

# Middle States Self-Study Briefing Session – Spring 2018

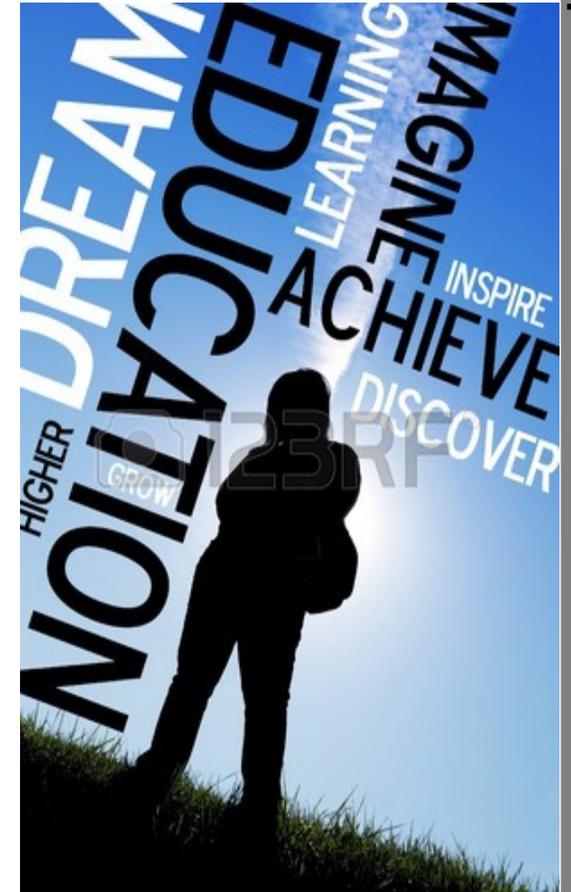
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# Welcome/ Session Overview

