

APPENDIX II **Report by the President**

The following is a summary statement of President Caputo's report to the Senate. He said:

"I have not heard any hard news about the search for an interim chancellor. There is another forthcoming resignation from 80th Street. Vice Chancellor Mucciolo will be leaving to take the position as Vice President for Administration and Finance at Northeastern University.

Also, I want to apologize to everyone who came hoping to see President Swygert, or to see a video tape of President Swygert. He had to leave early, which we knew. We thought we were all set with the videotaping of the 12:30 meeting, but we were not able to do so, because Middle States specifically prohibits videotaping of the oral summary. It is unfortunate, and it is especially unfortunate for those of you who didn't have the chance to hear him. His comments and the ringing encouragement would have buoyed you. We were able to get into the Assembly Hall in the hopes that we would have a large number of people. However, we had fewer than are in this room. Nonetheless, he was impressed that we had that number.

I would like to thank everyone who participated in any way in the Middle States review. Thank you for a job not just well done, but superbly done. The next step in the process is for the College to receive and respond to the committee's report. They will send a draft of their report on accreditation, again without recommendations. I will then have about 10 days to respond in terms of any factual errors. After that is completed, the report including the recommendation regarding accreditation goes to the full Middle States Commission for discussion and action. The committee files its report, and then the Commission acts upon the recommendation. We anticipate that all of this will be done by March of next year.

Very enthusiastic congratulations to everyone at Hunter. If you were able to be at the presentation of President Swygert, you heard him indicate that not only has Hunter done an outstanding job in fostering our mission of access and excellence, we also have the capacity and the will to do so in the future. So, I congratulate each and every member of the Hunter community for believing in that mission and for assisting Hunter College in that mission's goal. We all know that the road behind us was not easy, and we know that the road ahead will be uphill. But we also know that our collective strength will assure our success. So, I salute each and every member of the community, and I ask you to join me in a round of applause to Hunter College and to all that it stands for.

We must continue our efforts to maintain Hunter's quality and to continue to provide an outstanding educational experience for our students. We want to insure that our next accreditation visit in 2007 will be as successful as this one. So, please join me as we enter the future strengthened by our prior accomplishments. Thank you very much."