

1. Accreditation

- a. Work on the Institutional Assessment Report continues and will be completed ahead of the November 1, 2019 deadline.
- b. Several NPTS staff are assisting in the HLC accreditation process that impacts the whole university.

2. Fall Registration

- a. Our fall 2019 numbers are also looking to be positive and ahead of expectations and our three-year average.
- b. In addition to a strong enrollment of traditional students (residential and distance) we are anticipating the launch of an additional Ignite West cohort and a second Stateville cohort.

3. School of Restorative Arts

- a. This spring our cohort of 37 students continue to move along and impress our faculty.
- b. Recruitment for the fall 2019 incoming class is underway and with a successful first year the IDOC has agreed to open the application process up to four additional prisons in the IDOC system, making the 40 available spots in the fall 2019 incoming class even more competitive.
- c. I am in conversation about offering a B.A. in Stateville and possibly a 3/2 plan.

4. Financial update

- a. We are continuing to track budget expenses closely to help maintain responsible spending throughout the year.
- b. Revenue lines in the Seminary budget remain strong as our programs, especially Ignite, continue to grow.
- c. I am continuing to work with Shena Keith to develop a fundraising strategy for the SRA.

5. Ignite

- a. The Ignite West program continues to be very strong with 75 students between the two cohorts and we are on track to have another 30+ students begin in a third cohort in the fall of 2019.
- b. Conversations with the East Coast and Midwest Conferences are progressing very well. The Great Lakes and North West Conferences have also started initial talks about the possibility of starting an Ignite Cohort in these regions. A conversation in the Midsouth Conference and Life Church is also progressing with the possibility of starting a cohort for staff pastors at Life Church campuses.
- c. We anticipate starting a cohort in the Midwest Conference in the fall of 2020 and the East Coast Conference is looking at either fall of 2020 or 2021 for a start date; the first East Coast Conference cohort is still intended to be a cohort of church planters.

6. CHET

- a. We are in dialogue with to offer their BA or Pastoral Diploma on our Chicago campus as an extension of CHET. Early indicators from the Central Conference point to 60-70 students that would benefit from this immediately.
- b. We are exploring with CHET and ATS the possibility of pairing our MA degree with their BA or Pastoral Diploma.

7. Covenant Scholars

- a. Our recruiting efforts for the Covenant Scholars program continues and we are hopeful to have a strong incoming class participate in this program in the fall of 2019.

8. Faculty

- a. We are finalizing a partnership with the School of Music, Art, and Theater to create a shared Teaching Fellowship and anticipate filling this position by the fall 2019 start.
- b. Mary Chase-Ziolek and Hauna Ondrey are currently on sabbatical this spring and Paul De Neui, Jim Bruckner, and Soong-Chan Rah are all planning a sabbatical for fall 2019.

9. Nyvall Renovation & Fundraising

- a. Fundraising efforts continue as I work closely with Shena Keith on meeting with donors to fund this renovation. Currently over \$791,000 in total gifts and pledges have been received toward the \$1M goal for the campaign. An additional \$162,500 in open proposals is anticipated.

10. Thriving in Ministry Grant

- a. All three of our grant areas, Thriving Vocationally, Thriving Prophetically, and Thriving Spiritually continue to rollout their programming and launch new programs as part of this grant.

11. Symposium on the Theological Interpretation of Scripture

- a. Plans are well underway for the 2019 Symposium and the theme will be “The Holy Land: Biblical Perspectives and Contemporary Conflicts” and will explore topics surrounding Israel, Palestine, and the Land. The Symposium will take place September 26 – 28, 2019.
- b. Through our partnership with Bethlehem Bible College (BBC) we will have at least two and possibly more faculty and administrators from BBC present at the Symposium.
- c. We are planning to host at least six students and three faculty from BBC for the Symposium.

12. Church Relations

- a. I have traveled extensively and represented NPTS and NPU in a variety of settings, including:
 - i. Presentations with the Midwest and East Coast Conferences regarding Ignite
 - ii. Attended Board of Ordered Ministry Meetings
 - iii. Council of Administrators and Council of Superintendents Meetings
 - iv. Many donor visits for the Renewing Nyvall project and Annual Fund appeals
 - v. Taught in the Ignite West program
 - vi. Attended the IFFEC Executive Committee Meeting
 - vii. Preached in local Covenant Churches