

May 13, 2008

Ms. Jean Avnet Morse
President
Middle States Commission on Higher Education
3624 Market Street
Philadelphia, PA 19104

Dear Ms. Morse:

I want to thank the visiting team for the time and effort they invested in their April visit to Gallaudet and in their exit report. The questions the team members asked during the visit, and the commendations, recommendations, and suggestions made in their exit report were the results of a thorough and thoughtful validation process that is the best of what a site visit can be. I would also like to extend a particular thank you to Ms. Linda Suskie for the careful attentiveness with which she shepherded the review process in this and in prior visits.

I am gratified that the team finds that Gallaudet University now meets all previously unmet standards (Standards 1, 2, 4, 6, 7, 11, and 14), and continues to meet Standard 8. I am also pleased that the visiting team commends us for making significant progress in a number of critical areas in a short period of time. Nonetheless, it is clear to the Gallaudet community that we must continue our efforts to sustain improvement in these areas, as well as in all areas of higher education effectiveness. We therefore appreciate the focused recommendations to ensure continued compliance, as well as the collegial suggestions. These recommendations and suggestions will function as a road map as we institutionalize changes we have begun.

Again, I want thank Dr. Gibraltar, the visiting team, and Ms. Suskie for the advice and counsel they have provided as we move forward together with MSCHE.

Sincerely,

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President

cc: Ms. Linda Suskie