollment Management Committee Meeting. Topics: EMC Reflections and Connection to Academic Master Plan, Check-In with Academic Flow Subcommittee, Check-In with Dynamics of Inflow Subcommittee, Strategic Enrollment Management (SEM) Matrix Presentation

DEC 16 Lunch with the Associate Deans

Academic Master Plan

OCT 16 Shared Progress Report #3

OCT 20, NOV 18, DEC 8 AMP Steering Committee Meetings

NOV 10 Attended President García’s reception for the AMP Committee at El Dorado Ranch

DEC 4 Launched the AMP website and invited the campus community to share thoughts and feedback on the work of the AMP subcommittees thus far

DEC 4 Shared Progress Report #4

Op-Eds

OCT 6 Titan Voices column: “CSUF’s ‘Dune’ exhibit a collaborative effort,” Orange County Register

NOV 3 Titan Voices column: “Student Success Teams—advising at the cutting edge,” Orange County Register