LONG ISLAND UNIVERSITY OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

MEMORANDUM

(excerpt from Memo to the Community)

TO: Long Island University Community

FROM: David J. Steinberg

DATE: November 12, 2010

The upcoming Middle States reaccreditation process will culminate in a visit to the University in the spring of 2013 by a team of peer evaluators from other institutions. Our Self-Study Report must reflect an honest, balanced self-assessment supported by data and analysis. The standards all higher education institutions must meet have changed significantly since our last Middle States review some ten years ago. In fact, approximately two-thirds of all colleges and universities that have recently undergone a Middle States review have not met the accreditation standards fully, and have been subject to a follow-up progress report, monitoring report and/or site visit. The areas in which these schools are most often being asked to demonstrate evidence of compliance are: assessment of student learning, assessment of institutional effectiveness, and strategic planning linked to resource allocation. The University now processes \$173 million of National Direct Student Loan funds and reaffirmation of our accreditation is a *sine qua non*. The self-study process represents a significant commitment in time and other institutional resources, but it also presents an opportunity to reflect on our progress and to improve our University.