

An Update from the Chair

August 28, 2018

Many have worked diligently this summer to prepare the campus and the facilities for our students to return. Reports from a number of people have indicated their surprise with how much was accomplished through Work and Witness Teams as well as other contracted projects. Having heard some of the stories from new students, arrival on our campus is filled with answered prayer and some amazing accounts of courage and determination. The follow represents some of the highlights.

Campus Improvements

Welcome Center

Thanks to a generous gift from one of our trustees the admissions area was renovated over the summer into a new Welcome Area to serve both traditional undergraduate and AGS admissions. This area can also be used for small campus gatherings and for hosting groups.



Munro Residence Hall



Renovation for Munro is scheduled to be completed by mid-September. The third and fourth floors will provide freshly renovated private bedrooms, a shared kitchen, and new bathrooms for Graduate Assistants, ENC graduate students and student interns from area colleges interested in living in a Christian community.

Campus Kinderhaus expansion

The expansion from five classrooms to eleven is nearing completion. Enrollment has grown to require the use of three of the new classrooms and new classroom teachers and additional staff have been hired. We are working with the state licensor agency toward a Sept 10th start for the three new classrooms



Colonel's Café (Family Room) Renovation



The Colonel's Café, fondly referred to as the "fishbowl" by many alumni, was renovated to provide updated gathering space for all students along with a dedicated space for commuter students. The theme of the space is the *Family Room*, in an effort to highlight the strong friendships formed while attending ENC and the vast "family" network of alumni that span the generations. Signature pieces of décor will highlight ENC's heritage.

Launch of Online Courses

College leadership has charted the path forward for offering online courses and to explore the potential for launching online programs. The first step was the selection of the new learning management system (LMS), CANVAS. The LMS is fully installed and ready for use. Training workshops began for traditional undergraduate faculty and staff wishing to make use of CANVAS in course delivery this fall for hybrid or on the ground course offerings. The faculty have approved and adopted a 6-week online course to be required of faculty who wish to teach online for Adult and Graduate Studies. AGS has identified a number of course sections currently scheduled this academic year that are good candidates for online delivery. Our goal is to offer 2-3 online courses per course cycle from October 2018 through June 2019.

Admissions/Enrollment

New Student Orientation for incoming traditional undergraduate students was a great success. The weather was perfect and the ENC faculty and staff joyously welcomed the incoming class. While we continue to face challenges as we continue to find successful ways to enroll more students, we are encouraged that our enrollment counselors have recruited a strong class of freshman and transfer students. The move-in day ended with a meaningful time of praise and worship.

Adult and Graduate Studies open house and start of classes for the first cohorts of the fall term went very well. The first 3 cohorts started in Quincy – MSM, BAM, and BSBA – with a combined total of 23 students, which is in line with expectations. Two more cohorts – MEd and MFT – will begin classes this coming week, with 3 more slated to begin in October. AGS continues to build new partnerships with area community colleges and businesses.

Opportunity Task Force

The Opportunity Task Force (OTF) was formed for the purpose of soliciting any and all ideas that might contribute to a thriving and flourishing ENC into the future. The OTF was charged with considering, discussing, and evaluating all potential opportunities and possibilities. The OTF is in the final stages of drafting a final report to be delivered to the ENC Board of Trustees for their consideration. The report will focus on current trends in Higher Education that should guide our thinking, the cornerstones that should be foundational reference points for all strategies, and a range of strategies that the college might want to consider as it moves into a thriving future.

Presidential Search

The President Opportunity Profile was posted on the college website ([here](#)) and sent out to over 70 possible candidates. All 70 individuals have been contacted and the search committee heard back from a large majority. Based on the initial response and the materials submitted, the search committee has developed a list of thirteen potential candidates of the 20 plus who responded with resumes. The thirteen potential candidates were given the opportunity to respond in writing to three key questions based on our core competencies. We have heard back from almost all of those 13 candidates. Following a review of those documents, the search committee will follow up with phone interviews with the top candidates invited for a face to face interview this fall.