



Report to the Church of the Brethren District Conferences Summer 2008

President Ron Hovis has announced his resignation at the end of the 2008-09 academic year. The Board of Trustees is currently planning a search process that will begin in the next few months and involve a number of College constituents.

Over the past five years the collective efforts of many people have resulted in accomplishments related to enrollment, retention, graduation, accreditation, academic and co-curricular programming, fundraising, careers, and service. Some of those include:

- Fulltime student enrollment has grown from 340 to 500.
- Annual retention of non-graduates has averaged 75%.
- Nearly 50% of freshmen are now graduating from MC; up from 25% a few years ago. In 07-08, we had 130 graduates - the 2nd largest graduating class in the past 60 years.
- An increase of 1.5 points in the average ACT score of incoming freshmen.
- Three different accreditation bodies have reviewed the College and the Teacher Education program in the past 3 years and the College is accredited by these groups until 2014-15.
- The successful completion of the \$7.9M ~~MC~~ campaign with \$9.5M in donations.
- The endowment fund has grown from about \$25M to about \$31M.
- Our focus on Career Oriented Liberal Arts has made it possible for about 50% of our students to participate in an internship each year and 85-90% of graduates to experience one or more internships during their McPherson College career.
- In 07-08, about 75% of the student body, sponsored by 40% of the faculty and staff, participated in various service projects. These projects, mostly in and around McPherson, produced about 7,500 hours of service.
- The intercollegiate athletic program has grown in the number of student-athletes from 138 to 256. The incoming academic credentials and year-to-year retention of student-athletes are now equal to the rest of the student body. Competitive results of our athletic teams have been consistently in the upper half of the KCAC, with several individuals and teams advancing to regional post-season play.

McPherson College remains committed to its mission – To develop whole persons through scholarship, participation, and service. The college has been, and continues to be, a gateway through which another generation of students and families pass to find their productive place within our society. We are grateful for our relationship with the Church of the Brethren. We would appreciate your assistance in making us aware of additional opportunities to work with the youth of the Church.