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Accreditation Update - Institutional Self-Evaluation Report - Public Version 2.0

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Good evening,

This message is being sent to Everyone at Columbia.

Please find attached Public Version 2.0 of the Institutional Self-Evaluation Report - our big Accreditation Report!

What's new?

- Incorporated ALL EDITS received either electronically or with notes on paper. Both methods worked well. It took a long time to get them all entered because of all your hard work in editing and improving. THANK YOU!
- College Council reached agreement Friday to adjust our governance structure starting next year. That was a monumental task and involved extensive dialog, but I deeply believe it has prepared us for future successes. This new structure has been incorporated into the document describing how we will operate starting in the fall.
- Some of the evidence links have been updated.
- Graphics in the report have been upgraded to be more professional and consistent throughout.

What's left?

- Your grades! That is, we need you to enter all your course grades by Tuesday after finals week, then we'll finish revising the introductory chapter to include 2016-17 student success data and other elements. Counting on you!!
- New catalog pages. Elissa is about ready to send the catalog to press. When she does, we'll post the catalog to the website and insert all the appropriate page numbers into this report.

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- Write and insert the Quality Focused Essay. The Student Services Crew (Melissa, Brandon, and others) are working to draft the portion regarding "Student Program Completion Rates." On May 3, our follow-up visit with the Partnership Resource Team will help us develop the second part regarding use of Student Learning Outcomes for improvement. The goal is to have these ready for the May 10 meeting of the Board of Trustees.

What's next?

- Please review your section and the remainder of the document and provide any edits to me as soon as you can.
- May 17 - Draft to be approved by College Council to send to Board of Trustees for first reading at their June meeting.

Three final thoughts:

1. We'll be looking for staff, faculty, and administrative members to serve on College Council, Institutional Effectiveness Council, and Student Success Council next year. These are important participatory governance opportunities. We hope you'll consider joining! Contact your constituent group leaders to be appointed.
2. In the report, we say, "Every student is given a syllabus for every section that includes the official course student learning outcomes." *The visiting team WILL conduct an audit of this claim by randomly selecting syllabi to review.* As you prepare for fall, please be sure that if your syllabus is selected, the statement will be true!
3. The team will also check our flex report and expect us to demonstrate that all our faculty fulfilled their flex obligation. If you haven't finished that, please do so by visiting flex.gocolumbia.edu.

Best to you all for finals week. See you at graduation!

Professionally,

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