# MIDDLE STATES SELF-STUDY

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## ASSESSING AND PROGRESSING

UNIVERSITY

#### **Accreditation within the Regulatory** Environment

State **Federal** NYSED **US DOE** Compliance with **Federal Regulations** NY State Regional Accreditation Program **MSCHE** Various **Quality Control** Compliance with Peer Led Independently Determined **Standards** 

Authority over all institutions in

# What is Self-Study?

- Self-Reflective analysis of Pace University's adherence to Middle States Requirements of Affiliation and Standards for Accreditation
- Self-Study goal:
  - Re-accreditation required to continue to receive Title 4 Funding
  - Institutional Improvement how can Pace be better
- 18-24 month process of data collection and analysis by crossfunctional teams of faculty, staff, administrators and students
- Culminates in a visit by a team of peer evaluators who issues a report to the Middle States Commission

## **Requirements of Affiliation**

1. Authorized to operate	2. Operates	3. Graduated one class	4. Communicates in English	5. Regulatory compliance
6. Policy compliance	7. Mission and goals	8. Evaluates programs	9. Rigor, coherence, and assessment	10. Integrated planning
11. Resources	12. Governance	13. Governance and conflict of interest	14. Governance and accurate institutional information	15. Faculty

### **Standards for Accreditation**

I. Mission and Goals

II. Ethics and Integrity

III. Design and Delivery of the Student Learning Experience

IV. Support of the Student Experience

V. Educational Effectiveness Assessment

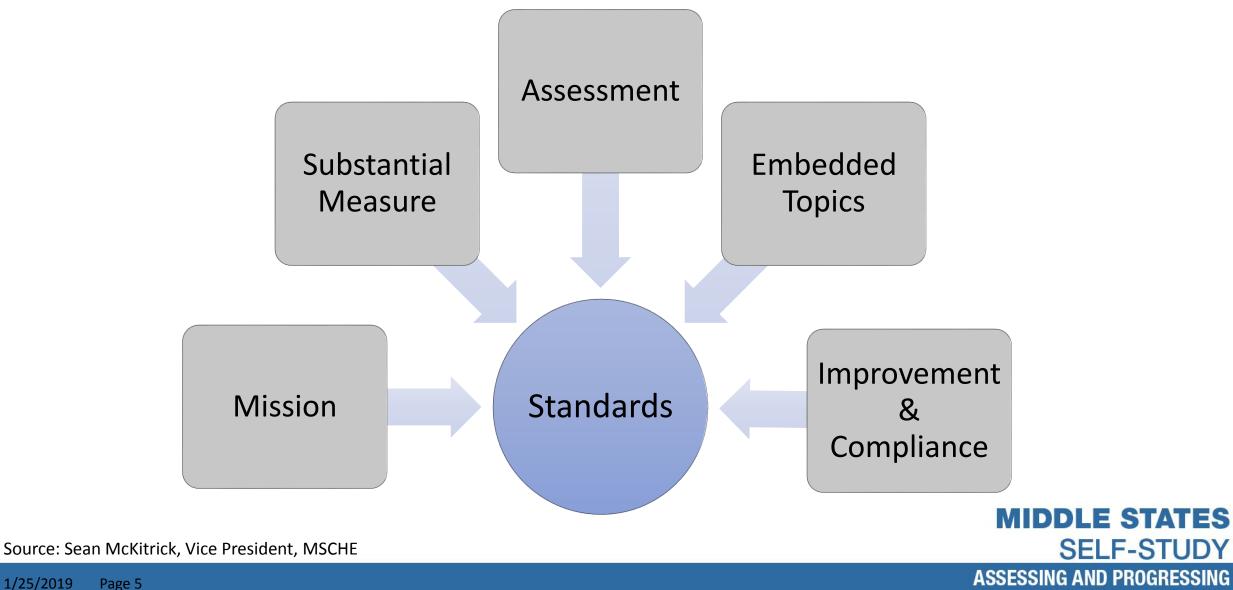
VI. Planning, Resources, and Institutional Improvement

VII. Governance, Leadership, and Administration

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## **Key Elements of Each Standard**



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### **Important Areas of Focus**

Integration of student learning goals with planned student learning experiences

Periodic assessment

**Defensibility** of assessment approaches utilized

**Description of** <u>extent of student achievement</u>

**Consideration of results by <u>key stakeholders</u>** 

Linked to budgeting, planning, <u>resource allocation</u>

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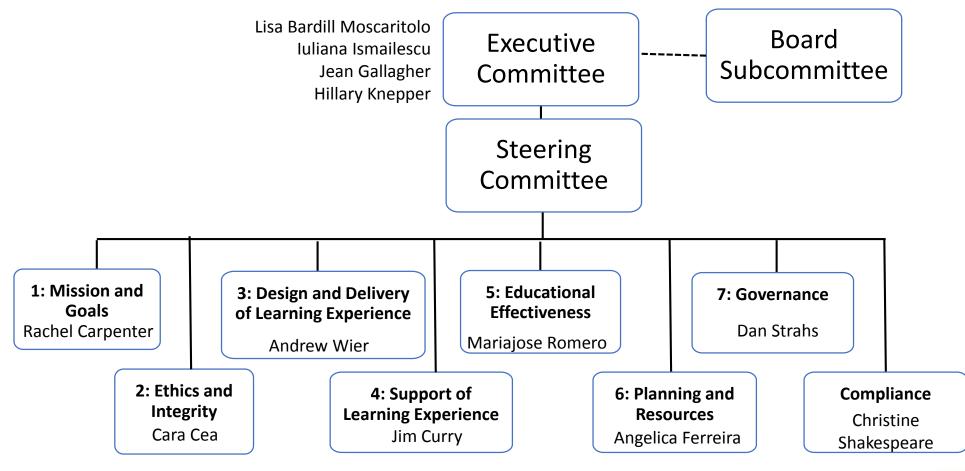
Source: Sean McKitrick, Vice President, MSCHE

## Pace Self-Study - Timeline

- 9/2017 Self-Study Design Submitted and approved
- AY1718 Research and Analysis
- Summer 2018 Report Drafting
- Fall 2018 Community Review
- January 2019 Report Submitted
- March/April 2019 Team Visit
- June 2019 Commission Decision



### Pace Self-Study Structure



## Pace Self-Study Goals

- 1. Achieve reaccreditation from the Middle States Commission on Higher Education.
- 2. Assess the effectiveness of experiential learning opportunities across the institution to evaluate how learning from those experiences contributes meaningfully to student education.
- 3. Evaluate how assessment of student learning and related institutional improvement actions contribute to student and alumni outcomes.
- 4. Outline the processes by which Pace's institutional decision-making, including planning and resource allocation, are aligned and enable Pace to meet its mission in the current and future higher education environments.
- 5. Analyze whether the research and teaching requirements of Pace faculty are well supported by the university's administration and staff, and whether the university meets the needs of all its constituencies and provides adequate resources for continuous improvement.
- Identify opportunities to improve the effectiveness and efficacy of University policies, processes, and procedures in support of Pace's mission.
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# Ensuring a Successful Self-Study

- Participate!
- Reflect and Assess
- Solicit and engage input from Peers
- Put students and student experience at the center
- Be well organized and deliver a well-written, cohesive report

### **Questions?**

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