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CHAPTER I
INTRODUCTION

Bible Colleges have given training to over half of all Protestant missionaries from North America as well as to thousands of ministers and evangelists including Rev. Billy Graham. Although of comparatively recent origin, the Bible College movement has come of age in terms of student enrollment and accreditation. The latter is indicated by the recent elevation of the American Association of Bible Colleges to equal membership with regional accrediting associations on the new Council on Postsecondary Accreditation and the former by the fact that four schools in the 69 member Association have enrollments exceeding 1,000 and one exceeds 2,000.¹

The increase in enrollment is calling for a change from the simple president and academic dean kind of structure to one where other persons serve administratively under the dean in the academic segment of the organization. What titles such persons should have, what personal qualities are needed, and what should be included in job descriptions are some of the questions that need answering.

¹American Association of Bible Colleges, Annual Report, 1975

A. Problems

The purpose of this study is to propose changes in the organizational structure of the educational branches of Bible colleges that will facilitate the achievement of their educational goals. The study is an effort to summarize problems of and solutions to administrations of rapidly growing schools. The application of findings in educational theory present organizational structures and the implementation and testing of the results through a reorganization at Moody Bible Institute provide a master plan for other schools. Finally, the study is designed so that administrators of Bible Colleges can gain understandings applicable to their own situations and needs. It is hoped that the analyses and strategies contained here will receive wide implementation on the Bible College scene.

B. Need for the Study

What are some of the indications that the previously mentioned problems actually exist among Bible colleges? From two "pioneer" schools in the 1880's, Nyack Missionary College and Moody Bible Institute, the movement has grown to nearly 250 schools in the United States and Canada.² The 59 schools which are members of the American Association of Bible Colleges enroll nearly 25,000 full-time students.³ There is evidence, however, that additions to administrative structure have not kept pace

²Safara A. Witmer, Education with Dimension, (Manhasset, NY: Channel Press, Inc., 1962), p. 15. (Hereafter referred to as Education With Dimension).

³American Association of Bible Colleges, Annual Report, p.4

with this rapid growth in enrollment and the accompanying increase in complexity of programs and offerings. At the Moody Bible Institute, for example, the enrollment has grown from 900 to 1,300 students and the number of faculty members has nearly doubled since the last addition to the educational hierarchy was made in 1959.⁴

If administration consists of determining an organization's purposes, directing its internal affairs toward the attainment of those purposes and obtaining both material and moral support for the process, then this weakness in Bible College administrations is of great consequence.⁵ To form and develop young Bible College students into functioning ministers, missionaries and Christian workers, nothing less can be acceptable than what Carver and Sergiovanni term "optimal organizational health."⁶

Miles has shown that an adequate organization must have well developed structures to sense when problems exist, to decide what solutions are possible, to determine which solution is best, to implement the solution and to evaluate its effectiveness.⁷ Many present day Bible College administrations are not responding quickly or thoroughly enough to urgent problems because growing enrollments foster poor organization or lack of sufficient staff or both.

⁴Ibid., p. 4.

⁵John Walton, Administration and Policy Making in Education (Revised ed.; Baltimore: The Johns Hopkins Press, 1959), p. 207.

⁶Fred D. Carver and Thomas J. Sergiovanni, Organizations and Human Behavior (New York: McGraw-Hill Book Co., 1969), p. 1.

⁷Matthew B. Miles, Planned Change and Organizational Health (New York: McGraw-Hill Book Co., 1969), p. 236.

In addition to enrollment growth and the need for problem-solving capability, another factor calling for this organizational analysis is the rapidly increasing complexity of modern educational administration. The administrator no longer simply enunciates policies and makes decisions. He now has a mediating and coordinating role requiring a large amount of consultation with students, faculty, board members and the general public.⁸ Research must be done to insure that organizations have adequate management information systems and procedures that can be used to respond quickly to urgent needs.⁹

⁸Paul L. Dressel and Associates, Institutional Research in the University (San Francisco: Jossey-Bass Inc., 1971), p. 9.

⁹Ibid., pp. 9, 15.

C. Sources of Information and Procedure

The basic methodology was case-studies of five member schools of the American Association of Bible Colleges all of which have enrollments of over 600 full-time students. Although case studies were made of five schools in all, Moody Bible Institute received special emphasis because it has a unique place in the Bible College movement and the results of such a study could have wide application to similar schools around the world. Witmer writes that "The outstanding success of Moody Bible Institute has influenced greatly the Bible Institute movement. Certain features of its program . . . have been copied by numbers of other institutions."¹⁰ Dr. Wilbur M. Smith, a prominent Protestant scholar, is quoted by Getz as follows: "One would not say that the Institute has simply kept abreast of the times. It has taken its place at the head of all similar institutions, offering a leadership that has been trusted and followed for decades."¹¹ Getz, the leading historian of the Moody Bible Institute, states that "Moody Bible Institute has become known around the world as the 'mother' of numerous other similar institutions . . . It has set the pattern for many other schools which prepare Christian leaders."¹²

The steps taken in each case-study, as outlined by Good, Barr

¹⁰Witmer, p. 37.

¹¹Gene A. Getz, MBI: The Story of Moody Bible Institute, (Chicago: Moody Press, 1969, p. 11.

