

**Academic Assembly
Trinity University
Minutes
December 13, 2007**

The Academic Assembly convened on Thursday, December 13, at 10:00 am in O'Connor Auditorium. President Patricia McGuire introduced the newly appointed Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs, Kaye Gapen and presented her with a wood carving symbolizing "Wisdom."

Provost Gapen then addressed the Faculty and presented some of the ways in which she will work with the faculty :1) to offer respect and decency; 2) to think, decide and act strategically; 3) to think about what we do in terms of value added qualities for the students; 4)to provide crisp execution; 5)to use Trinity's resources.

President's Report to the Faculty :

President McGuire began her presentation by identifying several of the academic accomplishments for Fall, 2007. These included special "thank you's" to the new deans Liza Child for CAS, Debra Tervalo for SPS, and for EDU Associate Dean Lynn Johnson for the added responsibilities she assumed during the Fall Semester. President McGuire also extended special thanks to Cristina Parsons for her role in contributing to the successful launching of the Learning Communities Program and to Erin McHenry for her leadership in the success of the Fall, 2007 Professional Development Programs for Educators.

Strategic Timeline:

President McGuire then distributed written copies of her *President's Report to the Faculty, December 13, 2007* to accompany the power point presentation of her report. She introduced "Achieving Trinity 2010," a strategic plan update of the previous plan, "Beyond Trinity 2000." President McGuire presented the Strategic Timeline(p.3) that indicates the accomplishments of "Beyond Trinity 2000," including the reorganization into three schools, the adoption of the university model, the Middle States self-study and reaccreditation, and the Centennial Campaign which enabled the construction of the Trinity Center. She then presented the timeline for "Achieving Trinity 2010" which includes academic program development and development of human resources and management capacity, both essential to supporting the case for constructing the Academic Center and the capital campaign to finance the construction.

Strategic indicators :

Strategic Planning requires strategic indicators. President McGuire reviewed finances, including income and expenses, and enrollment.(pp.4-8) The charts she presented demonstrate the significant growth in Trinity's net worth from 1995-2007. The Fall enrollment figures from 1995 to 2007 demonstrate the need to improve enrollment across the university which in turn requires program development in each of the schools. President McGuire's discussion then focused on strategic enrollment drivers for each of the three schools. (pp.10-14)

Before the Assembly ended, the minutes from the August 23, 2007 Assembly were approved.

Respectfully submitted,

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