

## **Self-Study Report to the Senate, December 10, 2025**

### **Susan Dumais, Steering Committee Co-Chair and Professor of Sociology**

We are undergoing reaccreditation with the Middle States Council on Higher Education (MSCHE), which is a 3 year process. We are just getting started. We had a “soft” launch for the accreditation process on November 12, and we will have a big official launch at the beginning of the spring semester.

Don Sutherland and Karin Beck are leading the entire process. We have a steering committee led by myself and Brandon Begarly. Don, Karin, and Brandon are currently attending the Middle States Conference in Philadelphia and learning as much as they can about the process. I couldn’t go because I have to teach. Members of the steering committee include a balance of faculty and administrators. We intend to have students involved with each step of the reaccreditation process, as well as the entire campus community.

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Members of the steering committee will lead 8 working groups based on the 7 standards of the Middle States Council on Higher Ed, plus one working group for AI.

- Standard I: Mission and Goals
- Standard II: Ethics and Integrity
- Standard III: Design and Delivery of the Student Learning Experience
- Standard IV: Support of the Student Experience
- Standard V: Educational Effectiveness Assessment
- Standard VI: Planning, Resources, and Institutional Improvement
- Standard VII: Governance, Leadership, and Administration

- Artificial Intelligence (AI): Cuts across all seven standards e.g., procurement policies related to vetting AI would be discussed under Standard VI

Our focus this fall has been developing the self-study design. Key components of the self-study design include Lehman's strategic goals, CUNY's strategic initiatives, and our institutional priorities. Each working group has been designing lines of inquiry for their specific MSCHE standard and we will identify the data that need to be collected in order to address these lines of inquiry.

Currently, we are working on the final version of draft 1 of the Self-Study Design. Previous versions have been shared with the Steering Committee for review/revision, constructive feedback has been received, and future drafts will be shared with the President/Provost/campus community, public, and the senate very soon and people will have the opportunity to comment. Indeed, we intend for an email with a link to both the draft and a feedback form to go out on Monday. The final draft will be submitted to MSCHE on January 30th.

We also encourage people to self nominate for working groups.

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