

Administrative Report, January 20, 2026

1. **Provost Smith distributed Provost's Memo (PM-01-14-2026)** to the campus on January 14. It outlines a guiding compass for Academic Affairs focused on the intersection of academic integrity and financial sustainability. It details the implementation of PAMCAM for program resource allocation and introduces the Strategic Enrollment Management (SEM) Plan, which includes 20 specific actions to improve student attraction, registration, and retention. Additionally, the memo proposes an Academic Master Plan (AMP) to align the university's degree portfolio with modern student demands for high-growth, online, and accelerated pathways. He will be speaking about these strategies in future Provost Open Forums.
2. **Fall and Winter Grading:** A huge thank you to everyone for a successful Fall grading cycle. The proactive outreach by Records & Registration and Associate Deans helped reduce late submissions from nearly 1,000 in one term last year to just 100 from prior terms, which is a massive win for our students. Also, faculty teaching co-requisite lecture and lab courses must calculate a single combined grade and enter it consistently across both sections to remain in compliance with the CBA and avoid registration errors.
3. **Other Financial Assistance (OFA) Policy:** To participate in Federal Student Aid (FSA) programs, EWU must demonstrate "administrative capability," which includes **reporting all campus-unit assistance provided to students**. EWU must comply or risk being fined or losing the ability to offer Title IV aid. **OFA Includes:** Scholarships, grants, stipends, tuition assistance, book/materials purchases, conference travel fees, housing benefits, and even gift cards or food coupons. Contact Kandi Teeters if you have or plan to provide financial assistance to students.
4. **CAAR, in collaboration with the Degree Completion Team** has implemented a centralized advising appointment campaign. This initiative is specifically designed to increase the percentage of students meeting with their advisors and registering for courses earlier in the cycle. Please encourage all students to complete their advising and course selection sessions promptly to avoid waitlists for high-demand courses, ensure they can stay on course to graduate.