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Harriett Dickey-Chasins
Director of Student Health and Counseling Services
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Dear Harriett,

Thank you for the effort your staff invested in the DSA Review & Assessment of Student Health and Counseling Services during the 2013 fall semester. This letter is a final response from me that concludes the formal process – and is a direct reply to your excellent response letter of March 21, 2014, in which you detailed the thoughts of your staff regarding the recommendations that came to you from the review document.

Your thorough and careful response to the report of the review team is accepted and endorsed. In doing so, I suggest that you and Joyce find ways to graft these recommendations into your working plan and goals for the coming months and years. I am eager to hear more about you implementation plan for the issues detailed in your response letter, including timelines for action.

Of course, a number of recommendations require budgetary support that must be requested through the Budget Planning Committee of the College. Let's also plan to actively share the review and your response to a number of leaders on campus who oversee related risk management and budget responsibilities.

When you write your year-end report this June 2014, please detail what has been accomplished during the year toward realizing the achievements and improvements set forth as a result of your review. Harriett, you and the SHACS staff are such valued members of the Student Affairs and College communities. Please share with them my thanks for their efforts in this review and in the daily work they do to educate and support the learning and development of our students.

Sending you best wishes for success, I remain,

Sincerely yours,

W. Houston Dougharty
Vice-President for Student Affairs

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