Middle States Self-Study Briefing Session – Spring 2018

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Welcome/ Session Overview

- Overview of accreditation and MSCHE process 10 min
- Brief summary of suggestions & recommendations 5 min
- MSCHE visits: Team Chair vs. Full Team 10 min
- Paired activity: preparing for the visit 20 min
- Report out 10 min
- Sum up 5 min
Why is Accreditation important?

- Establishes a benchmark for quality and consistency
- Facilitates the transfer of credits between institutions
- Qualifies an institution to offer federal financial aid for students
- Helps prospective students to confirm that a school has met established standards of education
- Ensures a process of continuous self-improvement
- Involves faculty, staff, and students in the process of planning and prioritizing
- Provides a mechanism for transparency and accountability
Self-Study Process Overview

**Spring 2015-Fall 2017**
- Training
- Committee formation
- Research
- Drafting

**Fall 2017-January 2018**
- Team Chair Visit
- Compliance Report
- Final Self-Study

**Spring 2018**
- MSCHE visit
- MSCHE action
Summary Suggestions & Recommendations
Two Kinds of MSCHE Visits

Team Chair Visit - October 16, 2017

• One person, who will lead the visiting team, visits to College to assess readiness and give feedback on Self-Study draft.

• Tours campuses

• Meets with limited, invited broad groups and asks
  – How are you involved in the self-study and preparation for the evaluation team visit
  – What do you expect to achieve from the process
  – What do you hope the team will do

Full MSCHE Team Visit - March 18-21, 2018

• Team of 10-12 people, including the Chair, visits the college to verify what is in the Self-Study and provide recommendations and suggestions

• Small groups tour campuses and set up meeting space at each location

• Meets with
  – individuals and groups invited ahead of time based on content of the Self-Study
  – Individuals and groups requested by the team during the visit
  – Any group or individual who wants to talk to them
MSCHE Visits: Team Chair Visit

MSCHE Team Chair:

- Dr. Margaret McMenamin,
  - President Union County Community College
  - Commissioner and Vice Chair of the Executive Committee of MSCHE

- Structured visit to Verify, Clarify, Amplify
  - Toured 3 campuses and CT with an eye toward equitable resources
  - Met with
    - Steering Committee,
    - Invited faculty, Staff, Administrators
    - Students
    - SALT
    - Board of Trustees
    - Dr. Pollard

- Concrete suggestions to improve report
  - Revise so that report is in one voice
  - Include your sorrows as well as your joys
MSCHE Team Visit

- Comprehensive visit – verify what’s in the Self-Study and identify any additional areas to address
  - Connect to the Montgomery College mission/vision and strategic plan
  - Identify areas of social justice and innovation
  - Visit 3 campuses and CT as well as a Middle College sites
  - Meet with invited groups highlighted in Self-Study
  - Meet with College Community at large
  - Provide report summarizing their observations and recommendations at the end of the visit

- College Community invited to attend the presentation of the final team report from 9:00-10:30am in the Parilla Performing Arts Center in RV on March 21
**MSCHE Visits: Full Team Visit**

- March 18-21
- Team of 10 people from MSCHE and 1 person from MHEC

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Questions?
What is your role & How might you prepare?
Activity:

Part 1: On Your Own

• How do you personally contribute to the College’s mission/vision in your role?
• With what initiatives mentioned in the report have you been involved?

Part 2: With a Partner

• Identify specific information that you should know to be prepared to speak to the visiting team
• Identify 2-3 specific actions each person can take between now and March 18 to be prepared.
Activity Report-Out
Wrap up

• Read the Self-Study report
• Know the mission/vision/values
  – Articulate how you directly connect in your role
• Know statistics and details about your area
• Make sure signage in your area is up to date
• Place a hold on your calendar for March 18-21 so that you can meet with the team
Additional Information / Questions

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