I am pleased to announce that the following members of the RIT community have accepted my invitation to serve on the Steering Committee for RIT’s decennial re-accreditation process and the Middle States Collaborative Implementation project (CIP):

Karen Barrows  Secretary to the Institute and Chief of Staff
Bob Finnerty  Chief Communications Officer
Joan Graham  Assistant Vice-President for Institutional Research
Paula Grcevic  Professor, NTID
Clyde Hull  Assistant Professor, SCB
Bridget Hurley/Austin Sierra  Student Government Representative
Sandra Johnson  Senior Vice-President for Student Affairs
Michael Laver  Assistant Professor, CLA and Co-chair MSCHE
Christine Licata  Senior Associate Provost for Academic Affairs
Ed Lincoln  Assistant Senior VP for Enrollment Management
Kevin McDonald  VP & Associate Provost for Diversity & Inclusion
Yin Pan  Assistant Professor, GCCIS
Thomas Smith  Professor, COS
Kim Sowers  Director of ITS Applications Development
Greg van Laeken  Business Manager and Analyst for Global Programs
Anne Wahl  Assistant Provost and Co-chair MSCHE

We have an excellent cross-section of the campus community, including approximately one-third faculty representation and student government involvement. Karen Barrows will serve as a direct liaison to the president’s
office, and Christine Licata is RIT’s accreditation liaison officer to the Middle States Commission on Higher Education.

I am grateful for the service of this important core group of professionals. We are particularly fortunate to have tapped two highly qualified co-chairs in Anne Wahl and Michael Laver.

The decennial evaluation consists of an extensive institutional self-study process that produces a written self-study report highlighting both RIT’s significant strengths as well as possible challenges going forward. This report and the newly revised accreditation standards serve as the basis for an on-site evaluation by a team of peer evaluators which will occur in the Spring of 2017. This is a critical process for RIT.

This is an inclusive community endeavor and as such, our goal is to have a broad cross section of the campus community engaged at every stage: in the steering committee, affiliated working groups, and the campus-wide discussions. You will receive on-going progress reports directly from the Steering Committee moving forward.

Best,

Bill Destler
President