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With a draft of the whole report sent to the President and the Steering Committee last week, it finally feels that we're on the final stretch. We will be sharing a draft with the rest of the college next Friday (4/26) and will announce dates for feedback sessions in the next few days. Please plan to review the draft when it becomes available and give us feedback about the accuracy of the report.

This week, we'll highlight the Projections related to Standard 11 (Integrity). Again, these are plans for the next few years that result from the areas of concern identified by each standard. Please look them over and give us feedback about anything that you believe needs to be changed in some way.

The Standard 11 committee has identified several items that the college will plan to address over the next few years. During the 2013-2014 academic year, the college will create an office to manage grant coordination which will oversee grant applications and administration. During that same year, revisions to the Student Handbook and the College Catalog will reflect a clear policy addressing academic freedom for students. This will be consistent with Board policy 5.2.2. In response to the concern that the college doesn't have a centralized database for policies and policy revisions, the college will develop a database using a standardized template for all policies. In addition, major policy changes, as well as construction of the master course schedule, will be supported by data and outcomes will be regularly evaluated. Finally, the college will begin to require mandatory yearly training for faculty advisors.

Sincerely,

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Your NEASC Co-chairs