

## **BREWTON-PARKER COLLEGE**

### **DENOMINATIONAL LIAISONS SIX-YEAR STRATEGIC PLAN 2002-03 THROUGH 2007-08**

#### **DEPARTMENT PURPOSE**

The Department of Church Relations assists the Division of Church Relations in its stated purpose of assisting the College in achieving its mission of nurturing and developing the whole student in a caring, Christian environment.

#### **OBJECTIVE 1**

The Department of Church Relations will assist in advancing the Christian distinctiveness of the College by strengthening relationships with Georgia Baptist churches and other denominational constituencies.

#### **ACTION PLAN 1**

An advisory board comprised of Georgia Baptist pastors and lay leaders will be developed from the regional associations recognized by the state Baptist convention. Members of the advisory board will meet twice a year on campus for a presidential report, information sharing, and interaction with College officers.

#### **ASSESSMENT**

Representatives on the Georgia Baptist Advisory Council will be added according to the following schedule:

**Year 1** – 30% of the 91 associations represented (2003-2004)

**Year 2** – 50% of associations represented (2004-2005)

**Year 3** – 60% of associations represented (2005-2006)

**Year 4** – 65% of associations represented (2006-2007)

**Year 5** – 70% of associations represented (2007-2008)

Attendance logs of the meetings will be kept and meeting evaluations will be reported.

#### **RESPONSIBILITY**

Executive Assistant to the President for Church Relations

#### **TIME**

Annually

#### **RESOURCES**

Time and annually budgeted funds

#### **RELATED TO**

Institutional Goal No. 4

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#### **RESULTS & RESPONSES—2002-03**

##### **OBJECTIVE 1**

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##### **ACTION PLAN 1**

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##### **RESULTS**

The Brewton-Parker College Advisory Council was comprised of 12 members representing nine regional associations from across the state. Meetings were held September 24, 2002, and February 11, 2003, on the campus. Evaluations from the Council indicated a need for more widespread participation, and for more involvement of lay leaders who are not pastors.

##### **RESPONSE**

In order to expand participation, the Vice President for Enrollment Services will invite each regional association to choose a representative for the Advisory Council, emphasizing the need for participation of lay members as well as pastors. Meetings of the Advisory Council will be held during the fall and spring semesters.

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#### **RESULTS & RESPONSES—2003-04**

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##### **ACTION PLAN 1**

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##### **RESULTS**

The Georgia Baptist Advisory Council for Brewton-Parker College grew to a total of 23 members representing 21 local associations from regions across the state. Two of the associations desired to have an additional representative, thus the number of Council members was slightly higher than the number of associations it represented. Meetings of the Advisory Council were held October 27, 2003, and March 22, 2004, on the campus in Mount Vernon. Through written and/or personal contact, the Vice President for Enrollment Services invited each local association of Baptist churches in the state to provide a representative.

##### **RESPONSE**

The Vice President for Enrollment Services will continue to enlist members for the Advisory Council in order to meet stated goals. The Advisory Council will maintain its semi-annual meeting schedule, convening on the campus during the fall and spring semesters of each year.

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#### **RESULTS & RESPONSES—2004-05**

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##### **ACTION PLAN 1**

An advisory board comprised of Georgia Baptist pastors and lay leaders will be developed from the regional associations recognized by the state Baptist convention. Members of the advisory board will meet twice a year on campus for a presidential report, information sharing, and interaction with College officers.

##### **RESULTS**

The Georgia Baptist Advisory Council for Brewton-Parker College grew to a total of twenty-eight members representing twenty-seven local associations from regions across the state during the academic year 2004-05. One association desired to have an additional representative, thus the number of Council members was one higher than the number of associations represented. The original strategic plan had called for a goal of having 50% of the Georgia Baptist associations represented on the Advisory Council by the end of the 2004-05 academic years. Currently 30% of the associations are represented. Although improvement was made over the numbers from last year, the Church Relations division recognizes that the stated goals have yet to be met.

Meetings of the Advisory Council were held October 25, 2004, and April 25, 2005, on the campus in Mount Vernon. Through written and/or personal contact, the Vice President for Enrollment Services invited each local association of Baptist churches in the state to provide a representative.

##### **RESPONSE**

The Executive Assistant to the President for Church Relations (the Brewton-Parker College Executive staff member who is now the senior administrator of the Division of Church Relations) will continue to enlist members for the Advisory Council in order to meet stated goals. The efforts of enlistment and recruitment will include a personal letter to the leader of each of Georgia's ninety-one regional associations of Baptist churches. This will be augmented by personal phone calls and/or visits to each unrepresented regional association within one hundred miles of the Mount Vernon campus. The Advisory Council will maintain its semi-annual meeting schedule, convening on the campus during the fall and spring semesters of each year.