



Middle States Reaffirmation Visit Town Hall Update April 8, 2021

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As you may recall...

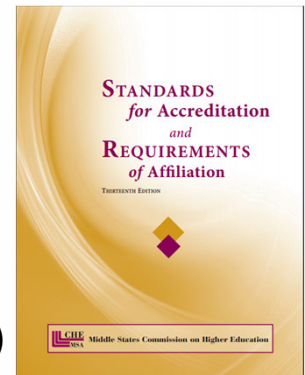
Prior to the pandemic...

- MSCHE notified BSU of evaluation visit in AY 20-21
- MSCHE evaluates institutions on
 - 7 Standards for Accreditation
 - Requirements of Affiliation
 - Verification of Federal Compliance

Standards for Accreditation

A HIGHER EDUCATION INSTITUTION...

- has a mission (Standard I)
- and lives it with integrity (Standard II)
- to enhance the student learning experience (Standard III)
- and support the overall student experience. (Standard IV)



THAT INSTITUTION...

- assesses its success in achieving that mission (Standard V)
- and engages in planning to strengthen its resources and improve as an institution (Standard VI)
- by means of an effective governing process. (Standard VII)

Phase 1 – Preparing for Self-Study

Prior to the pandemic...

- The Middle States Reaffirmation of Accreditation Steering Committee was formed (Spring 2019)
 - Faculty, staff and students led by a three-person executive committee
 - Steering Committee developed the Self-Study Design
 - Hosted the MSCHE Liaison Visit
 - Received MSCHE approval for Self-Study Design





Phase 2 – Campus compliance verification...

Prior to and during the pandemic...

- Workgroups were established based upon the seven Standards for Accreditation & Requirements of Affiliation/Verification of Federal Compliance (Fall 2019)
- Preliminary reports submitted (January 2020)
 - Feedback provided by Steering Committee liaisons
- Spring 2020 - Workgroups completed their review
 - Internal analysis suggested that the University was in compliance!



Phase 2 con't ...

- Spring – Fall 2020 MSCHE work shifted to address pandemic
 - Temporary transition to distance education request (March 2020)
 - Additional location – Laurel College Center (May 2020)
 - Substantive Change to offer distance education (October 2020)
- Winter 2020-2021 – Activities
 - Received formal notice from MSCHE – *Virtual visit* in fall 2021!
 - Self-study drafting began



Phase 3 – Preparing for Visit

- **Spring 2021**

- Self-study *compliance focused* first draft - share with workgroups
- Town Hall / divisional meetings
- Chair's visit planning

- **Summer 2021**

- Self-study second draft shared with campus community
- Team Chair's visit
- Federal compliance report finalized

- **Fall 2021**

- Self-study finalized
- *Virtual visit – tentatively scheduled for November 7 -10, 2021*



Information Sharing & Community Feedback

- Future town halls
- BSYou
- Community Announcements
- Faculty Institute - tentative



How to prepare for the Virtual Visit?

- Review
 - BSU Self-Study website
<https://bowiestate.edu/about/administration-and-governance/division-of-academic-affairs/2021-middle-states-self-study/index.php>
 - Department / Unit website for accuracy and clarity
- Review and comment on Self-Study draft documents
 - Including the summer draft!
- Participate in virtual meetings with team
 - Anticipate open faculty, staff and student meetings



Steering Committee Membership

Executive Committee

- Gayle Fink, Assistant Vice President for Institutional Effectiveness
- Makeba Green, Associate Professor and Chair
- Becky Verzinski, Assistant Vice President for Assessment

Steering Committee

- Trenita Johnson, Staff Council
- Andrew Mangle, Faculty Senate
- Sammye Miller, Faculty Senate
- Davine Snead, Staff Council
- Brandon Vinson, Assistant Vice President for Enrollment Management
- National Alumni Association member (appointment pending)
- GSA and SGA representatives (appointments pending)