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Dr. Anne C. Steele
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Dear President Steele:

According to the Commission’s records, Muskingum University is scheduled to undergo its next comprehensive evaluation for continued accreditation in 2012-2013. Representatives from institutions that have undergone a comprehensive evaluation review since the current Criteria for Accreditation were made official on January 1, 2005, have indicated it is more beneficial to begin the self-study process earlier than the typical two-year time frame. In this context, this reminder letter notifies you of the evaluation review three years in advance.

The Commission has always counseled institutions to create a self-study process that furthers their own goals, while simultaneously providing evidence that they fulfill the Criteria for Accreditation. Here are some ideas that might inspire your institution’s thinking:

- Consider how closely your institution can align its self-study activities with organizationwide planning initiatives that already are underway or are being contemplated.

- Explore the possibility of conducting a special emphasis self-study option, which enables an institution to focus on a chosen and approved enhancement initiative that can have a major impact on its future.

- Consider how your institution might enhance its organizational culture of continuous quality improvement.

Sincerely,

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