

ANNOUNCEMENT TO THE HUNTER COLLEGE COMMUNITY

OPEN MEETING ON
HUNTER'S MIDDLE STATES SELF-STUDY
Wednesday, 6 February 2008, 3:30-5:25 PM, Room W714

**THE CHAIRS OF THE MIDDLE STATES STEERING COMMITTEE
WILL ADDRESS THE HUNTER COLLEGE SENATE AND THE
COLLEGE COMMUNITY AT-LARGE. A QUESTION-AND-ANSWER
PERIOD WILL FOLLOW. YOU ARE INVITED TO ATTEND.**

The Hunter College Middle States Self-study will have four functions:

- >> To document compliance with Middle States standards for accreditation.
- >> To determine whether we fall short of full compliance with some standards, and, if so, to create a plan and timetable for achieving expeditious remedy.
- >> To investigate, deliberate, and plan how to move forward in three areas that are central to our continued success as an institution of higher education: (a) Becoming the premier urban public liberal-arts institution, (b) offering a 21st-century education to 21st-century students, and (c) improving student engagement and satisfaction.
- >> To describe the unifying elements among the diverse conceptions of Hunter's place and role in New York City and the larger society, and build consensus to plan for Hunter's future as a premier liberal arts college with standout graduate and professional programs.

A steering committee comprising administrators, faculty, and students oversees our self-study. It is co-chaired by Provost Vita Rabinowitz and Professors Sandra Clarkson and Philip Alcabes. The main investigative work is carried out by seven working groups and one special committee, and is organized into these main areas:

- Working Group 1: Institutional Goals, Resources, and Assessment
- Working Group 2: Leadership, Administration, Integrity
- Working Group 3: Graduate Programs
- Working Group 4: Faculty
- Working Group 5: Student Engagement and Progress
- Working Group 6: General Education
- Working Group 7: Academic Programs/Assessment (Major and Minor)

A special committee on technology is affiliated with WG1. The General Education working group is identical with the Senate Mellon Project Special Committee to Review the GER.

Working groups will investigate Hunter's procedures and performance intensively from now through April, then report to the steering committee. With the steering committee's assistance, the co-chairs will draft a report for review and discussion during the Fall 08 semester. A final version of the report is to be submitted in November 2008.