¹²Ibid., p. 21.

1. Data gathering to determine the inadequacies of the administrative structure of the educational branch of each school in terms of neglected or duplicated services.

Personal visits to the schools under study were made by the investigator. A series of diagnostic interviews were held with present members of the academic organizational structure of each school. The interviews emphasized the organizational chart of the Institute and their position, roles in policy determination, and responsibilities within that chart. Careful study of interviewing techniques in Good¹⁴ were undertaken before attempting the first interview.

Sources for the data compiled also included official documents such as the school catalog, faculty handbook, organizational chart, policy manual, and the most recent self-evaluation study prepared for the accreditation association. A questionnaire was sent to the chief educational administrators of the selected schools under study. Areas investigated in the questionnaire included titles and positions in the hierarchy, decision making powers, the number and position of subordinates reporting to each level of authority and the responsibilities of each position.

The historical development of the administrative organizational chart in the educational branches of American Bible Colleges was surveyed to provide background for the proposed study. Special attention

¹³Carter V. Good and Douglas E. Scates, The Methodology of Educational Research, (New York: Institute of Public Administration, 1937). p. 336.

¹⁴Carter V. Good, Introduction to Educational Research, (New York: Appleton-Century-Crofts, 1963), p. 285-299.

was given to trends in enrollment, faculty acquisitions and the development of job descriptions for the academic administrators.

2. Data gathering to determine the causes or circumstances associated with inadequate administrative practices in the educational branch of each school.

At this point the study was guided by definite hypotheses as to what the most probable causes of inadequate administrative practices are. These hypotheses have been developed through the preliminary analysis of professional literature outlined in this proposal. They served as a means of giving direction to this study. The content and sequence of the hypotheses follow the administrative model called POSDCORB developed by Gulick and Urwick.¹⁵

- a. Planning. Generally, Bible College administrators do not perceive the distinction between officers responsible for planning and officers responsible for implementing plans within their academic structure.
- b. Organizing. Delegation is the principle of administrative practice given lower than average rank priority among organizational responsibilities of Bible College administrators.
- c. Staffing. There is a significant difference of opinion among Bible College administrator's opinions that the number of staff members (and not administrators) should be increased when larger enrollments produce heavier administrative work loads.
- d. Directing. No general agreement exists among Bible College administrators that a span of control larger than seven produces inadequate administrative results.
- e. Co-ordinating. Bible College administrators generally give communication the lowest rank priority of factors affecting the co-ordination process within administration.

¹⁵Luther Gulick, Papers On The Science of Administration (New York: Institute of Public Administration, 1937), p.13.

- f. Reporting. There is a significant difference of opinion between Bible College administrators that levels of administration should be kept to a minimum to facilitate the reporting function of administration.
 - g. Budgeting. Bible College job descriptions for administrators generally do not indicate responsibility for budgeting but simply list duties of the position.
3. The presence or absence of these probable causes of inadequate administration at each college was determined by examination of the college's documents, the results of the questionnaire and the results of the personal interviews with the chief academic administrators.

To form a theory of causation for inadequate administration a taxonomic study of the academic structure of each college was undertaken through the three methods listed in section 1 of Procedure. The use of three methods aided in ensuring that the data are comparable, objective, reliable and specific for the purpose of analysis.

First, a thorough examination of the official, published documents was made. These materials, including job descriptions and manuals, revealed patterns of delegation and numbers of line and staff personnel.

Second, the questionnaire was carefully analyzed using the method indicated below. Data concerning the perception of administrators' roles in the organization were categorized into the seven major functions of any executive organization as outlined by Gulick and Urwick in the POSDCORB model.

Third, the results of the personal interviews held with academic officers at each school was studied to determine the accuracy of their responses in the written questionnaire and to discover if areas are mentioned which, while they were outside the scope of the written questionnaire, merit attention and investigation. In this way, the personal interviews provided a means of ascertaining the reliability of question-

naire results as well as giving opportunity for examination of issues wider than those covered by the questionnaire.

The responses to questionnaire items were categorized using a modified Likert scale with perceptions indicated by agreement (Example: "I am responsible to plan in this area" or "I should be responsible to plan in this area but am not"), Disagreement ("I am not responsible to plan in this area" or "I am responsible to plan in this area but should not be"), and Undecided.¹⁶

The summary of these expressed perceptions from each college were then compared by the investigator with principles of effective administration according to current theory and research in education to discover specific areas of weakness at each college. This comparison was organized under the POSDCORB model to ensure that all areas of administrative behavior were examined. The POSDCORB model is well suited for this study even though it is not educational in origin since Walton has shown that administration can be separated from the education functions of the organization and is essentially the same in all organizations.¹⁷

The choice of the POSDCORB administrative model¹⁸ is the result of careful study of the problem to be examined in the case studies of administrative structures. Since the study is to be an analysis of form and structure more than an analysis of attitudes, the POSDCORB model

¹⁶Helen Walker and Joseph Lev. Statistical Inference, (New York: H. Holt Co., 1953), pp. 81-108.

¹⁷Walton, p. 41

¹⁸Gulick, p. 13.

has a distinct advantage over such models as Nomothetic-Idiographic (Getzels and Guba), Theory X and Theory Y (McGregor) or the Leadership Behavior Description Questionnaire (Halpin).

