Point/Counterpoint

What does the Provost wish the President would remember?
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Provost Point:

Sometimes you need to say no to donors.

President Counterpoint:

Without donors we don’t have a college.
Provost Point:

Don’t come back from every conference with new initiatives that we have to take on.

President Counterpoint:

Sustainability may necessitate unwanted change.
Provost Point:

Recognize process is as important as the final decision.

President Counterpoint:

I, the Board, and sustainability do not have the luxury of process.
Provost Point:

Stay in your lane and trust campus leaders.

President Counterpoint:

I need to be informed and never want to be surprised.
Provost Point:

It’s not about you, it’s about the college.

President Counterpoint:

The buck stops here.

*Heavy is the head that wears the crown.*
Provost Point:

Academics is why the College exists.

President Counterpoint:

Remind me in advance of where I need to be for balance and support.
Provost Point:

Vision needs to be clear, attainable, motivating, and aligned with Mission.  *What does success look like?*

President Counterpoint:

Provide me with success stories of mission fulfillment.
Provost Point:

Faculty work hard and do deserve well-earned down time.

President Counterpoint:

Down time is ideal for setting strategy and launching initiatives.
Provost Point:

Very smart people are watching you always.

President Counterpoint:

I work for the pleasure of the Board.
Provost Point:

Never underestimate the importance of what you say.

President Counterpoint:

I don’t know what I don’t know.
Provost says....

• Don’t come back from every conference with new initiatives that we have to take on.
• Recognize process is as important as the final decision.
• Faculty work hard (and do have some well-deserved down time)
• Sometimes you need to say no to Board members and donors
• Stay in your lane. (Trust Campus Leaders)
• Vision needs to be clear, attainable, motivating, and aligned with Mission.
• Very smart people are watching you (always).
• Never Underestimate the Importance of What You Say
• It’s not about you; it’s about the College.
• Academics is the reason our College exists.

President says......

• I never want to be surprised (keep me informed)
• The Buck stops here
• Sustainability may necessitate unwanted change.
• Without Donors we don’t have a College.
• Provide me with success stories of mission fulfillment.
• Remind me (in advance) of events I need to attend.
• I don’t know what I don’t know.
• I need to know the why.
• I work for the pleasure of the Board
• Down time is ideal for setting strategy and launching initiatives.