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Dear Delhi Campus Community,

One of SUNY Delhi’s points of pride is service to our local, regional, and global communities. Since 2008, the Carnegie Commission on Higher Education - which has traditionally classified colleges based on empirical data - began offering an elective classification in community engagement. In the spring of 2014, we will apply for the classification, which is currently held by just over 300 institutions nationwide.

I have asked Elizabeth Sova, Director of the O’Connor Center for Community Engagement, Amber Tatnall, Chair of the Institutional Review Board, and Monica Liddle, Coordinator of Institutional Effectiveness & Assessment, to assemble a team, collect data, and prepare our application for the Elective Community Engagement Classification. In a few weeks, they will send a survey to faculty and staff to help determine the scope and depth of experiential learning in our courses. I appreciate their efforts, and I encourage you to help them in the process by providing whatever information they request in a timely manner.

The Carnegie Elective Community Engagement Classification is one more way that we can distinguish SUNY Delhi as a college that engages students in outstanding learning experiences, within and beyond the classroom, and that nurtures the development of students, faculty and staff who contribute to local and global communities.

More information about the Carnegie classification in community engagement is available at http://classifications.carnegiefoundation.org/

Thank you in advance for your participation in this excellent opportunity for SUNY Delhi to be recognized for one of our central values, service to the community.

Sincerely,

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President