

From: President
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To: Faculty-Staff
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Dear Colleagues,

I am very proud and pleased to report that the University was “endorsed at the maximum level” by the WASC Proposal Review Team for our Institutional Proposal for reaccreditation.

In my many years in higher education and involvement with accrediting agencies, this was truly a unique experience in which an evaluation committee had nothing but the highest praise for the work that has been done and the progress that we have made. In fact, WASC has requested to use our proposal as an exemplary training model for use by other institutions that are preparing for reviews. This achievement is certainly reflective of the outstanding faculty, staff and students we have at this great University.

On behalf of the entire University community, I wish to highly commend the following members of the University’s Self-Study Team representing faculty, staff, students and administrators:

Dr. Steve Stryker, Professor of English (Chair)
Dr. Scott Davis, Assistant Professor of English
Dr. Diana Demetrulias, Interim Provost/VPAA and ALO
Ms. Jeanne Elliott, Curriculum Manager
Mr. Geoff Hatfield, Student Representative
Mr. Ron Noble, Senior Director of Retention Services
Dr. Gary Novak, Professor of Psychology
Ms. Priscilla Peters, Librarian
Dr. Armin Schulz, Director of Faculty Development Center

These individuals have consulted broadly with members of the University community and have spent an enormous amount of the time and energy to develop an excellent, high-quality proposal. In particular, I wish to express deep gratitude to Interim Provost Diana Demetrulias for her outstanding leadership in this monumental effort to affirm the University’s continued commitment to academic excellence and institutional quality.

Although we still have a lot of work ahead of us, I cannot express enough how thrilling and exciting it is for the University to receive such high accolades at this juncture. Please join me in extending a big round of applause to the members of our great Self-Study Team.

Regards,

Ham Shirvani
President