

# Accreditation: Working towards the self-study

Staff Assembly meeting  
Wednesday, December 14<sup>th</sup>, 2016

# A few terms

**MSCHE:** Middle States Commission on Higher Education

[www.msche.org](http://www.msche.org)

**Self-study:** Describes educational programs, policies, services, and student learning and achievement. Considers how well institution's goals, mission, and Commission's Standards are met.

**Steering Committee:** Responsible for organizing self-study design. Edits reports of Working Groups, produces a draft for discussion, and disseminates the final Self-Study Report.



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**Working Groups:** Examine existing data and evaluations, gather new information, and prepare analytical reports on assigned topics.

**Evaluation Team visit:** Reads college's self-study, visits campus for several days, report

**Verification of Compliance Report:** Show compliance with accreditation-relevant federal regulations

**ALO:** Accreditation Liaison Officer



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Pick your favorite!

# Timeline for self-study

## **Fall 2016**

- Form Steering Committee
- Steering Committee designs self-study
- Solicit nominations for members of Working Groups

## **Spring 2017**

- Working groups form
- MSCHE VP liaison visits campus

## **Summer 2017**

- Steering Committee responds to feedback about self-study design



# Timeline for self-study

## **Fall 2017**

- Working groups gather data and documentation
- Draft chapters of self-study
- Begin work on Verification of Compliance Report

## **Spring 2018**

- Working Groups revise chapters of self-study
- First version of draft is completed

## **Summer 2018**

- Draft is revised



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## **Fall 2018**

- Community wide discussion of self-study
- Revise self-study
- Preliminary visit from MSCHE team chair
- Submit Verification of Compliance Report

## **Spring 2019**

- Revise self-study
- Submit final version
- Visiting team comes to campus
- Commission meets to determine accreditation action (June)