

Guide to
Dallas Theological Seminary President's Reports to the
Board of Incorporate Members

1954-present

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Abstract: The annual and semi-annual Dallas Theological Seminary President's Reports to the Board of Incorporate Members.

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Historical Sketch: The Evangelical Theological College opened in 1924, and was renamed Dallas Theological Seminary in 1936. The school started in a rented building and moved to its current location on Swiss Avenue in 1926. Enrollment and the campus have grown through the years. The first extension site offered classes in 1987 and online courses started about 2005. One constant through the years has been the Bible-centered curriculum.

Seminary business was originally handled by a group of businessmen known as trustees. They delegated academic decisions to three people: Lewis Sperry Chafer, the registrar, and the vice-president. The school's bylaws changed in 1929 to establish one main board and two secondary boards. The Board of Trustees oversees financial policies. The Board of Regents handles academic and spiritual concerns. Together the members of these two boards and some at-large members form the Board of Incorporate Members (BIM), which is responsible for the general welfare and progress of the seminary. Members of the BIM serve for five years, but may be reappointed. The administrative structure changed in 1967 so the Business Manager reports to the president instead of the Board of Trustees. This simplifies the organization and makes it easier for the president to implement policies. The first women on the Board were appointed during Charles Swindoll's last year as president and began serving during Mark Bailey's term in 2001.

<u>President's Name</u>	<u>Served</u>
Lewis Sperry Chafer	1924-1952
John F. Walvoord	1952-1986
Donald K. Campbell	1986-1994
Charles R. Swindoll	1994-2001
Mark L. Bailey	2001-2020

<u>Degrees</u>	<u>Year established</u>
Bachelor of Theology (ThB)	1924 [discontinued 1936]
Master of Theology (ThM)	1924
[1935 became four year program]	
Doctor of Theology (ThD)	1927
Master of Arts in Biblical Studies (MABS)	1974
[2015 name changed to Master of Arts in Christian Studies (MACS)]	
Doctor of Ministry (DMin)	1980
Master of Arts in Christian Education (MACE)	1982
Master of Arts in Cross-cultural Ministries (MACM)	1987
Master of Arts in Biblical Counseling (MABC)	1993
Master of Arts in Biblical Exegesis and Linguistics (MABEL)	1993
Master of Arts in Media and Communication (MAMC)	2005
[2013 name changed to Master of Arts in Media Arts and Worship (MAMW)]	
Master of Arts in Christian Leadership (MACL)	2011
Master of Biblical and Theological Studies (MBTS)	2015
Master of Arts (MA)	2015

<u>Buildings</u>	<u>Year Built or Purchased</u>
Davidson Hall	1927
Stearns Memorial Hall	1929
L. S. Chafer Chapel	1952
Mosher Library	1959
Swissland Apartments	1968 [demolished circa 2002]
Lincoln Hall	1969 [sold 2006 and demolished]
Physical Plant	1972
Todd Academic Center	1973 [originally Academic Center I, renamed 1989]
Campbell Academic Center	1974 [originally Academic Center II, renamed circa 1995]
Si'ed Apartments	1976 [demolished circa 2000]
Swiss Apartments	1977 [demolished circa 2001]
Walvoord Student Center	1981 [originally Student Center, renamed 1986]
Hendricks Center for Christian Leadership	1987
Turpin Library	1988
Mitchel Ministries Center	1992
Swiss Tower	2002
Washington Hall	2008
Horner Administration	2016

References:

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System of Arrangement:

This collection is arranged in one series.

Series I. President's Reports to the Board of Incorporate Members, 1954-present,

.79 linear feet (27 folders)

Arranged chronologically.

Scope and Content Note: This collection housed in twenty-seven folders consists of one series. Each report briefly describes many of the events from the previous year or semester, including changes in the enrollment, faculty, achievements, staffing, funding, curriculum, and facilities. The reports are annual until about 2001, when they become semi-annual. The reports from 1989-1999 are not specifically addressed to the Board and were printed in color on glossy paper, making them suitable for general distribution. The earliest reports are typed, later ones are printed, and in recent years the format is a PowerPoint handout.

