Fact Sheet Pertaining to Taylor University Board of Trustee Action on the Taylor University Fort Wayne Branch Campus
(Supporting October 13, 2008 News Release)

Introduction

- Founded in 1846, Taylor University is an interdenominational liberal arts university of evangelical faith, offering over 60 fields of study to nearly 2,000 students at the undergraduate and graduate levels. The 2009 U.S. News & World Report survey America’s Best Colleges ranked the Upland campus as the Best Baccalaureate College in the Midwest for the second straight year.
- Taylor University is governed by a Board of Trustees and led by President Eugene B. Habecker.
- In 1992 Taylor University acquired Summit Christian College, formerly known as Fort Wayne Bible College, creating the Taylor University Fort Wayne branch campus.
- In Fort Wayne, Taylor University currently operates:
  - A branch campus, Taylor University Fort Wayne (TUFW), located at 1025 West Rudisill Boulevard. TUFW has a traditional undergraduate program as well as an online program.
  - A MBA program housed at the Northeast Indiana Innovation Center.
  - WBCL, a radio ministry of Taylor University and a wholly-owned subsidiary of TU, headquartered on the TUFW campus.

Board of Trustee Actions

- The Taylor University Board of Trustees met from Wednesday, October 8, through Friday, October 10, at Taylor University in Upland. The primary discussion item was the future of the TUFW traditional undergraduate program.
- The Board of Trustees concluded that after 16 years of significant effort and investment, the University has not been able to develop a financially sustainable traditional undergraduate program at TUFW. Therefore, the following actions are to be taken:
  1. Discontinue the current traditional undergraduate program at TUFW on May 31, 2009.
  2. Encourage the 299 full-time and 38 part-time degree seeking undergraduate students at TUFW to finish their degrees at Taylor’s Upland campus.
  3. Support affected faculty and staff during this time of transition.
  4. Study which programs at TUFW may be consolidated into the undergraduate program on Taylor’s Upland campus.
  5. Explore the potential of future Taylor University academic programs in the Fort Wayne community.
  6. Develop recommendations for alternative uses for the Fort Wayne facility.
- The communication of this decision is being done now to give as much notice as possible to those affected.
- The trustee actions do not impact the following University programs: online education associated with TUFW, the MBA program, and WBCL.
TUFW Community
- The campus is led by a Chancellor (Dr. Duane Kilty) who reports to the Taylor University President (Dr. Eugene Habecker).
- TUFW is comprised of a traditional undergraduate program and an online educational program.
- The traditional undergraduate program currently enrolls 299 full-time and 38 part-time degree seeking students. There are 213 students residing on campus.
- Enrollment in the traditional undergraduate program has consistently declined over the last five years with student headcount decreasing from 587 to 429.
- The online educational program enrolls nearly 600 students, who are primarily part-time, and has shown a trend of growth over the last five years.
- There are 18 full-time faculty and 24 part-time/adjunct faculty.
- There are 56 full-time staff and 22 part-time staff.

TUFW Academic Program
- The traditional undergraduate program consists of 23 fields of study.
- The most popular majors are professional writing, Christian ministries, and elementary education.
- 1,040 students have earned Taylor University degrees through the TUFW campus.

TUFW Finances
- The current TUFW annual operating budget is approximately $12 million.
- TUFW has operated at an average deficit of $1 million a year which has been subsidized from Taylor’s Upland campus budget - - resulting in more than $15 million in total subsidies.
- While gifts to TUFW have consistently grown, the University has not been able to develop a financially sustainable traditional undergraduate program, which has resulted in a declining enrollment in the undergraduate program.

TUFW Physical Plant
The TUFW campus consists of 14 buildings on 30 acres, including the following: six student residence facilities, student commons, library, administration/classroom building, physical plant building, gymnasium/athletic center, and three buildings with limited use.