*Boston University School of Theology Student Association*

**General Meeting**

**October 27th 2015**

1. Opening
   1. Introductions
2. Dean Stone’s Talk
   1. “Easter Eggs”: Faculty Demographic/ Statistical Report can be found by clicking the last period of Dean Stone’s description on his faculty page. (The “y” at the beginning takes you to Pink Floyd’s homepage)
   2. Highlights diversity in hiring of faculty
   3. Growth in clinical faculty
   4. Growth in Student Enrollment
   5. Online Programs help in the raise
   6. MDiv. Largest program
   7. Doctoral Admissions decreased; lack of funding aided in that
   8. Gender ratio 52/48
   9. International admissions going down; domestic minority numbers gaining or steady
   10. International admissions decrease possibly due to doctoral admissions decline, visa issues, and growth of DMin. program
   11. Lambert Rahming asks why International Students are counted as a race, due to required descriptions for students with visas.
   12. More people are being admitted in the Spring, low Fall 2015 admission
   13. Doctoral Admissions another point of concern,
       1. Domestic minority application/admission down
       2. International/ White application/admission steady
   14. Financial Aid
       1. Subsidies up
       2. $3.8 million awarded this year, $16,764 per master’s student
       3. Other Donors also waiting in the wings
   15. Question and Answers/Comments
       1. Size compared to other seminaries? Claremont, Harvard, Union (possibly) is equal in terms of size, others are ***much*** larger (students in the thousands)
       2. Min posits that the current climate in Korea may be aiding in the decline of international students; visa issues also brought up
       3. Ranking for Size of Universities? Yes and No, no official ranking, however, third party Academics Analytics rates BUSTH very high
       4. More public space for this knowledge? More access for the website, possible e-mails/periodicals, larger dissemination of information
       5. Any other ways the school is being analyze? Attritions and Completions Reports, Placements/Further Education (100% from Dual Degree, 97% MDiv [73% for vocationally prepared, 10% non-placement], 98% MTS, MSM 80%)
   16. Other News
       1. Five new faculty members
       2. Two senior retirements
       3. Happy to have some stability at long tentative chairs
       4. Search for new Sociology of Religion professor
       5. Dean Stone stresses student involvement
       6. Masters of Sacred Music being reviews
       7. MTS “exit” “review”/ “interview”/ “exam” being review
3. Other Business
   1. Treasurer is taking a leave of absence, the search for a new Treasurer is on
      1. Appoint an interim treasurer
      2. Budget approvals/reimbursements still in the pipeline
   2. Mental Health Awareness Night
      1. Interim, but accepted as a good idea
   3. Film, Anti-Racism, and Volleyball interest groups in the pipeline
   4. Lambert Rahming posits having HIV/AIDS testing to raise awareness in conjunction with World AIDS Day
4. Closing/ Meeting Adjourned

**Attendance**

**E-Board**

-Lauren DeLano

-Art Gordon

-James Dooley

**Students Reps**

Anne Hillman

Bailey Brawner

Min Hyeok Kwon

Lise Miltner

Matt Lllewlyn

**General Boards**

Lambert Rahming

Eli Wynn

**Faculty Present:**

Dean Stone

Dr. Knust