Selected Search Terms:

Bailey, Mark L.
Campbell, Donald K.
Dallas Theological Seminary
Dallas Theological Seminary-Administration
Dallas Theological Seminary-Faculty
Dallas Theological Seminary-Students
Swindoll, Charles R.
Walvoord, John F.

Donor/Source: Dallas Theological Seminary President's Office and unknown donors.

Custodial History: Some reports were transferred directly from the President's Office to the archives, but other copies were received from various sources.

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Related Material:

Dallas Theological Seminary Catalogs
Dallas Theological Seminary President's Office: Board of Incorporate Member Records
[this includes records of the Board of Trustees and Board of Regents]
Dallas Theological Seminary President's Office Records
Report of the Academic Dean to the Board of Regents [cataloged as a periodical in the archives]
Report of the President to the Board of Regents

Note to the Researcher: No reports specifically addressed to the BIM were found from 1989-1999. Copies of the reports to the general public for those years were given to Board members and those are included in this collection. The President's Reports from 2001 to present were transferred to the archives as PDF files. Color prints were made of these reports. Electronic copies are stored on the archivist's computer.

Container List

Series I.

1954-present

<u>Box</u>	<u>Folder</u>	<u>Title, Dates, Description</u>	
1	1	President's Reports Reports for meetings of the Board of Incorporate Members. Topics include finances, enrollment, spiritual life, buildings, and public relations.	1954-1959
1	2	President's Reports Reports for meetings of the Board of Incorporate Members. Topics include faculty changes, finances, <i>Bibliotheca Sacra</i> , the missions conference, lecture series, the Sponsors Association, and buildings. The report for 1960 includes the report of the publicity director, John A. Witmer.	1960-1963

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<u>Box</u>	<u>Folder</u>	<u>Title, Dates, Description</u>
1	3	President's Reports 1968-1970 Reports for meetings of the Board of Incorporate Members. Printed booklets including information on diverse needs of the seminary, outreach, publicity, finances, and the campus.
1	4	President's Reports 1971-1975 Reports for meetings of the Board of Incorporate Members. Printed booklets including information on development, events, church relations, the library, a self-study (1973), facilities, the fiftieth anniversary celebration (1974), and the audio-visual department (1975).
1	5	President's Reports 1976-1980 Reports for meetings of the Board of Incorporate Members. Printed booklets including information on curriculum, facilities, students, field education, athletics, the School of Evangelism Conference on campus (1976), minorities (1977 and later), and the Wives' Fellowship (1977 and later).
1	6	President's Reports 1981-1985 Reports for meetings of the Board of Incorporate Members. Printed booklets including information on students, lectureships, alumni, the self-study program for 1982-1983 (1980-1981), continuing education, business operations, advancement, and <i>Bibliotheca Sacra</i> .
1	7	President's Reports 1986-1988 Reports for meetings of the Board of Incorporate Members. Printed booklets and unbound reports including information on academics, the library expansion project (1986), finances, the Center for Christian Leadership (1987), Chinese Studies (1988), continuing education, women's ministries, housing, and Human Resources.
1	8	President's Reports 1989-1993 Printed booklets which appear to be intended for the general public. Topics include students, faculty, academics, advancement, business activities, and a list of the Board of Incorporate Members. Includes many photographs.
1	9	President's Reports 1994-1999 Printed booklets which appear to be intended for the general public. Topics include tradition, students, faculty, alumni, academics, and business. Includes many photographs.
1	10	President's Reports 2000 Plastic comb bound report for the Board of Incorporate Members. Topics include students, income, expenses, alumni, Turpin Library, the Foundation, conferences, mission trips. A color printout of a PowerPoint presentation.

