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Dear Dr. Santiago:

As promised, attached is the Self-Study Design for Long Island University. This document is the product of literally hundreds of hours of thoughtful reflection by more than a hundred members of the University community and of dialogues and debates in numerous meetings of the University-wide Steering Committee, the campus Accreditation Review Committees and various subcommittees and task forces. The design also benefited greatly from the information provided last Fall to our representatives at the Middle States Self-Study Workshop in Philadelphia and, particularly, from the advice and insights you shared with us during your visit last month.

We believe this Design will serve the University well in guiding our research, analysis and self-evaluation over the next 18 months, and we look forward to receiving your comments and additional advice. After we have heard from you, we will distribute the document to everyone who is directly involved in the process and will make it available to the larger University community through our libraries and other means.

Thank you again for all your help and counsel. We look forward to working with you as we use this process to improve our institutional effectiveness and identify new opportunities for institutional renewal and advancement, in keeping with our mission of "excellence and access."

Sincerely,

David Steinberg

cc: University Officers
University-wide Steering Committee