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Dear Students,

I'm writing to share an update on work related to our Middle States Commission on Higher Education (MSCHE) self-study. As a reminder, MSCHE is the agency responsible for accrediting colleges and universities in this region. We undergo a self-study and review with MSCHE every eight years. The self-study and review provide an opportunity for alignment with the 2023-2028 Strategic Plan.

Currently, work is underway on the next draft of the MSCHE Self-Study Report and we anticipate being able to share a draft with the campus community in Term II. A copy of the initial draft is available on the home page of MyEC.

On November 20, MSCHE Evaluation Team Chair, Dr. Jonathan Green, president of Susquehanna University, will be visiting EC and meeting with various campus groups. This is a preliminary visit, with the full evaluation team visiting March 16-19, 2025. I'll keep you informed on the visits and opportunities for campus community members to meet with the MSCHE team.

Finally, the Long Range Planning Committee (LRPC) held their second meeting of the new academic year on Thursday, October 24. The group received a copy of the College's 2024-2025 Action Plan, which outlines specific objectives and tactics for action items related to the 2023-2025 Strategic Plan. Work on the MSCHE Self-Study report also helps shape the Action Plan. This is a working document that will be updated throughout the year. The LRPC includes faculty, administrator, and student representation. Employees and students are encouraged to discuss strategic initiatives, comments, or questions related to long-term planning with LRPC members. A list of the FY25 LRPC members, along with a link to the most recent Action Plan, can be found on the **Long Range Planning** page of MyEC (left hand link on the homepage after logging in).

Sincerely,

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President