

Transition Update #12 - October 19, 2007

I wanted to share some updates with the UTS community regarding leadership for the school in both the short and long term. At our board of trustees meeting on Friday, we unanimously passed the following resolution:

- *RESOLVED, that effective November 16, 2007 through the date the newly-elected President has formally taken office, Wendy J. Deichmann Edwards, Vice-President for Academic Affairs and Academic Dean, shall serve as Acting President. She shall continue to work in close collaboration with the Transition Team (Senior Staff and representatives of the Board Executive Committee) during her tenure in this position.*

This arrangement is a continuation of the current transitional structure, except that Dr. Edwards is authorized to act in the role of President as needed, until the Board approves a President or Interim President.

The Presidential Search Committee presented a strong candidate to the board of trustees to continue in the interviewing process. The candidate will be coming to campus for interviews in early November, with several key groups within the seminary. These groups include Trustees, Faculty, Staff, Students, and Community Constituencies. The following people will be convening the various interview groups:

Trustees - Marge Putman

Faculty - Wendy Edwards

Staff - Anne Brown

Students - Justin Williams and Kerry Bryant

Community Constituencies - Bob Walker and Father Bill O'Donnell

The Search Committee has not been released from its duty to the Board and continues to receive/process applications. We will continue to keep you informed as things progress. Blessings on your studies, teaching, and ministries.

Grace and Peace,

Marge Putman

UTS Board of Trustees Chairperson