

**Commission on Institutions of Higher Education, NEASC and  
Wheelock College  
Statement Regarding the Accreditation of Wheelock College**

At its meeting on September 25, 2015, the Commission on Institutions of Higher Education, NEASC, considered the comprehensive evaluation of Wheelock College and voted to continue the College in accreditation.

The Commission noted the many strengths of the College, including its clear, focused mission that is embraced by the college community and serves as an effective guide for priority setting, and the institution's highly qualified and dedicated faculty.

The Commission established a focused evaluation for Fall 2017 to address success in strengthening shared governance, communication and faculty involvement in academic program planning and budget development; decisions made with respect to implementation of the faculty hiring plan; and progress in filling the chief academic officer position on a permanent position. "Progress reports and focused evaluations are normal follow-up mechanisms in Commission actions, particularly at times of Presidential transitions," noted Barbara Brittingham, President of the Commission.

As with all institutions, the College will have an interim report due at the mid-point of the accreditation cycle. Because at the request of the College the comprehensive evaluation was delayed one year, the next comprehensive evaluation will be in Spring 2024.

"Wheelock College is pleased that NEASC has recognized our deep commitment to our unique mission to improve the lives of children and families, our dedicated faculty, high quality academic programs and many other institutional strengths in its comprehensive evaluation," said Wheelock College President Jackie Jenkins-Scott. "It is through Wheelock's commitment to self-reflection, continuous improvement and setting the highest standards for our students that I am confident that the College will continue to thrive as an outstanding college educating people to create a safe, caring, and just world for children and families."

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