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Dear Campus Community,

We are pleased to report to you that in November, 2018, the University Board of Trustees approved the final Self-Study Report and that the Report, along with other essential documentation, has now been submitted to Middle States.

If you would like to review the final Report, you'll find it on the My.Scranton portal > News (scroll down, on left) > Middle States Self-Study.

Since our appointment as co-chairs of the Self-Study Steering Committee in August 2016, we have been pleased to lead a process aimed at reflection, discernment and renewal. Through it we have had the opportunity to witness, catalogue and celebrate all of the good work that happens on this campus.

We do not want to let this milestone pass without expressing our gratitude for your partnership throughout the Self-Study. Over the past two and a half years, over 70 faculty and staff from across the University have joined us in this collaborative process, serving on the Steering Committee and on Working Groups researching and analyzing our strengths and our areas for improvement; even more of you have attended town halls and fora where we've gathered information and shared our conclusions. You have read the Working Group reports and the drafts of the full Report, and many of you have provided comments that have improved the final product tremendously. Together we have documented how we meet Middle States' *Standards for Accreditation & Requirements for Affiliation* and identified those areas where we could do even better.

We're not done yet, however. We now look forward to the upcoming campus visit by our Middle States Peer Review Team, to take place **Sunday, March 3 through Wednesday, March 6**. During its visit, the team members will seek to verify and add context to our Self-Study Report, and learn more about the University as they prepare their own findings and recommendations. More details about the visit will be made available in the weeks ahead but we can tell you now that we hope for your continued support as the team plans to meet with a wide array of individuals and groups.

Thank you for your generous and thoughtful engagement to this point, and as we enter the final phase of this Self-Study cycle.

Sincerely,

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Middle States Self-Study Co-chairs