Hill and Kerber have listed four conditions a research model must meet to be suitable for use in a given study. The basic requirement for a research model is the one to one correspondence needed between elements of the model and the function to be studied (isomorphism) in which certain structures common to both are preserved.¹⁹ Secondly, an analog model or a model employing a representation of one system to identify elements in the one under study, must be a familiar system.²⁰ Thirdly, there must be a sufficient number of corresponding factors in the model and the function under consideration to fulfill the purpose of the study. Lastly, although a model cannot reproduce all the properties of the area to be investigated, certain structures or relationships must be preserved if the model is to be fairly representative.²¹

The investigator has concluded that the POSDCORB model meets these requirements for his study.

First of all, the POSDCORB model provided an isomorphic relationship to academic structure in selected Bible colleges. The POSDCORB model was developed by Gulick and Urwick in response to the necessity for a division of work coordination among people engaged in a complicated

¹⁹ Joseph Hill and August Kerber, Models, Methods, and Analytical Procedures in Education Research (Detroit: Wayne state University Press, 1967,) p. 14.

²⁰Ibid., p. 15.

²¹Ibid., p. 17.

organization.²² Although the model has been largely applied to city and federal governments and was used by Gulick in his position on the President's Committee on Administrative Management, its elements of planning, organizing, staffing, directing, co-ordinating, reporting and budgeting bear a one to one correspondence to similar functions in an educational organization.²³

Secondly, POSDCORB, as an analog model, is a familiar system. It is a statement of the work of the executive area in government or business that is readily recognized as a pattern widely followed in our culture. The terms describing the functions occur in connection with almost any organized activity, including the military.²⁴

Thirdly, and most importantly, the POSDCORB model best served the purpose of the study because there are a sufficient number of corresponding factors between it and the organizational structures of selected Bible colleges. The POSDCORB model outlines the functional elements of a chief executive. Each of these elements corresponds to an activity normally performed by an educational officer in a Bible college. Each element also corresponds to a duty which such an officer may delegate to a subordinate depending on the size and complexity of the organization. It is precisely the purpose of the dissertation to determine if the increased size of selected Bible colleges (particularly Moody Bible Institute) requires delegation and subdivision of these administrative functions.²⁵

²²Gulick, p. 3

²³Ibid., p. 13.

²⁴Ibid.

²⁵Ibid., p. 14.

Lastly, structures and relationships vital to investigation are preserved when the POSDCORB model is applied to academic administrations of Bible colleges. The POSDCORB model retains the functions of the chief administrator in his office though many may be delegated to staff assistants and this relationship obtains in Bible colleges. In the POSDCORB model, the functions of directing and co-ordinating are normally reserved for the chief executive himself though other functions may be delegated to others in a complex organization and this is true of Bible college academic administrations.²⁶

The investigator believes the POSDCORB administrative model to be admirably suited to the proposed dissertation subject. He has designed a questionnaire made up of the POSDCORB functional elements which can identify an academic officer's responsibility within each area, his perception of who is or should be responsible for activities within that function and his own performance of the function in relation to Bible college administration.

4. At Moody Bible Institute causes of inadequate administration were adjusted by application of remedial measures outlined in educational theory and research.

Alternative, remedial measures uncovered by the study of other Bible colleges and educational literature which may solve the problem of inadequate administration were implemented at Moody. Where these recommendations included the establishment of additional administrative positions, titles, accountability patterns, and job descriptions were provided.

²⁶ Ibid.

5. A remeasurement of Moody Bible Institute academic organization structure was made to determine the effectiveness of the corrective measures applied.

To answer the questions as to whether or not an alternative chosen to remedy the problem of inadequate administration resulted in constructive change and whether or not other factors caused the change, a retesting of the academic structure at Moody was undertaken. Those alternatives shown to be effecting desirable changes towards solving the problem of inadequate administration were adopted.

CHAPTER II

REVIEW OF THE LITERATURE

Numerous studies have been made in the general area of organizational structure in terms of job responsibilities, personnel selection, motivational forces, bureaucratic tendencies, and other aspects. These studies can be related to the present situation in Bible college administrations where pressures of growing enrollments and expanding programs may be taxing the existing administrative capabilities. Some of the findings of authorities and the results of research studies in these areas will be reviewed in this chapter.

A. Characteristics of Hierarchical Organizations

In the formal sense, an organization is a group of people which performs a particular task which is sanctioned by the society where it operates. Griffiths has shown that every organization has the following characteristics; members who are visible to society, who work together for organizational goals and who have a means of replenishing the organization with materials and workers.¹

¹Daniel E. Griffiths, "Administrative Theory and Change in Organizations," Educational Administration and the Behavioral Sciences, ed. Mike M. Milstein, and James A. Belasco (Boston: Allyn and Bacon, Inc.,)1973, p. 161.

