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Daemen College
Faculty and Staff

Dear Colleagues,

I am writing with another campus update. I am delighted to report that for the seventh consecutive year, Daemen has been named a “College of Distinction” by Colleges of Distinction, a Web-based guide for college-bound students seeking schools that are nationally recognized and highly recommended by education professionals. Daemen received the 2014-15 College of Distinction designation because of its nationally recognized excellence, its focus on teaching undergraduates, its innovative learning experiences, its opportunities for personal development, and its perceived high value by graduate schools and employers. This is yet another instance of well-deserved national recognition for our great college.

This summer, several working groups will begin meetings to prepare parts of our formal Self Study, which is an essential part of our reaffirmation of accreditation by the Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools. These committees will have considerable work to do in countless meetings. In order to facilitate the timeline for these working groups, these committees will need to be given priority with regards to the Thursday 11:30 meeting slots during the 2014-15 academic year. The campus community will soon receive a schedule of these working group meetings, and we ask that you plan your other meetings and activities around this schedule. Thank you for your support and understanding about this important initiative.

As I reported recently, Vice President Beiswanger will retire this August after 31 years of distinguished service to our College. We have just impaneled a stellar committee to conduct a national search for his successor, the next Vice President for Business Affairs and Treasurer of the College. This position will be crucial for our College’s future, especially given the uncertain fiscal climate that higher education is facing. I am certain that this committee will identify a number of first-rate candidates that could potentially help lead us into that uncertain future. I will give you updates about this search as they become available.

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Finally, the search for a new Vice President for Student Affairs is proceeding smoothly. Beginning today, the first of five candidates will visit our campus. Please take some time to meet the candidates and provide feedback to the committee. Your observations are important as we attempt to fill this crucial position.

As usual, I will provide updates on important campus matters as appropriate. I look forward to seeing you at Academic Festival and then at Commencement.

Cordially,



Gary A. Olson
President