

STRATEGIC PRIORITIES UPDATE

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Director Rodney Sisco and the staff of the Office of Multicultural Development are delighted with the progress on their new suite of offices in the Beamer Center, with a move-in date of Tuesday, July 16. The new space will allow OMD student leaders to share their creativity and ideas with other student leaders, and will encourage Wheaton students to live out Christ-centered diversity. We thank the hardworking construction crew from the facilities management department for labor on this, as well as many other projects during the summer months.

Strategic Priorities

Globalize a Wheaton Education

Deepen Ethnic Diversity

Promote Liberal Arts
Excellence

Enhance Music and the Performing Arts

Complementary Priorities

Refresh Wheaton's
Mission Statement

Nurture Vibrant
Christian Community

Extend Affordability

Strengthen Graduate
Education

Globalize A Wheaton Education

The Trustees have approved a theological statement supporting our goals for globalizing a Wheaton education. Seven Wheaton scholars produced this biblical and theological rationale for helping students engage other cultures and develop a deeper understanding of the church worldwide through academic learning and Christian ministry: Drs. Jeff Greenman, Henry Kim, Jennifer McNutt, Laura Montgomery, Shawn Okpebholo, Alan Seaman, and Christa Tooley. The document was shared with the faculty and improved by their critique before it was presented to the Trustees. To read the document, go to:

www.wheaton.edu/Academics/GEL/The-Theology-Behind-GEL.

In late May a Wheaton team of scholars and faculty met with faculty and administration at Universitas Pelita Harapan near Jakarta, Indonesia. Drs. Stan Jones, Laura Montgomery, Vince Bacote, and Bruce Howard shared their insights with Indonesian colleagues about how they integrate the Christian faith with scholarship in the disciplines of sociology, psychology, business, and ethics. Professor Bacote says, "The visit to UPH was a great privilege and opportunity to interact with faculty on issues of faith and learning and to see firsthand the great vision of the

Pelita Harapan Foundation for Christian education in Indonesia."

Deepen Ethnic Diversity

Daniel Cortez '13, an international student from South America, served last year as president of the student group Unidad Christiana. Unidad supports and encourages the leadership development of Latino students, who comprise 5% of the Wheaton undergraduate population. Unidad also encourages the College to welcome people of diverse backgrounds. Last year the Unidad cabinet helped foster relationships between international students and Latino students from the U.S. through monthly dinners. They also partnered with World Christian Fellowship to host a time of student-led worship and prayer, and several other worship sessions throughout the year.

Enhance Music And The Performing Arts

We are delighted to report that we have received two commitments totaling \$22.5 million toward the Conservatory/Performing Arts project. The Trustees will approve the shape, size, and timing of this project at their October meeting, and we are grateful to God that at this early date, nearly 40% of the total cost of the project is already committed.

