Dear Colleagues,

We are well into the new academic year and it is time to update you on some news.

Griggs University
As you will all know, Griggs University & Griggs International Academy moved to our campus in July 2011. They are now almost fully staffed, with most individuals working out of the new Griggs Hall, home of the School of Distance Education. Support staff in the areas of admissions, marketing and records are working with staff who support Andrews University functions in the same areas. We also have some remaining Griggs personnel on transition contracts working from Maryland. These will soon end and all functions—except one—will be here in Michigan. The one remaining function is Job Corps, a high school completion program. This federal program still operates out of the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventist building in Maryland.

How will the move of Griggs University here start impacting you? The School of Distance Education is going to be supporting all campus areas involved in operating off-campus programs. The staff will support academic schools and departments in getting the correct jurisdictional approvals and will help manage the logistics of off-campus delivery. DLit also operates out of the School of Distance Education and will expand support for online and blended teaching. Academic program delivery (including faculty) will remain the responsibilities of the relevant schools.

In the meantime, over the next year we will be evaluating all existing Griggs University programs and, as appropriate, will shift higher education programs over to Andrews University. Faculty in the academic areas taught will be involved in this decision. This is the brief review—much more is happening daily!

The accreditors are also interested in the move. Griggs University’s accrediting body, the Distance Education Training Council, visited the campus a few weeks ago. The Higher Learning Commission will also be visiting Andrews in a few weeks to see how the transition is proceeding.
Changing Terminology
Andrews will be aligning its names for affiliations and extensions with those now used by North Central Accrediting Association: course locations, locations and campuses. These definitions will be clarified as we start using them across campus. The existing Affiliations & Extensions Committee will, as a result, be renamed the Off-Campus Programs Committee.

Assessment Data for 2010-11
Most of the central assessment data for the 2010-11 academic year has now been analyzed. Some of the key findings were shared at the last General Faculty meeting. The summary and full reports can be accessed in WEAVE if you want to examine the Senior Exit results or the NSSE/FSSE comparisons. Please contact Lynn Merklin if you need additional instructions to get into the data. Results from the data will help the campus identify areas for further discussion. These will be on the agenda for faculty meetings during the rest of this year.

Strategic Planning
At its recent meeting, the Strategic Planning Committee voted the following seven strategic pillars to help drive our 2012-17 strategic plan: Quality, Faith Commitment, Service, Community, Growth, Financial Resilience and Accountability. These will be the basis of a dashboard that will give an annual snapshot of how the campus is achieving its goals. They will also be concepts that will help us keep focused in our planning.

At the moment we are in the dreaming part of our planning. Early in 2012 we will refine our dreams into some clear strategic initiatives, or directions. Then the detail will fall into place. But for now, please keep the dreams coming through your departments.

Beginning of Year
Last week a committee of those heavily involved in the events surrounding the student experience—from the point of acceptance to their first class—discussed this fall’s events and processes. The group recommended some new structures that should help unify existing processes and enrich even further the student’s early experiences of Andrews. The group also recommended that the University identify more clearly the start of the year with defined activities. I’ll share more on that idea in the next few weeks. Thank you to everyone who provided feedback on the opening of the year events and processes. All of these were considered as the committee looked at how we can do even better.

Office of Diversity
The administration very much regretted the recent departure of Paul Buckley, associate dean in the Division of Student Life, to Dartmouth College. Paul had just assumed the position of Director of Diversity in the newly formed Office of Diversity. Even though he had only been in the office for a few weeks, he had already introduced some thoughtful and helpful ideas. These will not be lost and we wish him the very best in his new position. We are now re-evaluating how to fill the director position. In the meantime, we want to thank Pedro Navia, who serves as the chair of the Department of International Languages, who has accepted the position of interim director for the remainder of this academic year. This will not change his
other campus responsibilities. Thank you, Pedro.

**Some Dates for Your Diary**

**ARC Open House**  
**Tuesday, Oct. 18**  
On Tuesday, Oct. 18, from 1:30–5:30 p.m., you are invited to visit the newly remodeled Architecture Resource Center in the School of Architecture.

**Center for College Faith Luncheon**  
**Friday, Oct. 21**  
The Center for College Faith is sponsoring a luncheon on Friday, Oct. 21, at 12:30 p.m. in Haughey Hall, Room 207, Science Complex. Please RSVP to kutzner@andrews.edu no later than Wednesday, October 19, if you would like to attend.

**Board Meeting Review**  
**Tuesday, Oct. 25**  
4:30–5:30 p.m. in the Newbold Auditorium of Buller Hall

**Effective Learning Council: Pathways to Critical Thinking—Wednesday Workshop**  
**Wednesday, Oct. 26**  
The workshop, “Critical Thinking Through Faith Integration,” will be held on Wednesday, Oct. 26, from 12:30-1:30 p.m. in the Lincoln Room of Dining Services. Please RSVP to mswb@andrews.edu if you would like to attend.

**General Faculty Meeting**  
**Monday, Nov. 21**  
The next General Faculty Meeting is on Monday, Nov. 21, from 3:30-5 p.m. in Garber Auditorium, Chan Shun Hall.

**South Bend Education Program**  
**Date to be announced**

**You May Want to Know:**  
Terry Robertson, Seminary librarian, was the recipient of an award from the International Society of Science and Religion. As a result, the James White Library has been awarded a grant of 224 books in the areas of science and religion from that Society’s Library Project. We will find an appropriate occasion to highlight this new collection and the award.

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