The ancient Greeks’ exhortation “know thyself” reflects the necessity of self-examination in the lives of not just individuals, but dynamic institutions like LaGuardia. Through this process we learn to identify our strengths and challenges, our successes, and where opportunities for growth lie. But change based on self-knowledge alone is impossible; a plan, followed by action, is imperative.

LaGuardia’s Middle States accreditation process now underway is our chance to discover what works and what needs some work in every area of the College—from academic programs to administrative practices—so we can continue to expand our legacy as a bold and innovative institution of higher learning and our students can continue to reap the tangible benefits and financial resources of accreditation.

Right now, there are nearly 140 faculty and staff engaged in collecting data and preparing the self-study analysis. We’ve created a website, www.laguardia.edu/middlestates to explain how the process works and to share our progress and our final report with the entire College community. We’ll also be reaching out to you via

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### Middle States Commission’s Fourteen Standards

**Our Foundation**
- Standard 1: Mission & Goals
- Standard 6: Integrity

**Our Systems**
- Standard 2: Planning, Resource Allocation, & Instructional Renewal
- Standard 4: Leadership & Governance
- Standard 7: Institutional Assessment
- Standard 14: Assessment of Student Learning

**Our Resources**
- Standard 3: Institutional Resources
- Standard 5: Administration
- Standard 9: Student Support Services
- Standard 10: Faculty

**Our Successes**
- Standard 8: Student Admissions & Retention
- Standard 11: Educational Offerings
- Standard 12: General Education
- Standard 13: Related Educational Activities

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**IN 2009,** the College’s governance plan was restructured for the first time since 1978, in part as a result of recommendations included in LaGuardia’s 2002 Middle States report. How the Senate assesses and votes on curriculum changes, the streamlining of governance plan updates through by-laws and amendments, and providing for a cohort of 12 student senators and 12 faculty senators from each academic department were among the newly implemented initiatives.

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**Did you know?**
For more information

To learn more about LaGuardia’s Middle States accreditation process, visit www.laguardia.edu/middlestates, or contact Professor Gordon Tapper, Steering Committee Chair, at ext. 5669, or email gtapper@lagcc.cuny.edu.

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