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As the spring semester starts, we enter the final phase of our NEASC self-study. Over the course of this semester we will finalize all data collection and by April we will have a draft of the report ready for review by the college community. By the end of the semester we will be preparing for the visit from the NEASC team scheduled for November. In preparation for this final phase, the college has invited Dr. Patricia O'Brien, Deputy Director of NEASC, to talk to us during this Friday's All Campus meeting. Dr. O'Brien will also be meeting with the NEASC Task Force and Steering Committee on Friday afternoon.

During January important work was done to move us toward completion of the self-study. Patti Pallis has made great progress on the written report and almost all of the Standards now have written drafts of the Description and Appraisal sections. The Steering Committee (President DeFilippis, Dean Palmer, Dean Troup, AJ Dubois and Kim O'Donnell) began using the Appraisals to formulate Projections to recommend to the Standards committees.

In upcoming editions of the NEASC News we'll give you more information about these emerging projections, as well as other news about the NEASC process.

Sincerely,

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Your NEASC Co-chairs