

## **BTS SELF-STUDY PROGRESS REPORT**

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### **Progress since the September 2015 report**

In the year following September 2015:

- All teams submitted their drafts to the Director of Assessment, who crafted a complete first draft of the self-study.
- This draft was then reviewed by all self-study chairs and team members.
- A final “first draft” was submitted to the president in August 2016, at which point the Director of Assessment tendered her resignation to take a position with another ministry.
- A preliminary check of the MSCHE self-study was conducted during the preliminary visit of the chair of the Middle States team in October 2016, after which some adjustments were made in process in accordance with his recommendations.

### **Final Self-Study Reports**

- In November – December 2016, the president and Academic Dean did a thorough review of the self-study report draft, and made significant edits, further clarifying data points and editing the overall narrative of certain sections to update and more accurately convey the context of transition(s).
- In December 2016 – January 2017, a self-study *ad hoc* editing committee also thoroughly reviewed the report, a committee which consisted of the Academic Dean, the Director of Academic Services, and a newly-appointed Assistant Assessment Coordinator. These were assisted by the administrative assistant to the Academic Office and, when necessary, the Executive Assistant to the President.
- In January 2017, the final draft was reviewed (for accuracy by and as point of information for) the community at large, including: the board of trustees, faculty, and staff.

### **Official Approval and Submission of Self-Study Reports**

- The Academic Dean thoroughly briefed and reviewed salient points of the self-study with the Academic Affairs Committee of the Board in January 2017.

- On January 20, 2017, the Academic Affairs Committee of the Board voted unanimously to recommend to the full board approval of both self-study reports (for the Association of Theological Schools and the Middle States Commission on Higher Education).
- The full board likewise voted unanimously to approve the self-study reports on January 25, 2017.
- These board-approved reports were then submitted to the chairs and liaisons of both accrediting bodies (ATS and MSCHE) on February 1, 2017.

**On March 20-23, 2017, BTS welcomes visiting teams from both the Association of Theological Schools and the Middle States Commission on Higher Education.**

These visits by both bodies are concurrent, and involve engagement and interviews with every sector of the school, including select students, alumni, faculty, staff, and board members.

We invite your prayers as we host these visits!