- 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





# 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



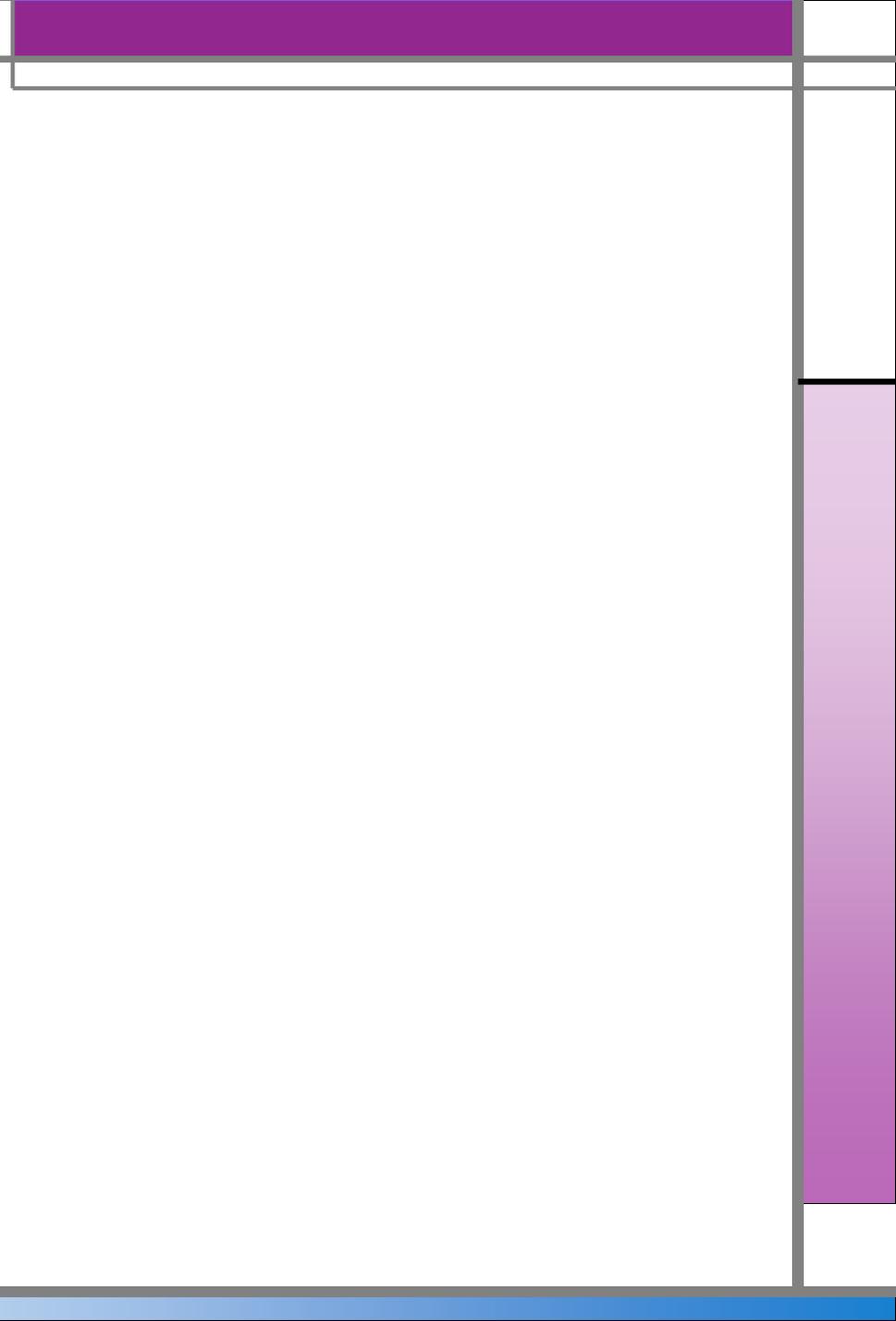
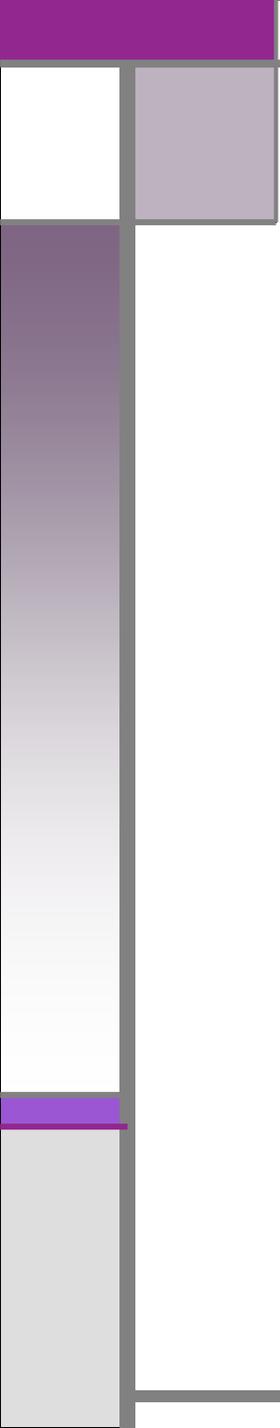
# MSCHE Team Visit

