Campus-wide updates on process

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Sent: Tuesday, September 14, 2010 12:48 PM  
To: ALLFACSTAFF-L@listserv.albany.edu  
Subject: Middle States Accreditation

To All Faculty & Staff:

I am very pleased to inform you that, over the summer, the Middle States Commission on Higher Education acted to reaffirm the University at Albany's accreditation and commended UAlbany "for the quality of the self-study process."

The final self-study document, along with the statement of reaccreditation, is available on the wiki at https://wiki.albany.edu/display/middlestates/Home

I especially want to recognize Sue Faerman, Steven Messner and Bruce Szelest for their outstanding leadership over the course of the self-study, report preparation and site review. I would also like to offer my sincere thanks to the members of the Middle States Self-Study Steering and Subcommittees, to Lana Neveu for her staff support, and to all those who contributed to this critically important process.

The entire University community can be very proud of this accomplishment.

Sincerely yours,
George M. Philip  
President

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Sent: Wednesday, April 28, 2010 10:36 AM  
To: ALLFACSTAFF-L@listserv.albany.edu  
Subject: Middle States Self-Study & Reaccreditation Update

Dear Members of the Campus Community:

I am pleased to make available to you the Middle States site visit team's report, along with my response to the Middle States Commission on Higher Education (MSCHE) - each of which is located on the campus Middle States wiki https://wiki.albany.edu/display/middlestates/Home I am most appreciative to all who have been involved in this campus-wide collaborative process, especially those who participated on the subcommittees.

The site visit team's report includes the team's comments, views and observations of the University's self-study and their March visit to our campus. Overall, the team was very impressed by the honesty reflected in the University's self-study, as well as the level of accomplishment realized at UAlbany over the past decade - particularly in light of the many challenges our campus has faced. Most importantly, the team's report concluded that the University successfully met all 14 accreditation standards. Please note that the suggestions in the report are those of the Middle States site visit team.

I submitted a response to the Middle States Commission on Higher Education (MSCHE) summarizing the University's self-study process, extending the campus's appreciation for the external review team's recommendation and suggestions, and informing the Commission as to how the University proposes to move forward in response to the site visit team's report.

If you should have any questions regarding the Middle States self-study and reaccreditation process, please email the Co-Chairs of the Middle States Self-Study Steering Committee - Sue Faerman at sfaerman@uamail.albany.edu or Steven Messner at sfm96@uamail.albany.edu.

Sincerely yours,
George M. Philip  
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Sent: Friday, November 06, 2009 8:44 AM  
To: ALLFACSTAFF-L@listserv.albany.edu  
Subject: Middle States Self-Study DRAFT Available

To the University Community:

As I hope you are aware, the University at Albany is currently engaged in its decennial accreditation process with the Middle States Commission on Higher Education (MSCHE). The first part of this process has involved developing a Self-Study, a DRAFT of which is now available to all members of the campus to review. This Self-Study was developed by 9 committees and includes the contributions of over 100 faculty, staff and students. At this time, we are making the document available to all members of the campus for review and comment.

I am writing to invite you to review the DRAFT chapters, which are available at https://wiki.albany.edu/display/middlestates/Home (or just click the Middle States Self Study link, bottom right corner of the UAlbany homepage).
Please provide the Steering Committee with any comments you have about the Self-Study by Monday, December 7, 2009. You are welcome to comment on the Self-Study in one of two ways. First, on the web page where you can access the draft chapters, there will be directions for submitting comments. Second, we will be holding two Open Forums this month where you will learn more about the Self-Study process and may provide input. The Forums are co-sponsored by the Self-Study Steering Committee, the Office of the President, and the University Senate, and will be held on:

Monday, November 23rd, 3:30-5:00pm, Campus Center 375
Tuesday, November 24th, 10:00-11:30am, Campus Center Assembly Hall

Based on the feedback we receive, we will edit the Self-Study and submit it to MSCHE in early January 2010. In March, there will be a visit from an external review team, and we hope you will take the time to participate in that visit as well. More details will be available about the external review team visit as we get closer to that time period.

If you have questions about the process thus far, please feel free to contact either of the co-chairs for the Self-Study, Dr. Sue R. Faerman, Vice Provost for Undergraduate Education and Distinguished Teaching Professor, or Dr. Steven Messner, Distinguished Teaching Professor; or Dr. Bruce Szelest, Assistant Vice President for Institutional Research, Planning, and Effectiveness, who has provided the staff support for this study.

I believe the committees have done an excellent job in developing this draft, but want to emphasize the importance of your participation in this next stage of the Self-Study process. I strongly encourage you to take the time to review the document and to provide your input.

Sincerely yours,

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Sent: Friday, September 05, 2008 2:23 PM
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Subject: Middle States Self-Study

Dear Faculty and Staff:

I am writing to update you on the status of our decennial accreditation process with the Middle States Commission on Higher Education (MSCHE). First, Dr. Steven F. Messner, Distinguished Teaching Professor of Sociology and former Chair of the University Senate, has agreed to join Dr. Sue Faerman as co-chair of the Self-Study Steering Committee. I appreciate both Steve’s and Sue’s commitment to conducting a self-study that takes an open and frank look at the campus, and makes effective recommendations to help us move forward.

Second, you will find regular updates about the process by going to campus wiki, located at https://wiki.albany.edu/display/middlestates/Home. (Note: this site is also available from the University’s main webpage under “Featured Sites.”) This wiki will allow you to view the minutes of the Self-Study Steering Committee, the current working membership of the Steering Committee and its various subcommittees, and other information. Currently posted is the DRAFT Self-Study Design, which will serve as a guide to the various subcommittees through their assessment processes. I urge you to participate in this process by visiting this website regularly and providing comments as appropriate.

Finally, Dr. Luis Pedraja, MSCHE Vice President and our campus liaison during the self-study, will be visiting UAlbany on September 25th. We are currently working on a schedule for his visit, which will include meetings with the Steering Committee, campus governance leaders and administration. We will provide more information about his visit on the wiki as it becomes available.

If you have any questions about this process or about how you can become more involved, please feel free to contact Dr. Sue R. Faerman, Dr. Steven Messner, or Dr. Bruce Szelest.

Sincerely yours,

George Philip