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Dear University Colleagues:

We are pleased that UW-Stevens Point will have the opportunity to engage in self-study and enjoy a visit by faculty and staff volunteers from peer universities with the focus on re-accreditation by the Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association of Colleges and Universities. An accreditation visit prompts us to examine the what, why, and how of our mission and programs. It serves as an occasion to affirm the many positive accomplishments of our faculty, staff, and students. We urge you to view the self-study as an opportunity to both “show off” and to learn from others how we might improve our service to students, the community, and to the region.

We strongly encourage your active involvement in the process. Here are a few of the ways that you can contribute to this comprehensive self-study:

1. Become familiar with the five criteria that we need to address as a campus. To aid you in this process, the Accreditation Steering Committee will provide you with a bookmark listing the five criteria and their core components.
2. Participate in the open forums that will be held by the Criterion Task Force chairs during the course of this year to solicit your ideas and thoughts.
3. Work within your department to strengthen the assessment process.
4. Provide departmental information and documents to the Criterion Task Forces of the Steering Committee.
5. Engage in formal and informal discussions with your colleagues about what we do well and where we can improve.
6. Stay current by reading the newsletters and other materials that relate directly to the self-study.
7. Share your questions, concerns, and feedback directly with the Steering Committee members.
8. Contribute, if asked, to newsletters and announcements.
9. Review and comment on the draft of the self-study when it is prepared and circulated at the beginning of the 2007-2008 academic year.

Your feedback and ideas are essential as we document the quality of our programs and ensure the best learning experiences for our students. Thank you in advance for assisting with the self-study process.

Sincerely,

Handwritten signature of Linda Bunnell in cursive.

Linda Bunnell
Chancellor

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Virginia M. Helm
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