Chapter 3: Nature and Scope of the Self-Study

Delaware State University’s Self-Study has two overarching goals. While creating a comprehensive review of DSU’s performance as measured against MSCHE’s 14 Standards, the Self-Study also creates a framework for continuous growth and improvement as DSU implements its new Vision to become one of America’s most highly respected HBCUs. The self-study process serves the institution as a mechanism for institutional improvement and renewal by providing an agenda for action. In order to reach these goals, the self-study objectives are as follows:

- Conduct a thorough assessment of the institution’s effectiveness in accomplishing its Mission and goals;
- Identify the institution’s strengths and suggested areas for growth and expansion;
- Demonstrate evidence of ongoing efforts to correct identified areas in order to continuously improve;
- Infuse the campus culture with greater awareness and enthusiasm for change that leads to continuous improvement;
- Continue to utilize the critical components of assessment, planning, and budget allocation as a basis for data-informed decision-making;
- Produce a set of thoughtful action items and suggestions that will improve all aspects of the University.

Documentation supporting the findings of this self-study are available in the document room and catalogued by shelf number. A matrix of available documentation categorized by standard can be viewed on page viii. The matrix is not exhaustive and additional documentation may be requested.