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Dear WASC steering committee members,

As we look ahead to fall quarter I want to give you an update on plans for the WASC self study and the role of the Steering Committee. First, let me thank you for your contributions to the Institutional Proposal. It's an excellent proposal, as has been confirmed by the WASC Proposal Review Committee. (We had a very successful conference call with the Proposal Review Committee on June 27. More on this in a separate email.) Second, I want to thank you for your feedback on the WASC committee process. I've taken your recommendations into consideration, and have discussed your advice with the WASC chairs. We'll make some changes -- thanks for your good ideas! I'm writing to outline the process we'll be following during the 2007-2008 academic year.

The WASC steering committee will meet as needed during the coming year. Now that we've completed the Institutional Proposal, and now that the subcommittees are working on the three themes, the Steering Committee can enter what might be called a "quiet phase." I will be calling on particular members of the steering committee to work on specific tasks on an "as needed" basis. This may involve supporting subcommittees with time-limited tasks, working on projects that fall beyond the three themes, or getting involved in tasks involving assessment. The steering committee as a whole will be called together periodically to provide feedback and advice to the subcommittees. When we approach the analysis and report-writing stage for the Capacity and Preparatory Review, the Steering Committee will gather to provide advice, consultation, and labor. As the year progresses I'll keep the Steering Committee updated with email reports and website postings and I'll invite the steering committee (attendance optional) to occasional meetings with the Subcommittees. One such meeting will be held early in the fall quarter, date TBA.

Thanks again for your assistance in the construction of an excellent Institutional Proposal. I'll contact you, individually or in groups, for your assistance on specific projects in support of the self study.

I hope your summer is going well.

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