

July 2, 2019

Dear Colleagues,

I write with very good news: At the end of last week, we received formal notification from the Middle States Commission that our accreditation has been affirmed through 2026–2027, with no follow-up requirements. This is the best possible outcome of the process.

Congratulations to everyone who worked on our Self-Study and on the Evaluating Team Visit—and to all of our faculty and staff, whose hard work and dedication was recognized by the Evaluating Team.

With this achievement behind us, and with the July 4 holiday approaching, I want to extend my personal thanks for your work through the past academic year and wish you a restful and restorative summer before we embark on a new one.

We have faced some challenges over the past year, but, together, we have worked through them and positioned ourselves and our University for even greater future success.

Robina Schepp reports that we're on track to meet revenue targets for the new academic year. Bob Almon anticipates a responsible and balanced budget that will keep our financial position stable. The Provost, the deans, and their teams continue their important efforts to prioritize our academic programs, build on our strengths, and redouble our efforts to support student success. We're excited about new programs and initiatives on all three campuses that we believe position us well for the future.

We're also using this summer to lay the groundwork for a University-wide strategic planning process that will kick off in the fall. You'll all be involved in that—and even before it begins, my door is always open if you have any ideas, suggestions, or concerns.

Ultimately, all of our efforts are so that we can become an even stronger and more vibrant institution dedicated to serving our students and helping them succeed. Thank you for everything you do to help us accomplish that.

I'll be back in touch as the new academic year begins, and I look forward to seeing and working with all of you again soon. In the meantime, enjoy the season and enjoy the weather. I hope you have a wonderful and celebratory Fourth.

Sincerely,

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