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This message is sent on behalf of Bill Destler, President

Dear Members of our Campus Community:

As you know, for the past 18 months we have been preparing for our Decennial MSCHE Reaccreditation Evaluation. This process involves the preparation of a significant Self-Study and a visit by a team of external peer evaluators. The Self-Study assesses the degree to which RIT meets accreditation standards. It also represents a unique opportunity to reflect on the institution’s progress and ask ourselves what we should do to improve our effectiveness in achieving our mission and vision.

Over 70 community members have been engaged through a cross-divisional Steering Committee and eight Working Groups in the inquiry and preparation of this narrative report. RIT’s final Self-Study is due to MSCHE in February 2017 and will be reviewed by RIT’s designated evaluation team, chaired by Dr. Anthony Collins, President of Clarkson University.

We believe we have an outstanding story to tell about RIT and invite you to offer feedback that will strengthen the preliminary draft.

Providing Feedback: The feedback process is designed so you can choose to read and comment on every Standard or only on selected Standards of interest. We suggest you first read the Introduction as it provides helpful context and organization for the full Self-Study. There are specific questions provided in the feedback survey to guide your review and comments.

Getting Started: To begin your review, please follow the link to RIT’s MSCHE accreditation website:
1. Click on and log in to RIT’s Self-Study 2017 and begin your review.
2. Click on RIT’s Self-Study Feedback Survey link to provide feedback.

Please send your feedback by November 21, 2016.

The members of the Steering Committee join me in thanking you for your participation in this very important campus review process.

And as a reminder, the MSCHE external evaluation team will be on campus April 2–5, 2017. Please mark your calendars.

Bill Destler, President