

2019-21 Institutional Self-Study to Middle States Commission on Higher Education

Steering Committee Quarterly Update to the University Community

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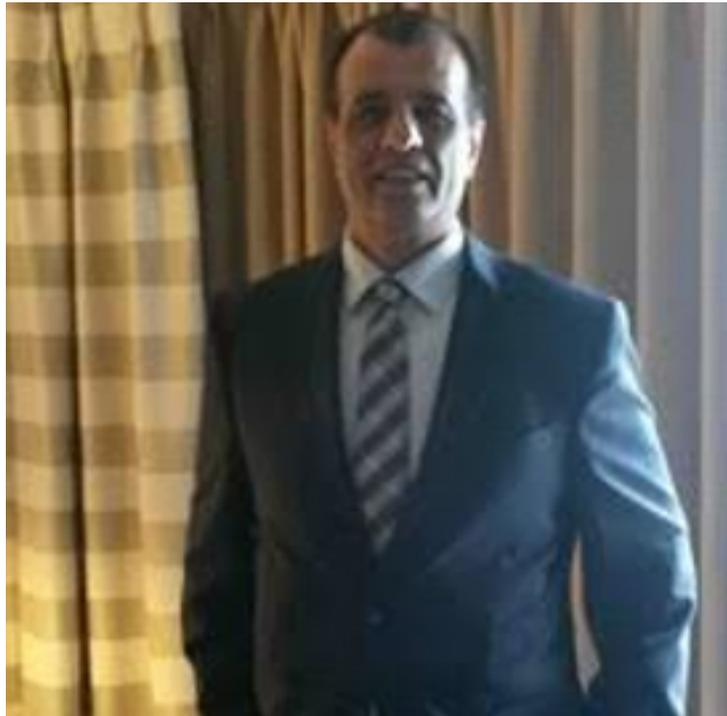
This update will be issued every quarter to summarize the latest activities and actions related to the 2019-21 Institutional Self-Study to Middle States. The Self-Study is an endeavor of utmost importance in the life of our institution which fundamentally pursues the reaffirmation of our institutional accreditation with the Middle States Commission on Higher Education, scheduled for 2021. If you like to obtain additional information on the Self-Study process, please visit Middle States webpage for more details at:

Our Self-Study process initiated with enthusiasm and commitment from the university community.

Middle States Self-Study Preparation Liaison Visit to Albizu University and Self-Study Design Acceptance

As part of the Self-Study process, the University submitted a draft of the Self-Study Design in February. Dr. Kushnood Haq, Middle States Vice-President and Liaison for our institution. On February 27, Dr. Haq visited the San Juan Campus.

The preparation visit provided the opportunity to Dr. Haq to guide the Institutional Self-Study Steering Committee's members on how to conduct an effective and useful self-study and host a successful evaluation team visit, scheduled for Spring 2021. Also, Dr. Haq provided with comments and recommendations to the Self-Study Design Draft.



The schedule included an Open Session to the Community held in the San Juan Campus Theatre, webcasted to the Miami Campus and the Mayaguez University Center. A copy of the Open Session presentation is contained in the following link (NEED TO PUT POWERPOINT PRESENTATION IN THE LINK).

Dr. Haq held meetings with the President and Chancellors as well as with members of the Board of Trustees. A final meeting of the visit was conducted with the Self-Study Co-Chairs, Dr. Jose Armando Perez and Dr. Irene M. Bravo, Dean of Academic Affairs of the San Juan Campus and the Miami Campus, respectively, and with the Institutional Accrediting Liaison Officer, Rafael Melendez. Dr. Haq emphasized how impressed he was with the conversations about the self-study during the visit.

A March 10th follow-up letter addressed to Dr. Jose Pons, President of Albizu University, the Middle States Vice President stated:

“It is obvious that faculty, staff, administration, board of trustees, and students are dedicated and committed to the self-study as an opportunity for institutional reflection, renewal, and improvements. I came away from my visit feeling convinced that the institution will be well positioned to undertake an effective and useful self-study process, which will provide the basis for a successful team visit in spring 2021”.

Congratulations to everybody for such great first step in this two-year journey. The following link provides copy of the revised and accepted Self-Study Design.