

*This message is sent on behalf of Jeremy Haefner, Provost and Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs*

Colleagues,

I hope the summer has been a delight to all of you, and that you've managed to find some time to relax and connect with family and friends.

I'm writing to thank you and give you an update on the work to date on the Wallace Center and Innovative Learning Complex (WCILC).

First, a huge thank you to all of you for your contributions to your subcommittees and for the reports the subcommittees completed. Your work is impressive and exceeded my expectations so thank you.

The reports are now available here:

[Strengthening the Core: Renovation and Expansion of The Wallace Center \(TWC\) at RIT](#)

[Innovative Learning Building Committee Report](#)

I hope you take a few minutes to review each one.

Over the summer, Lynn, Neil, and I developed a PowerPoint slide deck that I presented to the Board of Trustees in July. It was very well received and much enthusiasm was generated by the trustees for this project. You can find a print version of the presentation here:

[Envisioning the Maker Library & Innovative Learning Complex of the Future](#)

The slides alone don't have the same impact as an in-person presentation, but I hope they provide an glimpse of the ideas expressed during the meeting.

The next step is to develop a short 1-3 page document synthesizing the two reports. We are currently working on this. Afterwards I will be facilitating a small 'executive' focus group to offer insights and input that will lead to a larger case statement. I hope all of this will be accomplished by October so we can pitch a more detailed concept to the president and the trustees.

Again. Thank you for your work and assistance – here's to an exciting future for the Wallace Center and innovative learning at RIT!

Sincerely,

Jeremy Haefner  
Provost and Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs