

To All Students, Faculty, and Staff

Dear Campus Community,

We are pleased to share an update on the progress of the University's Middle States Self-Study. It has been a busy past few months as our Working Groups have completed the bulk of their research and analysis and have begun submitting draft reports, presenting how the University meets each Standard and identifying opportunities for improvement.

This spring, the co-chairs of the 7 Working Groups are visiting various campus committees and groups to share their findings to date, gather additional information, and garner input and feedback. We appreciate your cooperation and collaboration as we seek to fill any gaps in information, identify areas of excellence, and examine areas where change is in process as the University seeks to continue to improve.

The full campus will have a chance to join in this process through two upcoming Campus Conversations:

- Tuesday, April 24 from 8:30 a.m. – 10 a.m. we will discuss Standards 1, 3, 4 and 5 which include topics related to mission and goals (1), the student learning experience (3), student support services (4) and educational assessment (5).
- Tuesday, May 2 from 11:30 a.m. – 1 p.m. we will discuss Standards 2, 6 and 7 which include ethics and integrity (2), planning, resources and institutional improvement (6), and governance and leadership (7).

More information is attached. Please mark your calendars and join us. We value your input and feedback. You can RSVP for one or both of the campus conversations at this [link](#).

Looking ahead, you can expect to have opportunities for additional review and feedback. In June, we will share the Working Groups' final reports on the My Scranton portal. In the fall, after we have written the full self-study report based on the Working Group reports and incorporated additional evidence coming in over the summer, we will share the draft and convene additional feedback events as we prepare for the spring 2019 peer review team visit.

Thank you for your support and do not hesitate to contact us, or the co-chairs of the Working Groups (available on the [Self-Study website](#)), with any questions. You can also email selfstudy@scranton.edu at any time with comments or questions.

Sincerely,

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