The guidance and supervision of these processes is the task of administration. The function of administration is, "The actualization and the operationalization of authority within complex organizational systems for the pursuit of particular objectives."² In other words, administration is "the process of directing and controlling the activities of the members of an organization."³ This function is accomplished in American educational administrations largely through hierarchical systems which have the following characteristics:

1. Hierarchical organizations have similar structural relationships:

The events of the Industrial Revolution provided the catalyst for the rationalistic analysis of organizations.⁴ The rationalistic approach led to a form of idealized bureaucracy known as scientific management in America around the turn of the century. Its principal spokesman, Frederick W. Taylor, differed from the classical conception of bureaucracy by emphasizing practical efficiency through specific relationships within the structure of organizations. Assuming that men were motivated by economic gain, Taylor studied organizations in terms of increasing output. His emphasis on efficient management has affected most hierarchical organizations including those in education.⁵

²William G. Monahan, Theoretical Dimensions of Educational Administration (New York: MacMillan Publishing Co., 1975), p. 1

³Griffiths, op. cit., p. 161.

⁴Monahan, op. cit., pp. 17, 18.

⁵Herbert M. Kliebard, "Bureaucracy and Curriculum Theory," Freedom, Bureaucracy, and Schooling, (Washington, D. C.: Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development, 1971), pp 76-78.

A bureaucratic organization cannot only be economically efficient, it also is rational and, therefore, has a persistent form that can be depended upon. Normally, a bureaucratic organization offers a wider range of products to those it services and a larger scope of opportunities to its employees. In addition, a hierarchical structure generates a sense of security to those involved in its existence.⁶

Five basic structural relationships are found in an bureaucratic organizational structure: a hierarchical system in which an official in a higher office controls and guides one in a lower position, specialization of functions so that workers are selected because of their competence in performing special tasks, prescription of rights and obligations attached to each position, maintenance of files and records of significant decisions to establish policy guides insuring predictability, and establishment of behavioral rules from the policy guides.⁷

Whether one is speaking of a vast federal government agency or neighborhood elementary school, these structural relationships are similar.

2. Hierarchical organizations have similar administrative patterns.

Since structural relationships of organizations are similar, administration is also similar in such familiar organizations as the state, the church, the army, industry and the school. Like the other large groups, the school has the challenge of coordinating large numbers

⁶Herbert Stroup, Bureaucracy in Higher Education (New York: The Free Press, 1966), pp. 8, 9.

⁷Willard Lane, Foundations of Educational Administration (New York: The MacMillan Co., 1966), p. 6.

of persons to achieve its objective. Owens and Steinhoff support the application of a hierarchical administrative pattern to education in the following terms:

"There is empirical evidence to support the common sense view that the hierarchical authority structure generally found in schools and school systems and the manifestation of that authority through the equitable application of rules are not totally dysfunctional in schools. Indeed, since the essence of organization is coordinated effort, the existence of well-defined policies, careful delineation of responsibilities, and clear-cut procedural rules appear to provide the participants with confidence that they know what to expect and how to deal with the organization . . . the clear delineation of authority and rules permits (members) to know how to influence school policy."⁸

It is simply not possible for a large enterprise having as many different functions as a school to operate effectively unless it has a formal structure and a system of line management adequate to carry out its tasks.⁹ A system of bureaucratic rules has value by providing job guidelines and preventing ambiguity of roles for workers.¹⁰ In his study of the organizational patterns of fifteen selected middle schools, Hughes found that all but one principal favored the vertical - bureaucratic distribution of authority within their school.¹¹

⁸Robert G. Owens and Carl R. Steinhoff, Administering Change in Schools, (Englewood Cliffs, N. J. Prentice-Hall, Inc. 1976), pp. 31, 32

⁹Nicholas J. Demerath, Richard W. Stephens and R. Robb Taylor, Power, Presidents and Professors, New York, Basic Books, 1967), p. 216.

¹⁰Wilmer S. Cody, "The Administrator looks at His Practice." p. 216 Freedom, Bureaucracy, and Schooling, (Washington, D. C. Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development, 1971), p. 101.

¹¹Dean Hughes, "Organizational Patterns of Western Pennsylvania Middle Schools, Role and Role Conflict as Perceived by their Principals," (unpublished doctoral dissertation, Northwestern University, 1974), p. 75.

Hughes concluded that the consequences of their attitude included routinization of tasks and standardization of objectives.¹² Line authority provides information to the positions inside an organization so that orders may be issued. Thus, the hierarchy serves the function of legitimatizing and structuring interpersonal relationships of authority within the organization.¹³

Of course, there are some distinctive characteristics of schools that set them apart from other organizations and these characteristics have implications when changes are proposed in administration. Schools are people-changing organizations like the family, church, and social agencies. Schools also have numerous, ambiguous and even conflicting goals. Schools are organized so that teachers, working apart from one another, have little dependence on one another and tend to be semi-professionals within a bureaucratic organization.¹⁴ Nonetheless the administrative pattern of the school hierarchy is similar to the administrative structure of other hierarchical organizations.

3. Hierarchical organizations have an administrative structure that can be extracted for purposes of analysis.

The rational model of organizations is an attempt to show that administration in any organization has certain rational functions such as planning, organizing, coordinating, evaluating, delegating and controlling. Such functions compose a leadership role that is superimposed

¹²Ibid.

¹³James G. Anderson, Bureaucracy in Education, (Baltimore: The John Hopkins Press, 1968), p. 113.

