

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

MEMORANDUM

TO: Members of the LIU Community

FROM: David J. Steinberg

DATE: March 8, 2013

SUBJECT: Middle States Evaluation Team Visit

Even after two years of preparation and expectation, it is hard to believe that the visit of the Middle States Evaluation Team is nearly upon us. As you know, the team of 10 individuals will spend 2 ½ days on our campuses, meeting with students, faculty, staff, trustees and administrators to learn more about the University and to address any unanswered questions they may have after reviewing the Self-Study Report.

I hope that many of you attended the open forum meetings held at the campuses, which provided opportunities to discuss the self-study process, the report and the upcoming Evaluation Team visit. If you were unable to do so, please take some time to review the materials that are available online, including "[Frequently Asked Questions](#)" and the Self-Study Report (<https://infoshare.liu.edu>).

We expect shortly to receive from our team chair, President Jack Varsalona, a schedule for the visit. After we receive that information we will be able to share with the University community any specific requests for meetings with particular constituent groups or those who helped to prepare the Self-Study Report. We do know that there will be open meetings with faculty, staff and students during LIU Brooklyn's Club Hour and LIU Post's Common Hour. At President Varsalona's direction, the Exit Interview, during which he will deliver the Evaluation Team's report to the University, will take place on Wednesday, March 20th, at 11:00 a.m. This event will be held in the Great Hall at LIU Post, and will be broadcast live via streaming video over the Web to LIU Brooklyn and all regional campus locations. We will provide more details about the visit as soon as they become available.

As a community, we have worked very hard to arrive at this point, understanding just how critical reaccreditation is to LIU and to every other college and university in the United States. The report we submitted to Middle States presents a proud, student-centered institution with both strengths to celebrate and challenges to address. Like many of you, I appreciate the significance of this particular Middle States review as LIU prepares to embark on a new chapter in its history. I hope you will join me in welcoming the Middle States evaluators to our campuses with an openness and collegiality that reflects our shared investment in this great institution.