

*A periodic update from  
President Greg R. Weisenstein*



## The Next Four Months... and Beyond

As you know, on October 1, at the annual State of the University Address, I announced my plans to retire from service to West Chester University, effective March 31, 2016. It has been an extraordinary opportunity and privilege to serve as the 14th president of WCU. This University is an energizing and creative place to be, and I have been proud to lead this community for the past 6 ½ years.

While presidential transitions are always a stressful time, WCU is positioned well to make this transition. Because of an aging leadership team, succession planning has been a major part of our thinking for the last several years. We have a very strong group of emerging institutional leaders, with highly talented individuals ready to assume, or in some cases already assuming,

significant leadership roles. We have experienced cabinet members, deans, department chairs, and divisional leaders who are bringing excellent direction to WCU.

A mistake frequently made by an outgoing president, or any other leader, is to rush to get his or her agenda completed prior to departure. I don't intend to make this mistake. There are some things that we can realistically get accomplished before I leave WCU, other things that I believe we need to set in motion, and others that I look forward to seeing completed upon my return to campus sometime in the future. In the coming weeks, I will be updating you on transition plans as we move forward.