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Happy New Year to all.

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Organizational changes announced by President

Full implementation anticipated this year

After extensive discussion and planning within academic administration, the following organizational changes in the University's academic programs have emerged. The changes have been approved by the Andrews University Board of Trustees and full implementation is anticipated during 2012.

School of Health Professions

The search for a dean of the newly-established School of Health Professions is under way. It is anticipated that for the time being the new dean's office will be located near one of the five currently existing departments which will become the School of Health Professions. This is a long-standing initiative that is now being implemented with a view to strengthening the health professions departments.

School of Architecture, Art & Design

The School of Architecture has been authorized by the board to expand its educational services by adding programs in interior design and construction management. Additionally, it will be the new home for the consolidated programs of digital imaging, photography, art and design, including the newly approved program in documentary film. In recent years the chair, faculty and students of these programs have been dispersed between the College of Arts & Sciences, College of Technology and School of Architecture. They will now be consolidated in one school with the expectation that this will bring more unity to these programs. Accordingly, the name of the school will change to School of Architecture, Art & Design.

Closing of the College of Technology

The College of Technology has changed in a number of ways over the years. For example, technology courses in auto mechanics, construction, wood and metal have closed. Other programs have changed into entities of their own, i.e., engineering tech into engineering; computer studies into computer engineering, now a part of engineering; and architecture into a school of its own. Two other programs have developed significantly in terms of new facilities and services, namely agriculture and aeronautics. In light of this, the

Department of Agriculture and the Department of Aeronautics will now relate directly to the Office of the Provost.

The Office of the Provost will be supported in this regard by an Assistant to the Provost, a position that is replacing the position of dean of the College of Technology. Verlyn Benson, who has served as the dean of the College of Technology, will assume this position. These two departments operate business enterprises, namely the Andrews Farm & Dairy and the

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Andrews Airpark. A center will be established to expand these economic and business enterprises both locally in Southwest Michigan and internationally, where the Departments of Agriculture and Aeronautics are already active. These external initiatives will relate to the Office of the President through a position of Assistant to the President, held by the same individual.

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College of Arts & Sciences Becomes Smaller

Finally, the College of Arts & Sciences will become smaller. It will give up six departments: five to the School of Health Professions and one to the School of Architecture, Art & Design. However, it has added the Department of Engineering & Computer Science, which is closely aligned with the natural sciences and is expected to grow into a leading program. Moreover, the College of Arts & Sciences has become the new home for the master's in international development with 300–400 students, mostly off-campus. The College of Arts & Sciences will also continue to provide most of the general education and honors courses.

No organizational changes are proposed for the remaining schools of the University. However, their internal organization may well need some adjustment to prepare for the full impact of the Griggs University programs, many of which will likely become Andrews programs in the foreseeable future.

Spiritual life leadership

Realigning roles and responsibilities for Whitehead and De Oliveira

The Office of Campus Ministries, and the spiritual life and chaplaincy services it offers, plays a central role for students, staff and faculty at Andrews. The Center for Youth Evangelism (CYE) is an important resource and service center for youth ministry both on- and off-campus. A realignment of responsibilities for these two areas is under way as follows.

In recent years Ron Whitehead, executive director of the CYE, has served part-time in the Office of Campus Ministries with the title special assistant to the president for spiritual life. Japhet De Oliveira, director of the CYE,

Campus Ministries and report to the vice president for Student Life. His exact title and time of transition are yet to be determined. Similarly Ron Whitehead will be full-time with the CYE, which at present is a separate corporation owned by Andrews (similar to WAUS). The university president chairs the board of the CYE. Its members include the presidents of the North American Division and the Lake Union Conference along with the dean of the Seminary, where the CYE plays an important role in the youth ministry degree program. Overall planning and staff



Ron Whitehead



Japhet De Oliveira

has also served part-time in the Office of Campus Ministries with responsibility for student missions and chapels.

“Following a number of conversations involving the two directors of the CYE, the vice president for Student Life, the provost and the dean of the Seminary, it has been concluded that the two part-time positions should become full-time, such that Japhet De Oliveira will work full-time in Campus Ministries as leader of that area, while Ron Whitehead will work full time in the CYE,” says Niels-Erik Andreasen, president.

When this transition has been fully implemented, De Oliveira will head up

assignments in Campus Ministries and the CYE may see some changes but they will be implemented so as to cause the least disruption in each area.

Andreasen notes, “As these various conversations noted above took place, Japhet De Oliveira articulated his strong passion for Campus Ministries, spiritual life and chaplaincy, while Ron Whitehead agreed that the resultant renewal will be good for both.”

Additional details will become available as this transition begins its implementation. The timing of this decision is in response to both parties wishing to get planning for next year off to an early start.

Southeast Asia Tour

Alumni and friends of Andrews University are invited to join the following 2012 tour offered by Merlene Ogden, dean emerita of Andrews University:

Vietnam, Cambodia and the Mekong River

November 10–25, 2012

Pre-extension to Bangkok, Thailand November 7–11, 2012

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2. Seven nights in deluxe hotels in Ho Chi Ming City, Siem Reap and Hanoi, with guided excursions daily.
3. A two-day visit to Angkor Wat Temple Complex.

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