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Welcome & Introductions

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Topics and Presenters

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    Dr. Andrea Lex
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    Dr. Andrea Lex
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    Dr. Robert Schneider
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    Dr. Heather Perfetti
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  Dr. Elizabeth Sibolski
➢ Q&A
  Mr. Brian Kirschner
Trends in the MSCHE Region

- New Members/Applicants
- Mergers and Closures
- “Free College”
- Tuition “freeze”
- Early College / Dual Enrollment
- Expansion of instructional sites and additional locations
- Expansion in credential levels
- Distance education
- For-profit conversions to non-profit status
- Third-party providers
- International Movement
External Items of Interest

- Political Environment
  - USDE
  - Negotiated Rulemaking

- Legal Environment
  - ACE Amicus Curiae Briefs

- Changing Accreditation Landscape
  - Council for Regional Accrediting Commissions (C-RAC)
  - Council for Higher Education Accreditation (CHEA)
MIDDLE STATES EARN FIVE-YEAR RENEWAL OF FEDERAL RECOGNITION

June 5, 2018

MSCHE received official notification in May 2018 from the U.S. Department of Education (USDE) that renewed MSCHE's federal recognition for five years. The notice comes following recommendations from both the USDE staff and National Advisory Committee on Institutional Quality and Integrity (NACIQI).

"The renewal of Middle States’ recognition is due in part to what we are doing through our research department and their data collection and analysis," said MSCHE President Dr. Elizabeth H. Sibolski. "Equally important in the consideration was our written response to the Department of Education and NACIQI that provided the necessary evidence of our work."

Since 1952, MSCHE has been listed as a nationally recognized accrediting agency. Federally recognized agencies, who serve as gatekeepers to Title IV funds, must apply for re-recognition at least every five years. For more information on accreditation, visit https://www.ed.gov/accredit.

Tags: Accreditation, Elizabeth H. Sibolski, NACIQI, U.S. Department of Education
Categories: News, The Commission
MSCHE.org and Member Portals  Mr. Kirschner

- Launched August 6, 2018
- Dynamic, responsive, and mobile friendly
- Working search!
- Salesforce Driven
- Newsroom
Institution/Volunteer Portals

LOGIN

Institution Portal
https://mscheatlanta.com/portal
The Institution Portal is where institutional key contacts (CEO, ALOs, CFOs) can view and modify information about their Institution. Use the Institution Portal to access:
- Institution Profile
- Key Contacts
- Locations
- Annual Update (AUU)
- Reviews
- Training

Volunteer Portal
https://mscheatlanta.com/vp
The Volunteer Portal is where volunteers (Peer Evaluators, Commissioners) can view and modify their:
- Evaluator Data Form
- Conflicts of Interest Disclosure
- Meetings
- Reviews
- Training
Two Sections
➢ Browse Policies and Procedures
➢ Policies Under Review
➢ Search by Title
➢ Sort by Type
Commission Actions

Recent Commission Actions

All actions are posted within 11 days of the meeting’s end date.

For additional information about the types of actions the Commission may take, see Accreditation Actions.

2017-2018

- Commission Meeting - June 21, 2018
- Executive Committee for Substantive Change - June 21, 2018
- Executive Committee for Substantive Change - April 19, 2018
- Commission Meeting - March 15, 2018
- Executive Committee for Substantive Change - February 22, 2018
- Executive Committee - February 15, 2018
- Executive Committee for Substantive Change - December 21, 2017
- Commission Meeting - November 16, 2017
- Executive Committee - October 19, 2017
- Executive Committee for Substantive Change - October 19, 2017
- Executive Committee - September 6, 2017
- Executive Committee for Substantive Change - August 17, 2017
- Executive Committee - July 20, 2017
Institution Directory/Listings

➢ Institutional Directory Listings
➢ Individual Institutional Listings
➢ Statement of Accreditation Status
Salesforce Portal Access

- Organized by Institution or Volunteer
- Follows the Accreditation Cycle
- No paper – all materials are uploads
- Looks nicer too!
Volunteer Portal

https://msche.force.com/vp

- Contains volunteer profile information
- Access to pertinent review and meeting information

https://go.msche.org/volunteer-portal-training-videos
Institution Portal

https://msche.force.com/ip

- Institution Profile
- Key Contacts
- Locations
- Annual Institutional Update
- Reviews
- Training

https://go.msche.org/institution-portal-training-videos
Institution Portal Landing Page

Key Contacts

- CEO
- CFO
- ALO
- “Designate”
- Self-Study Co-Chairs
Annual Institutional Update

Dr. Lex

➢ **Currently Open through September 28**

➢ *Annual* data-gathering instrument (Replaces IP)

➢ Pre-loaded data elements for those who complete IPEDS
  ➢ Institutional Characteristics
  ➢ Student Achievement
  ➢ Finance

➢ Primary resource for MPPR Information
Annual Institutional Update

Access from the Institution Portal
Annual Institutional Update

https://go.msche.org/institution-portal-training-videos

Dr. Lex

➢ Data Dictionaries
➢ “Hover bubbles”
➢ research@

Live Chat!
The Renewed Accreditation Cycle

Self-Study Evaluation

• Campus engagement in self-study process that culminates with an onsite team visit by peer evaluators

Annual Institutional Updates

• Financial and Student Achievement data elements
• Responses to recommendations (if needed)

Mid-point Peer Review

• Cumulative Peer Review of AIU data
• Feedback from the Commission

Opportunities/Input for Institutional Improvement
Standards for Accreditation and Requirements of Affiliation

- Eight-year cycle in effect
- First Mid-Point Peer Reviews – 2018
- First Self-Study Evaluations using renewed process - 2019-2020
Mid-Point Peer Review

- This year only: 15 institutions; review of data only; actions in March
- Key indicators for finances and “student achievement”
- Evaluators’ feedback on levels of concern
- Institutional response
- Committee review
- Commission review and action
Supporting shifts in higher education

Revisions to reflect new standards and renewed accreditation cycle

Major revisions to the Commission's policy framework

Reminder: Institutional Changes through Substantive Change
Collaboration – MSCHE & Members  

Dr. Sibolski

- Participation in our accreditation processes / Supporting evaluators from your campuses
- Supporting the Accreditation Liaison Officer (ALO) and co-chairs of Self-Study Evaluations
- Considering commissioner nomination
- Advocacy - legislative agenda
- Informing MSCHE training and workshops for institutions
2018 Annual Conference

Nov. 28-30, 2018
Washington Marriott Wardman Park Hotel

Plenary Sessions:

Accreditation on the Edge
• Kevin Kinser, Pennsylvania State University and Susan D. Phillips, University at Albany (SUNY)

Engaging Your Board in the Accreditation Process: Why and How
• Susan Whealler Johnston, President and CEO, NACUBO

Assessing the Rapidly Changing Higher Education Landscape
• Ted Mitchell, President, American Council on Education

go.msche.org/Annual-Conference
Thank You!

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