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| 1 | 11 | President's Reports
Report for the October meeting of the Board of Incorporate Members. Topics include faculty, students, alumni, finance, and facilities. A PowerPoint color handout. | 2001 |
| 1 | 12 | President's Reports
Reports for the May and October meetings of the Board of Incorporate Members. Topics include articles II and III of the doctrinal statement, a self-study, strategic planning, facilities master plan, academics, and students. PowerPoint color handouts. | 2002 |
| 1 | 13 | President's Reports
Report for the Board of Incorporate Members. Topics include article V of the doctrinal statement, recruitment, students, faculty, alumni, revenue, Turpin Library, and accreditation. PowerPoint color handout. | 2003 |
| 1 | 14 | President's Reports
Reports for the May and October meetings of the Board of Incorporate Members. Topics include articles VI and VII of the doctrinal statement, strategic planning, enrollment, students, alumni, revenue and construction. PowerPoint color handouts. | 2004 |
| 1 | 15 | President's Reports
Reports for the May and October meetings of the Board of Incorporate Members. Topics include articles VIII and IX of the doctrinal statement, student services, faculty, competencies, online education, the Houston Extension, a trustee report, students, degrees, alumni, and strategic planning. PowerPoint color handouts. | 2005 |
| 1 | 16 | President's Reports
Reports for the May and October meetings of the Board of Incorporate Members. Topics include articles X and XI [mis-labeled IX] of the doctrinal statement, challenges for female graduates, core competencies, enrollment, planning, the program in China, and alumni. PowerPoint color handouts. | 2006 |
| 2 | 1 | President's Reports
Reports for the May and October meetings of the Board of Incorporate Members. Topics include articles X and XI of the doctrinal statement, student development, curriculum, finances, extended ministries, international studies, students, the Center for Christian Leadership, and media involvement. PowerPoint color handouts. | 2007 |

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2	2	President's Reports Reports for the May and October meetings of the Board of Incorporate Members. Topics include articles XII and XIII of the doctrinal statement, security, the China initiative, enrollment, faculty changes, lectureships, distance education, and the Center for Christian Leadership. PowerPoint color handouts.	2008
2	3	President's Reports Reports for the May and October meetings of the Board of Incorporate Members. Topics include articles XIV and XV of the doctrinal statement; swine flu preparedness; the Knoxville Initiative; the Global Proclamation Academy; a strategic plan update; the centennial scholarship program; students; lectureships; organizational changes; a Biblical Theology of Suffering, Disability, and the Church; financial stability; advancement; and challenges and opportunities. PowerPoint color handouts.	2009
2	4	President's Reports Reports for the May and October meetings of the Board of Incorporate Members. Topics include articles XVI and XVII of the doctrinal statement, enrollment, a strategic planning update, the Association of Theological Schools trends, enrollment, graduating student survey, and academic initiatives. PowerPoint color handouts.	2010
2	5	President's Reports Reports for the May and October meetings of the Board of Incorporate Members. Topics include articles XVIII and XIX of the doctrinal statement, faculty changes, academic initiatives, facilities, strategic plan update, the Houston facilities, the future accreditation visit, and the strategic plan. PowerPoint color handouts.	2011
2	6	President's Reports Reports for the May and October meetings of the Board of Incorporate Members. Topics include article XX of the doctrinal statement, enrollment, personnel changes, the residency program, academic initiatives, a quality enhancement plan, and the centennial campaign. PowerPoint color handouts.	2012
2	7	President's Reports Report for the May meeting of the Board of Incorporate Members. Topics include article XXI of the doctrinal statement, departmental reorganization, mobile locations, accreditation, a quality enhancement plan, and the facilities master plan. PowerPoint color handout.	2013

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2	8	<p>President's Reports 2014</p> <p>Reports for the May and October meetings of the Board of Incorporate Members. Topics include articles II and III of the doctrinal statement, an expanded statement of purpose, an accreditation report, the Hendricks Center for Christian Leadership, a facilities update, and finances. PowerPoint color handouts.</p>
2	9	<p>President's Reports 2015</p> <p>Reports for the May and October meetings of the Board of Incorporate Members. Topics include articles IV and V of the doctrinal statement, the Agape Project, academic initiatives, the alcohol policy, and alumni. PowerPoint color handouts.</p>
2	10	<p>President's Reports 2016</p> <p>Reports for the May and October meetings of the Board of Incorporate Members. Topics include articles VI and VII of the doctrinal statement, DTS en Español, the strategic plan, the expanded statement of purpose, academic initiatives, enrollment, and student services. PowerPoint color handouts.</p>
2	11	<p>President's Reports 2017</p> <p>Reports for the May and October meetings of the Board of Incorporate Members. Topics include articles VIII and IX of the doctrinal statement, academic updates, faculty changes, student life, three new ad hoc committees, and the Washington, D.C. extension. PowerPoint color handouts.</p>