June 24, 2011

Dr. Donald P. Christian
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Dear Dr. Christian:

At its session on June 23, 2011, the Middle States Commission on Higher Education acted:

To reaffirm accreditation and to commend the institution for the quality of its self-study process. To request a progress report, due April 1, 2013, documenting (1) further implementation of a comprehensive, organized and sustained process for the assessment of institutional effectiveness, including evidence that assessment has been implemented in all administrative units (Standard 7), and (2) further implementation of a comprehensive, organized and sustained process for the assessment of student learning outcomes, including evidence that all course syllabi include identified student learning outcomes, that assessment has been implemented in all academic units, and that assessment results are used to improve teaching and learning (Standards 11 and 14). The Periodic Review Report is due June 1, 2016.

Enclosed for your information is a copy of the Statement of Accreditation Status for your institution. The Statement of Accreditation Status (SAS) provides important basic information about the institution and its affiliation with the Commission, and is made available to the public in the Directory of Members and Candidates on the Commission’s website at www.msche.org. Accreditation applies to the institution as detailed in the SAS; institutional information is derived from data provided by the institution through annual reporting and from Commission actions. If any of the institutional information is incorrect, please contact the Commission as soon as possible.

Please check to ensure that published references to your institution’s accredited status (catalog, other publications, web page) include the full name, address, and telephone number of the accrediting agency. Further guidance is provided in the Commission’s policy statement Advertising, Student Recruitment, and Representation of Accredited Status. If the action for your institution includes preparation of a progress report, monitoring report or supplemental report, please see our policy statement on Follow-up Reports and Visits. Both policies can be obtained from our website.
Please be assured of the continuing interest of the Commission on Higher Education in the well-being of SUNY College at New Paltz. If any further clarification is needed regarding the SAS or other items in this letter, please feel free to contact Dr. Robert A. Schneider, Vice President.

Sincerely,

Michael F. Middaugh, Ed.D.
Chair

c: Dr. Nancy L. Zimpher, Chancellor, State University of New York Central Office