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MEMORANDUM

To: Nancy Freudenthal and Andrew Clifford
Co-chairs, Steering Committee

From: R. Barbara Gitenstein *R. Barbara Gitenstein*
President

Re: Request for Charge to CPP

Date: December 3, 2010

As you are aware, the College recently received the Middle States Commission on Higher Education's formal response to TCNJ's Periodic Review Report and associated documents. MSCHE acted to "accept the Periodic Review Report and to reaffirm accreditation," but is also requiring the College to file a Monitoring Report by September 1, 2011, showing that the College has implemented strategic planning "that links long-range planning to decision-making and budgeting processes" and "planning processes that are clearly communicated, provide for constituent participation, and incorporate the use of assessment results."

I request that the Steering Committee ask the Committee on Planning and Priorities, to lead the development of the Monitoring Report. As CPP led the creation of the PRR itself, it is most appropriate for this group to ensure that we address the issues necessary in the Monitoring Report. This also seems consistent with your recent charge for CPP to develop a structure regarding planning at the institutional level. While it is wonderful that our accreditation has been reaffirmed, we simply must take seriously the issues raised in the MSCHE's response to ensure that we continue to maintain the high expectations we have for the future of the College.

In order to ensure that the Monitoring Report is submitted by September 1, 2011, I ask that the proposed Report be forwarded to me by August 1, 2011.

Thank you.