The Council of Student Leaders has had an extremely busy semester thus far. Today I will report on some of our most recent updates.

I. Student Allocations
   A. Thus far the Student Allocations Committee has allocated nearly $5,000 to clubs and organizations. The committee will have another round of interviews today where they will allocate funding towards programs, conferences, lectures and other student related events.

II. Political Action
   A. One of our busiest committees this year has been Political Action. I’m very proud to announce that from August 2011 to October 2012 the Council along with a coalition of student organizations registered over 1,000 Winthrop University students to vote.
   B. Over the past month our committee has changed its focus to absentee balloting.
   C. On Monday, November 5th, in place of our regularly scheduled meeting, CSL has organized a non-partisan Get Out the Vote Rally which will be held on the DiGs Concourse at 7p.m. and will feature live entertainment, free food and speakers discussing the importance of voting.

III. Campus Engagement
   A. The Campus Engagement Committee has planned a Homecoming Pep Rally for Thursday, November 8th in the Richardson Ballroom. The event will feature the pep band, the Spirit Squad, the basketball team members as well as faculty members who will be participating in various fun competitions.
   B. On Saturday, November 10th we will be sponsoring our 2nd Annual Student-Wide Tailgate at the Winthrop Coliseum where we will have free food and activities for the entire student body to participate with.
   C. The theme for Homecoming 2012 is “Living LaVita Winthrop,” and the week will be jammed packed with activities.

IV. Campus Safety
   A. Our campus safety committee recently organized a forum that considered student opinions on whether or not Winthrop should become a smoke-free institution, which is a move that other institutions have taken both state and nationwide.
   B. The Council listened to the student perspective on the topic and will discuss our position on this issue and take a formal position in the next few weeks.
   C. Our safety campaign entitled, B3, which stands for “Be Smart, Be Safe, Be Aware” is still in full swing. There are safety tips posted around campus and we are currently working on publishing a new round of videos that will be posted to YouTube to encourage students to practice safety tips.

V. Student Administration Liaison (SAL)
A. SAL has begun work on our 4th Annual Customer Service Survey, which evaluates each administrative department on campus from the student perspective. Each year the results are provided to President DiGiorgio.

B. Being that this is our fourth year conducting the survey we have noticed improvements across the board in numerous departments.

C. Our committee will also be conducting a “Common Time” study to determine ways in which students utilize this block of time.

VI. Sustainability
A. Our Sustainability Committee recently held a Wellness Fair in the West Center where they provided information about being environmentally friendly.

B. The committee also purchased Winthrop reusable environmentally friendly shopping bags that will be provided to anyone who desires one with a donation and a pledge to consider the environment.

VII. Programming
A. Our programming committee along with DSU will be hosting the 1st Annual Garnet and Gold Gala on Saturday, January 12th, 2013. This will be a campus-wide semi-formal event.

VIII. Public Relations
A. Our PR committee is responsible for designing all of our materials events and our social media.

B. Over the past few months the committee has increased CSL’s online presence and each of you are invited to join us on:
   - Twitter at: @WinthropCSL
   - Facebook: Winthrop CSL
   - Instagram: wu_csl
   - www.winthrop.edu/csl

Chair Updates
- Our members attended the presidential search forum and CSL has actively sought feedback from the entire student body on characteristics that students would like to see with the 10th president.
- In January we will also initiate our 1st Annual State of the Student Body Address, more details will be forthcoming in the next few weeks.
- During our Fall Retreat in September which took place in Montreat, North Carolina our members established a Vision Statement for the year. In conclusion allow me to share that statement with you:

   "During the 2012-2013 academic year the Winthrop University Council of Student Leaders (CSL) will serve as a strong liaison between students, faculty, and staff, which will encourage exemplary campus wide student services. We will promote citizenship and seek to empower students to be responsible for their own future by creating awareness campaigns addressing campus safety, environmental responsibility, and intimate partner violence and encouraging students to vote in national, state, and campus-wide elections. Additionally, we will enhance student morale and spirit by offering diverse student involvement which will increase student involvement and loyalty to WU. All of these initiatives will increase awareness about CSL within the campus community so that students will know that they have strong student representation."