

Middle States Self-Study Progress Report

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Middle States Self-Study activities are continuing. On May 1-2, the College hosted the preliminary visit from our Middle States liaison, John Erickson. He met with Board of Trustees Officers, the Executive Vice Presidents, the Steering Committee and the Academic Assembly. He also spoke with Dr. Nunley. He visited all three campuses the School of Art and Design, the WD&CE Gaithersburg site and met with College and campus leaders in lunch meetings.

Based on feedback from John Erickson and recent changes in the *Characteristics of Excellence*, mapped out by Dr. Kevin Long, Senior Planning and Policy Analyst, revisions to the work group charges are underway. The self-study website is nearing completion, thanks to the offices of Anne Holte, who has assumed primary responsibility for administrative support for the self-study. Special recognition should go to Julie Shackelford, who provided all support to this point. Both Ms. Shackelford and Dr. Long have agreed to serve as resource members of the Self-Study Steering Committee and their assistance is greatly appreciated.

Planning is underway for a meeting of the Steering Committee during Professional Week and for a presentation to the college community during the opening meeting. The final draft of the design document, including revised charges and timelines, is also underway.

One item of concern is the impending change in leadership of the self-study initiative with the departure of Dr. Levine who so deftly guided the beginning stages of the process. I

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