¹⁴Owens and Steinhoff, op. cit., pp. 31, 32.

on the organization to facilitate the pursual of its goals.¹⁵ It follows, then, that administration as a function can be abstracted from the other parts of an organization and its nature is essentially the same in any organization. Thus, its elements can be clearly identified and cause-effect relationships can be tested through the hypothetical method.¹⁶

Since the school is in fact an organization, it shares the rational functions listed above with all other organizations and administrative theory that can be applied to the business of education.¹⁷ The line and staff organizational structure is still the dominant method of looking at educational administration, especially on the college level.¹⁸

Unfortunately, the positive characteristics of the hierarchical system which make it useful for coordination and study have negative connotations also.

4. Hierarchical organizations restrict the group decision-making.

A school's work is normally coordinated in a central office representing centralization, rules, and impersonality. Centralization results in the rationality of a bureaucracy since the office has authority to make final decisions which are then passed to subordinates

¹⁵Lane, op. cit., p. 6.

¹⁶John Walton, Administration and Policy Making in Education (Baltimore: The Johns Hopkins Press, 1959), p. 42.

¹⁷Matthew B. Miles, "Planned Change and Organizational Health: Figure and Ground," Organizations and Human Behavior, ed.

Fred D. Carver and Thomas J. Sergiovanni (New York: McGraw-Hill Book Co., 1969), p. 236.

¹⁸Richard R. Perry and Frank W. Hull, The Organized Organization, (Toledo, Ohio, University of Toledo, 1971), p. 98.

through a chain of command delineated on a formal organizational chart. Rules are the extension of this authority into the routine of every day work. Impersonality is protected by careful record keeping and published handbooks which make individuals expendable to the organization. Impersonality aids discipline since, through a job description, the office and its duties are separated from the person and his preferences.¹⁹ Smith's study of the organizational structure of the school system in the city of Chicago revealed that the persons responsible for implementing decisions in the central office clearly saw advantages of efficiency in the bureaucratic arrangement.²⁰ Admittedly, group decision making was adversely affected by this arrangement.²¹

Relationship within a line and staff structure are based on the assumption that the staff is willing to function outside an authority structure and that the line will welcome and accept staff contributions. In fact, this is often not the case. Instead, there is conflict between line and staff officials due to the basic differences in the roles each group plays.²² The conflict is heightened in today's unionized environment where the hierarchy of positions within an educational organization is tightly controlled by union regulations. The professional teacher wants freedom and autonomy, but the bureaucratic structure re-

¹⁹Lane, op. cit., pp. 184, 185.

²⁰Richard Smith, "An Analysis of the Present Status and Historical Development of the Chicago Public School District Superintendency." (Unpublished doctoral dissertation, Northwestern University 1970), p. 97.

²¹Ibid.

²²Lane, op. cit., p. 270.

stricts group decisions to insure success in terms of the bureaucracy's goals.²³

If workers within a bureaucracy feel alienated and begin to resist the system, the hierarchy's power to control it will be threatened because superordinates are greatly dependent upon subordinates to achieve the organization's desired goals. Although the administrator's role is to apply the rules impartially to all, he is vulnerable to the strong opinions of his subordinates. Thus either a conflict results between the counter interests or the administrator develops a personal relationship with his subordinates as a defense. Conflict is especially true of schools where there is an inevitable clash between professional autonomy and bureaucratic authority.²⁴

5. Hierarchical organizations restrict the growth of job satisfaction.

A typical, formal organization contains a host of workers who are bored with their work and frustrated in their personal aspirations for achievement and self-fulfillment. Standardization in industry, for instance, has often destroyed the interest of the workman in his work and standardization in education could cause the same result.²⁵

Stratification satisfies the one who reaches the top but not those on the bottom. And, since positions become more limited the higher a person goes, many must fail in order that one may receive the promo-

²³Wilmer S. Cody, "The Administrator Looks at His Practice." Freedom, Bureaucracy, and Schooling, p. 99.

²⁴Owens and Steinhoff, op. cit., pp. 28-30.

²⁵Kliebard, op. cit., p. 83.

tion.²⁶ Hage, in his Axiomatic Theory of Organization, has shown that the above characteristics of hierarchical organizations may be formed into variables related to each other as formal characteristics independent of time, culture or organizational objective.²⁷ In any organization, the higher the proportion of jobs participating in decision making, the greater the production per year.²⁸ The higher the proportion of jobs that have detailed job descriptions, the less cost per unit of output per year.²⁹ And, the greater the difference in income and prestige among jobs within the organization, the greater the production.³⁰

Hage analyzes the negative characteristics of formal, hierarchical organizations in the following propositions: The greater the differences in income and prestige among jobs, the lower the satisfaction with working conditions and the higher the rate of turnover in job occupants.³¹ Also, the greater the difference in income and prestige among jobs, the lower the adaptiveness in terms of numbers of new programs and techniques per year.³²

²⁶Jerald Hage, "An Axiomatic Theory of Organizations," Organizations and Human Behavior, ed. Fred D. Carver and Thomas J. Sergiovanni (New York: McGraw-Hill Book Co., 1969), p. 95.

²⁷Ibid., pp. 91-94.

²⁸Ibid., p. 93.

²⁹Ibid.

³⁰Ibid.

