

Steering committee : Middle states. Monday 3/26/18

Attendance: R. Wright, T. Hall Brown, S. Sobrian, M. Tibbits, E. Walters, A. Farqarson, M. Alfred, R Patterson, D. Bernard.

The site visit will occur in spring 2020.

The HU self study chair is Dr. Rubin Patterson from COAS. The overall lead from the administration is Associate Provost Daphne Bernard.

The self study process began with an invitation by middle states to a workshop that was held in November 2017.

In the workshop, middle states reps talked about the process. HU representatives heard about standards etc. It was emphasized that institutions should not do self study for middle states but for institution. There should be a commitment for the university to look at itself and do things better than before. Needs to be faculty driven.

Someone inclusive and no agenda.

Dr. Patterson was interviewed by the administration and selected out of 4 people(?). There will be an accreditation liaison officer on campus soon and they will come through Dr. Bernard(?)

Dr. Patterson asked for meeting the meeting with the FS. He is new on job - only 3 weeks. The administration has been working on it since November. The hope is to look at HU shortcomings and start doing things better. HU is not cookie cutter university.

Dr. Patterson insists that the process is inclusive. Not being top down driven process. Want faculty to view it as an organic process. He is conducting a listening tour around campus. He wants to hear what it is that we want to see. He said the 2009 self study report, was very well done. He is also looking at many other self study reports. He said our 2009 report looks much better in comparison to those of other universities. However, he does think there was a disconnect.

If this self study is just to go through the motions, he is not interested. He wants to look at it as a transformative process. Don't want to go in with preconceptions. Dr. Patterson, asked to go to faculty senate first.

He hopes we all can discuss - What do we want to get out of this? How can we come out better?

Prof. Wright: Selection of chair of self study was not done with Senate involvement. Shared governance is biggest problem. He wants this looked at. For example, how leadership of the middle states committee was selected is a shared governance

problem.

Dr. Bernard: Are specific areas that we can look at? Attendees mentioned : senate issues agenda, shared governance. Involve FS early. Write down process so we can distribute. HU's mission and involving alumni and the broader African American community. Faculty hiring. Howard's potential and where it should be. What is the relationship of finances and what Howard fulfilling its mission.

Some asked the question if everything online? If so, what parts and what is structure? Everything is on a sharpoint page available now. But there will be a website.

Where the process is and who is involved? Faculty don't have time to find out where all web stuff is. Need stuff listed. Will get a Web specialist. There will be community dialogue. Faculty from every school and college will be included in the MS committee's 8 working groups. Students and staff.

FS asked to submit two names that would be on self study working group and committees. Names from leadership have come from outside. Getting web designers. 3 positions. Middle states liaison will be here around 4/5.

Changes to middle states process: Now every 8 years. at end of 4th, midterm review. Every single year data will be taken from IPES? Student achievement here and after students graduate. Financial health of university evaluated every single year. Steering committee 15 to 16 people - chairs of working groups.

Prof. Eleanor King and Prof. Dana Williams were appointed by prof Wright to represent the FS.