Colleagues,

I am writing with an update on our MSCHE 2020 Self-Study preparations. At the beginning of Fall 2017, we issued a call for volunteers to work on the Self-Study Team. Almost 70 faculty, staff, administrators, students, and alumni have responded, and we have a diverse and energized team working on this important process.

As a Middle States Commissioner, I know firsthand the work involved in Self-Study preparations. Unlike our past process which asked institutions to identify certain areas and complete a comprehensive study in that area, the new MSCHE process is more streamlined and focused.

The efforts for this Self-Study will provide essential foundational information – a “temperature check” – on our policies, processes, and outcomes to aid us in our ongoing integrated planning efforts. Other goals of the Self-Study process, as required by Middle States, include:

- Demonstrate compliance with [MSCHE Standards for Accreditation and Requirements of Affiliation](#).
- Engage the University community in an inclusive and transparent process of reflection, assessment, and evaluation.
- Review current approaches to continuous improvement and establish a framework for enhancing practices.

I sincerely thank all those who have been able sign on to assist the University in this way. If you were unable to volunteer for the team, your support and participation in other ways will help ensure a robust and quality process. For example, I know that you will respond in a timely and professional manner to inquiries from Team members seeking information. In addition, we will soon be launching a webpage where you can go for updates on progress.

Looking forward to our progress.

Regards,

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