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Dear Dr. Velez-Arocho:

I am in receipt of the self-study design submitted by University of Puerto Rico-Mayaguez Campus.

I have reviewed the self-study design with care. The Steering Committee has done an excellent job responding to *Designs for Excellence* and to my comments. The Steering Committee, led by Dr. Anand D. Sharma, is to be commended for its fine work.

As a result of my review, the design is accepted, and will be maintained in the institution's self-study file. The self-study design will become an essential guide for me in selecting a team chair, and for selecting the various members of the evaluation team. The design will also serve as an important resource and reference for the team chair and myself throughout the period of self-study.

Please share the design, along with other basic information about University of Puerto Rico-Mayaguez Campus, with the chair well in advance of the chair's preliminary visit. Together with any draft self-study materials that may be prepared, the design will set the context for discussions between the chair and the institution's representatives. It will also enable the chair to plan the deployment of evaluation team members.

Finally, every person directly involved in the process should receive a copy of the design, and the design should be distributed widely on campus.

I look forward to working with you as you proceed with the self-study process.

If I may be of any assistance in the near future, please do not hesitate to call on me. I may be reached at (215) 662-5606, extension 21, or via e-mail at [gsantiago@msache.org](mailto:gsantiago@msache.org).

Sincerely,

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