

AN UPDATE FROM THE BOARD CHAIR

May 14, 2018

We are grateful for the many alumni, churches, friends, students, and community leaders who are showing a strong interest in Eastern Nazarene College.

Everyone is eager to hear the latest developments as ENC moves into what we trust will be a credible future for the college. It is our goal to keep you better informed through every reliable means possible.

A key place where updates will be posted is on the ENC website. The steps being taken toward the implementation of ENC's present, and future, will be posted there. Other platforms will include Facebook, Twitter, and emails.

The proposed merger with Trevecca Nazarene University did not materialize due to major legal complications with the proposal. The following is a link to the news release that was distributed after our March 22-23, 2018 ENC board meeting. ([RELEASE](#))

Despite this new reality, ENC finds itself stronger because of the proposed merger with TNU. The ENC Board of Trustees is grateful for the TNU investment in our institution.

The road ahead is filled with major challenges. A college our size (532 traditional and 316 adult and graduate Fall of 2017) faces a very competitive enrollment environment particularly in Massachusetts. However, as a result of TNU's investment in ENC, our systems are updated and greatly improved giving us the opportunity to provide much improved "customer service" particularly in enrollment services.

Our financial systems and financial position have also improved dramatically, and campus upgrades have been made through capital expenditures as well as the contributions of a number of Work and Witness teams. Testimonies of students at the recent Munroe Society Luncheon and Baccalaureate service were a reminder that the student experience is still very positive—and more importantly, lives are being transformed.

At ENC's March 2018 board meeting the trustees voted to pursue a path to the future with the following key objectives.

- Immediate implementation of a strategic plan that addresses current realities
- Completion of a budget reset
- Expansion of an enrollment strategy that focuses on Nazarene youth
- Establishment of an aggressive adult education program with increased online offerings
- Continuation of a commitment to be fully transparent when reporting to faculty, staff, students, alumni, churches, and key stakeholders

Two initiatives critical to our future are underway:

1. The first initiative is an “Opportunity Task Force,” led by Dr. Dick Pritchard, class of 1967. One component is an online survey we are calling, “ENC...We’re Listening.” A new day means new ways. We cannot continue to operate in old ways. But ENC must be a new kind of college where there is a discovery of the right opportunities that God is giving us.

We encourage you to participate in the conversation by sharing your thoughts on the following link. ([SURVEY](#)). It is our desire to see ENC “from the outside in.” Hearing from you is vital to that process.

2. ENC is also in the early stages of a “Presidential Search.” An “Opportunity Profile,” will be posted to our website soon. A search committee is meeting to define the specific kind of presidential leadership needed for this chapter in ENC’s history.

Suggestions are being received almost daily.

We encourage your input by posing questions and keeping the ENC community in your prayers. If you have suggestions, nominees for president, or questions please email me at russ.long@enc.edu.

With appreciation,

Russ Long, Chair

ENC Board of Trustees