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Dear Brandeis Community:

As the Executive Committee for the re-accreditation process, we invite you to read and comment on the current draft of the self-study.

This report is the product of many people's labors over the past twelve months. We began the process last spring by forming 14 special committees, corresponding to the various sections of the accreditation standards set by the New England Association of Schools and Colleges (NEASC). Last fall, the committees produced detailed reports, setting out a description, appraisal, and projection — the format required by NEASC — for each of the 172 individual standards. Various persons then took on the task of translating those reports into unified prose narratives.

The process continued this semester, as successive drafts were reviewed and revised. Comments were solicited from various standing committees and from individuals with expertise in particular areas. The Executive Committee met regularly to review progress and to work out the central themes to be woven into the report. The result of this process is the current draft.

This draft will be further revised in light of comments received, and will then be given in May to NEASC for their comments. The final version will be submitted over the summer and sent to the members of the re-accreditation visiting team. This document will thus become the official, public record of Brandeis University's 2006 self-study.

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