The merger of NYU and NYU-Poly took another important step forward today as the New York State Board of Regents approved the agreement of consolidation. Today’s decision by the Board of Regents – New York State’s supervising educational authority – puts our two institutions on track for a full merger on January 1, 2014, at which point NYU-Poly will become the newest school at NYU: the NYU Polytechnic School of Engineering.

This action follows the approval of the merger by the Executive Committee of the Middle States Commission on Higher Education – our educational accreditation body – on May 30. We eagerly anticipate the full Middle States Commission’s support and final approval of the merger on June 27, and also look forward to official recognition of the merger by the U. S. Department of Education.

The work of fully integrating NYU-Poly and NYU continues, thanks to the efforts of many people at both institutions, so that all faculty and students derive the greatest academic benefit: the restoration of the engineering discipline to NYU; the connection to a major research university for Poly; exciting new cross-discipline collaborative learning and research opportunities; and a sustained focus on creating a great school of engineering at NYU.

We look forward to continuing to share information with you as we progress with the merger.

Our thanks again to many across NYU and NYU-Poly, as well as to those at the NYS Education Department, the NYS Regents, the U.S. Department of Education, and the Middle States Commission on Higher Education for their work and support of this historic merger.