³¹Ibid.

³²Ibid.

In summary, the very characteristics of formal, hierarchical organizations which make them productive and efficient cause serious internal problems which hinder job satisfaction and innovation. These positive and negative effects can be identified and evaluated in almost any type of human organization, and must be considered when proposing changes in organizational structure.

B. Relationship of Organizational Growth to Administration Growth

One of the major trends in society today is bureaucratic growth. Along with other institutions, education is becoming much more specialized, departmentalized and differentiated concerning goals, programs, buildings and personnel.³³ Carlson found that with the expansion of an organization, the administrative component becomes larger and larger in terms of the percentage of people employed in the organization. In other words, administration normally grows at a faster rate than the growth rate of the activity administered.³⁴ There are clear reasons for this phenomenon.

1. A growing organization demands stronger direction.

Effects of organizational growth relate to leadership patterns. Lane reports a study showing that with expansion of activities, demands upon the leader's role become more numerous, tolerance for a leader-centered guidance of the organization rises, and the group becomes more bureaucratic.³⁵

Walton shows that the overriding reason for administrative growth is the increase in size and complexity of an organization.³⁶

³³Harry J. Hartley, "Santayanan-Weberian Reason in Administration," Explorations in Educational Administration, ed. A. R. Crance, A. R. Thomas, (New York, Crane, Russak and Co., 1973), p. 279.

³⁴Carlson, op. cit., p. 44.

³⁵Lane, op. cit., p. 328.

³⁶Walton, op. cit., p. 43.

Brown's study found that the formation of new goals and the generation of additional resources within any organization results in new administrative positions.³⁷ Management is important in any organization but its importance increases as the organization's size increases. Increases in school size, for instance, can easily result in a reduction of the quality of instruction.³⁸ Management that effects an increase in the level of individual participation in the instructional process can transfer the educational advantages of the smaller school to the larger one.³⁹

The structure of management, therefore, should be the subject of careful analysis to assure its effective functioning.⁴⁰ Regular, systematic, analysis of administration should be as common in education as it is in any other type of organizations.⁴¹

Stroup says:

Bureaucracies are called into being whenever there are tremendously large social functions to be performed. The intermeshing of a complex economic order with features of freedom and control calls for bureaucratic arrangements. . . . Its continuancy is assured on the grounds that no other kind of social organization can take its place and do its work as effectively. With all its faults, it still is the one national, dependable way of meeting big social functions.⁴²

³⁷Daniel J. Brown, "Organizational Mobility of Educational administrators." (Unpublished Doctoral dissertation, University of Chicago, 1972,) pp. 2, 3.

³⁸W. J. Campbell, "School Size: Its Influence on Pupils" Explorations in Educational Administration, ed. W. G. Walker, A.R. Crance and A. Ross Thomas (New York, Crane Russak and Co., 1973) p. 41.

³⁹Campbell, op. cit., p. 44.

⁴⁰Ibid., p. 31.

⁴¹Ibid., p. 38

⁴²Stroup, op. cit., pp. 5, 6.

2. A growing organization generates a greater variety of activities.

Organizational growth causes an increase in variety, speed and urgency of what goes on within an organization.⁴³ Growth in numbers of administrators has come, historically, when enrollments have increased or the school has been pressured to examine its operations. Increase in administration size is also encouraged by adopting a business-like method of operation and accepting administrative organizational theory.⁴⁴

Criticism of administrative growth often neglects to consider the many-faceted, pressing needs of a growing organization. Research and development activities, necessary in our complex society today, are essentially administrative in character. The development and implementation of procedures to cope with large numbers of problems associated with materials and personnel must be the responsibility of administration.⁴⁵

In addition, a growing organization must maintain its health, that is, its ability to both function effectively and to develop into a more fully functioning system.⁴⁶ Improvement of the state of the organization's health must be the goal of organizational change so that the structure will not simply survive in its environment but will continue to adequately handle challenges over long periods of time.⁴⁷

⁴³Walton, op. cit., p. 43.

⁴⁴Perry and Hull, op. cit., pp. 22, 23.

⁴⁵Lane, op. cit., pp. 9, 10.

⁴⁶Miles, op. cit., p. 225.

⁴⁷Miles, op. cit., p. 231.

3. A growing organization produces an increased number of indirect tasks.

Carlson found through testing that expansion of the administrative hierarchy in organizations is not directly tied to the rate of growth in the quantity of items produced or, in the case of schools, in enrollment.⁴⁸ The reason for the production of increased indirect tasks is the sociopsychological fact that every individual who is part of a group wants attention. This desire for status with peers encourages the development of indirect tasks within each specialty. The number of these tasks, it is observed, tends to increase even though the ultimate number or quality of the products is actually declining.⁴⁹

Another factor in the production of indirect tasks is that organizational demands require additional administration, which, in turn, makes the organization more complex and in need of further administration.⁵⁰

Walton describes this phenomenon as follows:

The increase in the co-ordinating activity brought on by an increase in the size and complexity of the organization augments the number of activities to be co-ordinated. . . Or, in the words of Parkinson's Law, administrators create work for one another.⁵¹

New positions like these in administration, created to relieve administrative pressures, itself require the staffing of an office, the

⁴⁸Carlson, op. cit., p. 47.

