

Dear Michael and Gina,

As part of the Middle States Commission on Higher Education accreditation process Cornell must submit a Periodic Review Report (PRR) by June 1, 2016. We write to provide a draft of the PRR to the Assemblies and the Faculty Senate so that faculty, students, and staff have an opportunity to review and provide feedback on this self-evaluation process.

This report is required at the 5-year mark of the decennial accreditation cycle and is reviewed by the Commission. The structure of the report (the outline and the substance that must be addressed in each chapter) is set by the Commission. A subset of the 2011 self-study team has been meeting since our last accreditation visit, and this group, with significant input from others, authored the draft PRR.

More information about the PRR process is available on-line: <http://msche.org/publications/PRR-Handbook-2011-FINAL.pdf>. Cornell's 2011 Self-Study report is available here: <http://irp.dpb.cornell.edu/university-accreditation/accreditation-reports>

We appreciate your timely review, and would like to receive comments by May 1st. Please send your comments to middlestates@cornell.edu. If you would like a member of the PRR group to come to a meeting to discuss this report and answer any questions, please let us know.

Thank you, as always, for your attention to important University matters.

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