

Group A Discussion Assignment:

In support of the new Academic Strategic Plan, the Provost has announced the following:

- The former Office of Academic Assessment and Center for Teaching Effectiveness will be merged into a new Center for Assessment and Learning Excellence (CALE).
- CALE will be budgeted \$100,000 annually to make mini-grants to individual departments or cross-departmental initiatives aimed in support of Goal 1.
- P&T criteria have been updated to clarify that publication in peer-reviewed SoTL journals should be considered equivalent to publication in peer-reviewed discipline journals.
- A new internal SoTL blog has been established. Faculty contributions to the blog are considered as service to the institution for P&T purposes.

Discussion Questions

What is your next move?

How do you communicate your priorities to your faculty?

How do you communicate available resources to your faculty?

Based on the available information, what institutional structures support the achievement of WIU's Strategic Goal 1?

Based on the available information, what institutional barriers might impede the achievement of WIU's Strategic Goal 1?