- 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

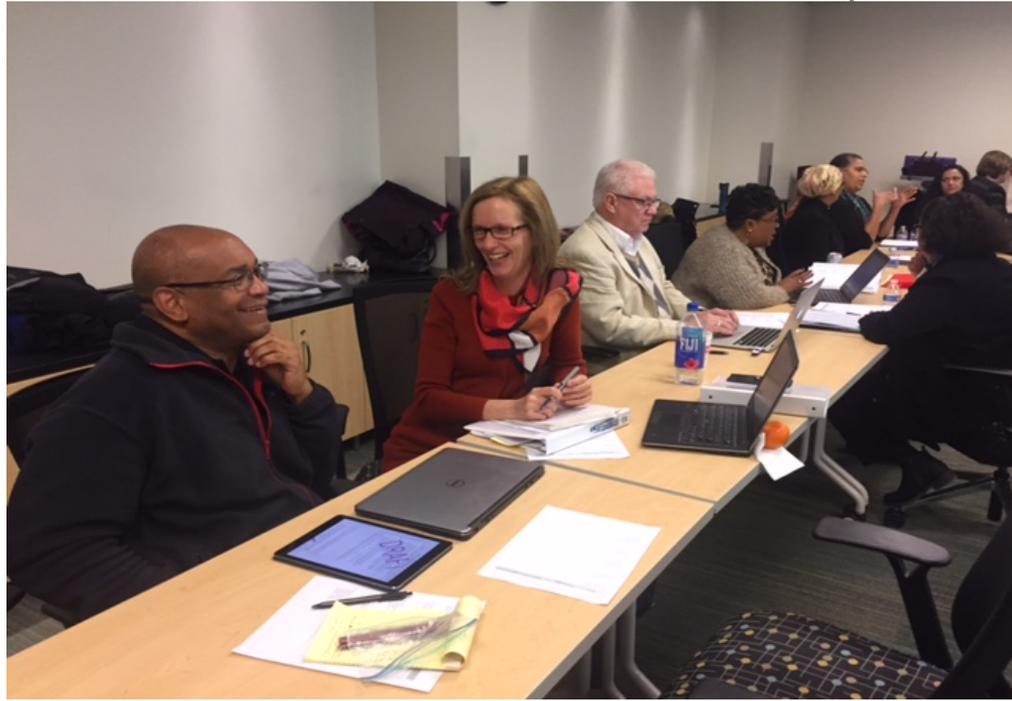
# MSCHE Visits: Full Team Visit

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

MSCHE Team Member Areas of Expertise Profile	# of Members w/Expertise Data Summary
Academic Affairs	2
Assessment (Institutional Effectiveness)	2
Assessment for Student Achievement	2
Student Affairs	2
Distance Education	2
Faculty	3
Finance	2
New/First Evaluation Team Experience	3
Planning	3



# Questions?



What is your role &  
How might you  
prepare?

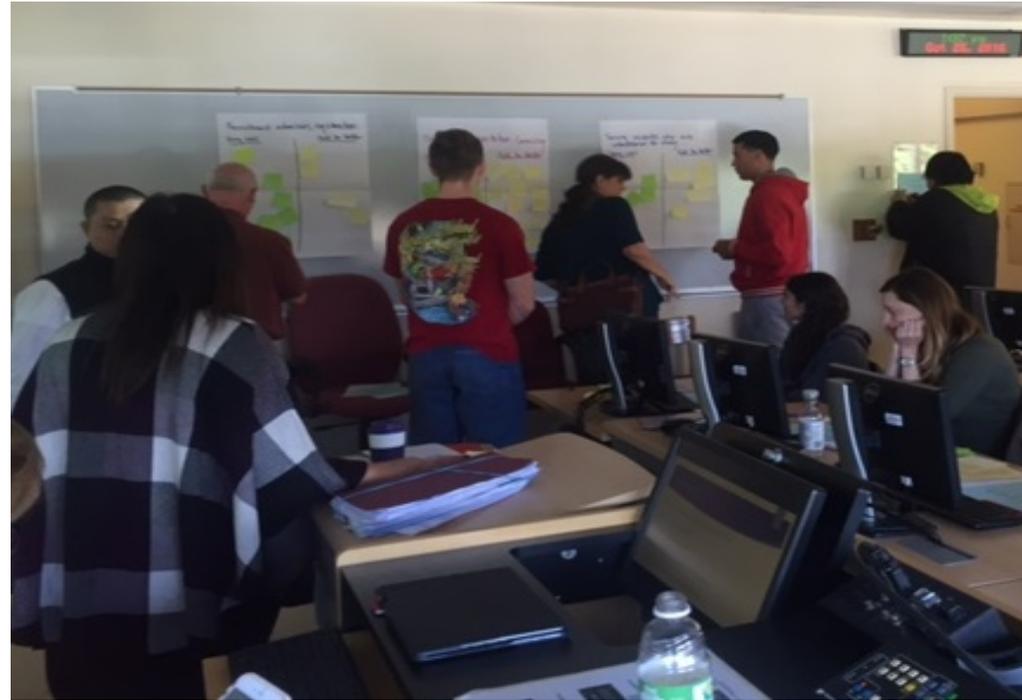
# Activity:

## 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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