⁴⁹Lane, op. cit., pp. 9, 10.

⁵⁰Walton, loc. cit.

⁵¹Ibid., pp. 101,102.

assignment of space, and the direction of activities in a way that will fit into the organization.⁵²

4. A growing organization requires structural change to maintain its health.

Miles defines a healthy organization as one which has a clear focus on its goals, adequate communication lines, optimal power equalization, proper utilization of its resources, cohesiveness, sufficient innovativeness, adaptability and problem-solving ability.⁵³

Unfortunately, it is all too typical of organizations to respond to slow, steady growth and its resulting stress by an over compensatory response in terms of vastly increased administrative growth leading to a collapse of the whole system.⁵⁴ What is needed is a careful study and analysis of the situation at the first signs of stress so that adjustments can be made to maintain a health organization.⁵⁵

Effective change management requires more than strategy based on intuition. There must first be an understanding of the process of educational change. Such understanding develops from familiarity with strategies of leadership and organizational politics along with practical experience with change.⁵⁶ Secondly, the change manager needs to concentrate on alterations that will have major impact on the organization and will seriously affect how the organization achieves its

⁵²Ibid.

⁵³Miles, op. cit., pp. 378 - 382.

⁵⁴Griffiths, op. cit., p. 167.

⁵⁵Miles, Loc. cit.

⁵⁶Baldrige and Deal, op. cit., pp 1 - 3.

goals.⁵⁷ Thirdly, the organizational chart must be unfrozen, the change introduced, and the chart refrozen to institutionalize the change and insure its long-range retention.⁵⁸ 29

C. The POSDCORB model of administration

At the end of the First World War, American business had made efficiency an overriding ethic, partly because of the writings of Luther Gulick and Lyndall Urwick. Urwick championed the concepts of responsibility delegation and six-subordinates per superior, making the bureaucratic principle of hierarchical structure even more routine than it had been. Gulick contributed the POSDCORB model of administrative behavior.⁵⁹

The POSDCORB model takes into account the characteristics of hierarchical organizations and can be used to analyze administrative pressures in a growing organization. The model does this since it identifies the principles of coordination and organization needing study whether it is a business, political or educational administration.⁶⁰ Gulick and Urwick state that "efficiency is. . . axiom number one in the value scale of administration, . . . the fundamental value upon which the science of administration may be erected."⁶¹

⁵⁷Ibid., p. 8

⁵⁸Owens, op. cit., p. 144

⁵⁹Monahan, op. cit., pp. 35, 36

⁶⁰Luther Gulick and Lyndall Urwick, Papers on the Science of Administration (New York: Institute of Public Administration, 1937), page 7.

⁶¹Ibid., pp. 192, 193

Assuming that efficiency is, in reality, highly important to administration, the POSDCORB model is well suited to administrative analysis. The seven functional elements of the model, along with a brief description of each, follow.

1. Planning.

The development of an organization's ability to make high-quality decisions about its affairs is necessary for the improvement of the organization's effectiveness.⁶² This decision-making ability is one evidence of organizational health and requires that accepted, achievable institutional goals be formulated and clarified for the system members.⁶³

A major role, therefore, of an administrator is to see that someone takes the responsibility of forming specific plans of action. Such plans of action flow from the prior formulation of a policy.⁶⁴ If the organization is to be effective, there must be a clear separation between policy formation and administrative action.⁶⁵

2. Organizing.

Organizing has been defined as the arrangement of employees as they relate to time, space, materials and function so they can perform their work optimally and without interfering with one another.⁶⁶

⁶²Owens, op. cit., pp. 100, 101

⁶³Miles, op. cit., pp. 212, 213

⁶⁴Lane, op. cit., p. 307

⁶⁵Walton, op. cit., p. 53

⁶⁶Ibid., p. 90

Or as Miles states,

An adequate organization has well developed structures and procedures for sensing the existence of problems, for inventing possible solutions, for deciding on the solutions, for implementing them, and for evaluating their effectiveness.⁶⁷

To organize any group to fulfill the functions of optimal production and problem-solving, it is necessary to involve the full potential of the group's resources and make maximum use of the knowledge and experience of its members.⁶⁸ The harnessing of resources can be accomplished through delegation of responsibility.⁶⁹ Without proper delegation, an administrator spends his strength in routine matters to the degree that he simply does not have the nervous energy or freshness of mind to lead in the determination of central issues of policy.⁷⁰ The organization, in such a case, is deprived of his leadership in matters where his qualifications are most needed.⁷¹

Pax has shown that delegation is among those principles of organization least applied in educational administrative organizations, although it is an essential means of accomplishing administrative tasks.⁷²

⁶⁷Miles, op. cit., p. 235.

⁶⁸C. H. Barry and F. Tye, Running A School (New York, Schwecken Books, 1973), p. 103.

⁶⁹Ibid.

⁷⁰Algo D. Henderson, Policies and Practices in Higher Education, (New York: Harper and Bros., 1960), pp 237, 238.

⁷¹Ibid.

⁷²Robert E. Pax, "An Analysis of Junior College Administrative Organization" (unpublished Doctoral dissertation, University of Southern California, 1963), pp. 76, 230, 291.

