

# SUNY Oswego's Middle States Self-Study Process

## Fall 2020 Recap and January - May 2021 Preview

### Self-Study Preparation -- Key Meetings and Achievements in Fall 2020:

- **September:** President Stanley reconvened our Self-Study Steering Committee on September 29, 2020 for our fourth formal steering committee meeting. The meeting enabled the members to focus on the Self-Study tasks and associated action steps planned for fall 2020. The Steering Committee also reflected on the work accomplished by our subcommittee and steering committee members in 2019 – 2020 including two detailed reports written by each subcommittee for each of the seven MSCHE Standards. The reports document and describe the ways SUNY Oswego currently addresses all MSCHE Standards and Criteria and our Lines of Inquiry created for each Standard. The Steering Committee also discussed the draft of SUNY Oswego's Self-Study Design and the MSCHE Standards' alignment with our new Institutional Priorities that were identified through our [strategic plan refresh process last spring](#). Lastly, the meeting allowed the members to discuss upcoming preparations for the [Self-Study Preparation Visit](#) that was held virtually on November 2, 2020 with our MSCHE Vice President Liaison Dr. Paul Starkey and Dr. Ellie Fogarty.
- **October:** At the direction of President Stanley and in our role as Self-Study Co-Chairs, we (Richard Back and Kristi Eck) held our fourth round of formal meetings with all five of our subcommittees. These meetings were co-run with each subcommittee chair and were devoted primarily to reviewing the work accomplished by the subcommittee in 2019-2020, preparing for our November 2<sup>nd</sup> Self-Study Preparation Visit, and thinking through each subcommittee's focus and tasks for the fall 2020 semester. During October, we also held our kick-off meeting with the [Verification of Compliance with Accreditation-Relevant Federal Regulations Workgroup members](#). Our Verification of Compliance with Accreditation-Relevant Federal Regulations report is due with our Self-Study report next year and the drafting of this report will be completed by the workgroup's co-chairs Dr. Mary Toale and Assistant Dean of Extended Learning Greg Ketcham and the workgroup members. We finished the month by providing an update on Self-Study preparation efforts to date to Student Association (on October 20<sup>th</sup>) and to Faculty Assembly (on October 26<sup>th</sup>).
- **November:** We started this month with a very successful virtual daylong Self-Study Preparation Visit with MSCHE's Dr. Paul Starkey and Dr. Ellie Fogarty. The day's agenda included Dr. Starkey and Dr. Fogarty meeting with President Stanley, the Steering Committee, two representatives of our College Council (College Council Chair Mr. Jim McMahan and Council member Saleem Cheeks '97), an open session for all interested

students, faculty and staff, and a debriefing session with President Stanley, Provost and Vice President of Academic Affairs Scott Furlong and Co-Chairs Back and Eck. The outcome of the visit was a full acceptance of our October 2020 Self-Study Design with no edits needed and approval to continue to complete our Self-Study work as described in our Self-Study Design (please see our Self-Study website to read our November 2, 2020 accepted Self-Study Design).

- November – December:** Since the October round of subcommittee meetings, subcommittee chairs have held follow-up meetings with their subcommittees to further review, collect and categorize the evidence and narrative associated with their subcommittee’s assigned Standard(s) and Criteria. The subcommittees submitted a third round of reports to Self-Study Co-Chairs and Steering Committee members the first week of January 2021. These reports included a refined cataloguing of recommended evidence to include in our first Self-Study draft -- organized by relevant Institutional Priority, Standard, Criteria, and/or Line of Inquiry.

**Preview of Action Items Planned for January - May 2021:**

SUNY Oswego’s Self-Study Evaluation Team Chair suggestions identified by MSCHE and shared with President Stanley by MSCHE VP Dr. Paul Starkey for consideration by President Stanley	January 2021
Co-Chairs and subcommittee chairs meet to review Standards-aligned evidence reports submitted by each subcommittee	January 2021
Co-Chairs and Evidence Inventory Curator (Kate Jones) begin to populate AEFIS Evidence Bank with evidence gathered by steering and subcommittees	January 2021
Co-Chairs Meet with Federal Verification of Compliance Workgroup Co-Chairs for progress update on draft report	January 2021
Steering Committee Meeting #5 - Steering Committee members review and provide feedback on subcommittees' Standards-aligned evidence reports	January 2021
Co-Chairs and Evidence Inventory Curator train Subcommittee Chairs on how to use AEFIS	January – February 2021
Co-Chairs and Steering Committee members create first draft of Self-Study report -- chapters based on Standards	January - February 2021
Subcommittee Meetings Round #5	February 2021
First draft of Self-Study report shared with campus for review and feedback	No later than April 1, 2021
Co-Chairs provide Self-Study spring semester update to Faculty Assembly	March or early April 2021

Co-Chairs provide Self-Study spring semester update to Student Association	March or early April 2021
Open forums with campus on draft Self-Study report	April 2021
Feedback from campus shared with Steering Committee and Subcommittee members and new draft of Self-Study report begins	May 2021

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