

## **Report of Grace College and Seminary to the Fellowship Council of the Fellowship of Grace Brethren Churches**

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This report summarizes the nature of the relationship of Grace College and Seminary to the Fellowship of Grace Brethren Churches (FGBC) and provides a brief update on the institution's 2011-2012 operations and initiatives.

### **The Relationship of Grace College and Seminary to the FGBC**

While Grace is not owned by the FGBC and defines the relationship as a voluntary association with the FGBC, the institution is happy to comply with the Fellowship Council's request for this report. Grace is committed to the vision of the FGBC insofar as that vision corresponds to Grace's incorporated activities as an accredited Christian higher education institution and to its stated mission: *"Grace is an evangelical Christian community of higher education which applies biblical values in strengthening character, sharpening competence, and preparing for service."*

### **Commitment to our Mission**

Grace remains committed to its mission and is making new applications of it through programs and partnerships. We look forward to celebrating the 75-year history of the campus during the 2012-2013 year with special events being planned including a new book on Grace's history. The range of applications of our mission covers opportunities within and beyond the FGBC and covers both academic programming and partnerships.

### **Academic Programs**

There are several new programs available to students. These are focused on addressing affordability as we continue achieving quality.

- Three-year baccalaureate degree option in every Grace degree program. The first students choosing the three-year option began in fall 2011. The first semester of the program was successful with a number of encouraging results. Nearly 50% of first-year students made an initial commitment to the three-year degree option. Two points to note: 1) Those taking this option are able to reduce the cost of a four-year degree by 25% and 2) those completing the three-year option can complete the baccalaureate and master degrees in four years.
- The Henry and Frances Weber School at Grace College, designed especially for urban areas, opened its first site during fall 2011 in Fort Wayne, IN. The Weber School offers an associate degree that matches the first two years of Grace's education on the Winona Lake campus. The cost this year is only \$7,800 dollars for a full-time student for the first year. Another site scheduled to open in fall 2012 is Indianapolis (IN). Beyond these sites plans are far along to open a site in Detroit, MI. And discussions have been held with individuals in Columbus (OH), Minneapolis (MN), and Mesa (AZ).
- The Korean Studies Program (taught in Korean) in Grace Theological Seminary continues growing. Currently there are 159 Doctor of Missiology students in the

program. Recently approval was received for courses in six other countries (Cambodia, Thailand, India, Australia, France, Philippines) and Los Angeles as well. We are hopeful for the program expansion because of a promising relationship with the largest mission organization in Korea.

### Partnerships and Collaborations

Grace is involved in multiple partnerships that expand the reach of our institutional mission for the glory of our Lord.

- The Youth Ministries program offered in partnership with CE National has had a robust interest for a long time. We are grateful for all of the expertise of and work by CE National to make this program a success. Many graduates have come from this baccalaureate program.
- The Doctor of Ministries in Central African Republic program to be offered in partnership with Encompass World Partners is a to-be-accredited, African-contextualized program that continues developing. Grace will submit a request for approval to offer the program to both Association of Theological Schools and the Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association by 1 April 2012. Thereafter, review by these accrediting bodies, including their respective site visits to the CAR, hopefully will lead to approval to offer the program. The targeted date for offering the first module in the program is the first half of August 2012.
- The Nursing program offered in collaboration with Bethel College (IN) allows Grace to offer an associate degree in nursing on the Grace campus.
- The Engineering (with stems in Biomedical, Civil, and Mechanical) and Engineering Technology programs offered in collaboration with Trine University (IN) and totally available on the Grace campus allows Grace students access to established engineering programs.
- The graduate program in Orthopedic Regulatory and Clinical Affairs is offered through Grace's Center of Excellence in Orthopedic Regulatory and Clinical Affairs and in partnership with OrthoWorx. It is the only program of its kind in the United States.
- The Weber School programs to be offered in Detroit and elsewhere have been greatly aided by our campus relationship with the Institute for Black Family Development (MI).
- A Graduate Ministry program to be offered by Grace College's School of Ministry Studies in collaboration with Radio Bible Class/Christian University Global Network (MI) has been developed. The program will reach into areas accessed through the global breadth of the Radio Bible Class.
- A New Business Incubator and State Approved Tech Park is likely going to be located on the Grace campus in collaboration with Greatbatch Medical (NY), the Kosciusko County (IN) Economic Development Corporation, State of Indiana, and governmental entities of Warsaw and Winona Lake. This will allow engineering, business, and other Grace students a first-class internship opportunity to work with research and development engineers who are working to develop new products to bring to market.
- Grace Representation on the Council of Christian Colleges and Universities (CCCCU) Board, the Accountability Committee of the National Association of Independent Colleges and Universities (NAICU), both located in Washington, DC, and other such

organizations provides opportunity for giving voice to issues and seeking expansion of the Grace mission. About 175 campuses in the U.S. and beyond are part of the CCCU, and 900 plus campuses are part of NAICU.

### **New Faculty**

Several new faculty members were added for the beginning of the 2011-2012 year. Individuals were added in the Schools of Arts and Sciences (Communications, Mathematics), Behavioral Science (Graduate Counseling), Business (Entrepreneurship, Marketing), and Education (Reading).

### **Enrollment Patterns**

Enrollment continues growing. First-time, full-time undergraduate enrollment was up 21% for fall 2011, graduate on-campus up 40%, graduate distance education/online up 36%, and seminary up 13% (not including an additional 140 students in the Korean Studies Program). Though January is somewhat early in the recruitment cycle for certain programs, the undergraduate numbers for fall 2012 have been encouraging. Here is a comparison of recruitment numbers for fall 2011 and fall 2012 year-to-date (15 January 2012). Of course, we still have many months to go before new students actually matriculate for fall 2012.

<b>Student</b>	<b>Enter Fall 2011</b>	<b>Enter Fall 2012</b>
Inquiries	13,744	15,909
Applications	2,696	3,072
Accepts	1,510	1,781
Deposits	94	142

### **Strategic Planning**

The campus has worked through a number of strategic plans and is now establishing the next strategy plan. Outside consultants are being used as facilitators to work with the 28-member Strategic Planning Committee. The goal is to finalize the plan during the spring 2012 semester. Much prayer is needed as we seek what God as we seek steps and initiatives to pursue His will.

### **Facility Development**

Work is being done to evaluate two possible campus facilities. One of those is the business incubator mentioned above under "Partnerships and Collaborations." Should all the details come together as we anticipate, a February 2012 announcement might be possible. The other facility is a dormitory. Again work is being done on a proposed initiative.

### **Please Pray**

We live in a world of many challenges and many opportunities. Surely we need God's wisdom for navigating these. More than anything we want to do what He wants as we pursue our institutional mission. Our goal is to provide higher education that serves and supports God's will for His Church. As friends in Christ we earnestly ask for your prayer. Thank you in advance for praying. Items to pray for are deepening commitment to our Lord on the part of every employee, spiritual maturing of students, a commitment to servant leadership in the service of Jesus, deepening desire to serve Jesus Christ in all we do, and wisdom for the next steps.