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*Cultivating Excellence for GBSC*

# FALL 2023 UPDATE

For December 2023, the Strategic Planning Committee reports on progress in the following focus areas.

- Cultivate a culture of teaching and learning excellence
- Modernize the campus user experience
- Create an alumni engagement program

## Cultivate a culture of teaching and learning excellence

### *ACA structural enhancements*

ACA's growth has nearly doubled enrollment, making it difficult for the office staff alone to process all admissions and discipline decisions. To address this, in Fall 2023 ACA introduced an Admissions Committee and a Discipline Committee.

The Admissions Committee reviewed 22 applications this year, approving 18 new students for admission.

The Discipline Committee met 3 times in Fall 2023. Work with students led to the creation of a reflection form for use with students facing disciplinary consequences, helping students connect their behavior/choices with discipline situations. This is part of the Discipline Committee's ongoing work to make ACA's approach to student conduct restorative and corrective, not simply punitive.

### *Redesign of online courses*

This work has started and will continue. So far, the following steps have been completed.

1. A rubric for course review has been developed
2. Teachers have evaluated at least one of their courses using the rubric to identify opportunities for improvement
3. ADEP and DPS leadership have initiated alignment work for online General Education courses; this will result in clarity about what can and cannot be modified without division/online program approvals

## **Modernize the campus user experience**

### *Campus WiFi expansion*

Historically, the few existing access points around campus were not enterprise grade. Now, we cover the entire residence halls and much more of the common areas around campus, including the gymnasium, cafeteria/kitchen, student center, fountain area, the Commons, Administration Building, Music Building, classroom floors and Facilities Building.

These new access points (nearly 80 currently installed) are enterprise grade and give the IT staff administrative options to control them remotely. The quality of connection for devices is much higher, and the area covered is much higher than before the expansion project began.

### *Classroom upgrades*

In all but one classroom, digital projectors have been replaced with LCD screens. These classrooms now all use the same connection technology (wireless HDMI) to make it easier for faculty when moving from classroom to classroom. This technology also allows faculty and guest speakers to bring their own devices, using USB-C connections.

### *Campus safety*

Currently only 3 public-access doors lack RFID readers. There are plans to add RFID access to these in the future.

Additionally, in Fall 2023 the campus hosted our Cincinnati Police Department liaison officer for a safety assembly. Students and employees received instructions and watched training videos on how to respond to a hostile threat on or near our campus. Students were given the opportunity to dialogue with campus safety personnel and the officer.

## **Create an alumni engagement program**

### *Alumni/church engagement*

PR Director Duane Quesenberry regularly connects with pastors, including alumni pastors. This provides an ongoing channel for alumni-college communication.

This year, two alumni are working with two of the college's PR groups to develop their repertoire and ministry skills.