The failure to apply delegation to organizational demands may be due to the fact that delegation bestows certain powers to the subordinate which a superior seeks to control.⁷³ In addition, delegation creates a situation wherein the superior's success depends on the work of his subordinate.⁷⁴

The organization should be constructed in a way that breaks down executive action into manageable units so that responsibility is shared.⁷⁵ One administrative form that accomplishes the decentralization of authority in larger schools is the appointment of a team of two or three assistant administrators, each delegated responsibility for particular aspects of the school's work.⁷⁶

3. Staffing

Staffing is the administrative responsibility of selecting individuals for positions within an educational organization. For this selection to be appropriate, the educational administrator should have clear understandings of the school's purpose, the specialties needed to contribute to the fulfillment of those purposes, and the qualifications of those who apply.⁷⁷ The administrator must also consider that one of the largest production costs to an organization is personnel time.⁷⁸

⁷³Lane, op. cit., pp. 206, 246.

⁷⁴Ibid., p. 245.

⁷⁵Barry and Tye, op. cit., pp 57 - 58.

⁷⁶Ibid.

⁷⁷Walton, op. cit., pp. 97 - 98.

⁷⁸Baldrige and Deal, op. cit., p. 31.

If personnel cannot be obtained because they are unavailable or cannot be afforded by the organization, even the best innovation will fail.⁷⁹

Pax found that additional staff should be the first consideration for an overloaded administrator rather than additional line positions which might tend to produce organizational imbalance.⁸⁰

4. Directing.

The responsibility to direct activities in an organization requires knowledge of its activities and also of their reciprocal relations.⁸¹ The administrator must be able to predict the consequences of acts carried out by his direction.⁸²

As organizations grow in complexity, it is increasingly necessary to direct and foresee the results of that direction by the control of a certain number of functions under one administrator. The number of departments under an individual's direction should be in proportion to his ability to supervise them adequately.⁸³ In other words, there is a practical limit to the number of individuals one administrator can direct. This number, or span of control, was set at five or, at the most, six by Urwick.⁸⁴ In his study of nine selected junior colleges in Florida,

⁷⁹Ibid.

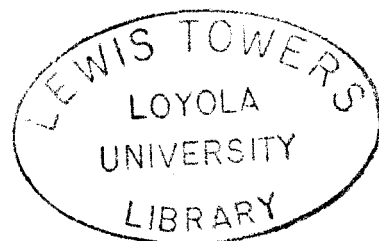
⁸⁰Pax, op. cit., pp. 84, 85, 307, 308.

⁸¹Walton, op. cit., p. 99.

⁸²Walton, loc. cit.

⁸³Lane, op. cit., p. 11.

⁸⁴Gulick and Urwick, op. cit., p. 7.



Burnette found that the administrators he surveyed averaged a span of control of 3.89 persons with a progressive increase in the average span as the size of the colleges surveyed increased.⁸⁵ These studies show there are realistic horizontal limits to the flow of authority in a hierarchical organization.

5. Coordinating

An imperative need within complex organizations is for coordination of activities that have been sub-divided into units to be performed by employees.⁸⁶ Specialized activities must be integrated into a consistent program accomplishing the organization's purpose.⁸⁷ The need for coordination is no less true in higher education organizations where the administrator's role has changed from policy and decision-making to coordinating activities through consultation with students, faculty, board members and the general public.⁸⁸ Unfortunately, the time thus spent makes it difficult for administrators to make quick responses to urgent needs.⁸⁹ Coordination often deals with what appears to be trivia, but in actuality, the so-called trivia of an organization are vital to its survival.⁹⁰

Conditions necessary for effective coordination include a proper

⁸⁵Burnette, op. cit., p. 178.

⁸⁶Anderson, op. cit., p. 1.

⁸⁷Lane, op. cit., p. 184.

⁸⁸Dressel, op. cit., p. 9.

⁸⁹Ibid.

⁹⁰Walton, op. cit., p. 113.

structure to facilitate the coordinating process, the authority and power of decision-making on the part of the administrator and communication.⁹¹ Concerning the last condition for effective coordination communication, Miles states:

In the healthy organization there is good and prompt sensing of internal strains; there are enough data about problems of the system to insure that a good diagnosis of difficulties can be made. People have the information they need and they have⁹² gotten it without exerting undue efforts.

Communication, then is vital to adequate coordinative processes within the organization. However, the ease with which communication proceeds upwards or downwards in a hierarchy depends greatly on the content of the message and on the degree to which the message threatens the relationships between the communicators.⁹³

6. Reporting.

The reporting function of the administrative process deals with the travel of information upward within an organization.⁹⁴ If the organization is healthy, subordinates can communicate with influence to their superior and their superior can do the same to his boss.⁹⁵

⁹¹Ibid., p. 114

⁹²Miles, op. cit., p. 232.

⁹³A. R. Crane, "Communication within a Bureaucratic Organizational Framework," Explorations in Educational Administration, ed W. G. Walker, A. R. Crance, and A. Ross Thomas, (New York, Crane, Russak and Co., 1973) p. 66.

⁹⁴Lane, op. cit., pp. 118, 119.

⁹⁵Niles, op. cit., pp. 232, 233

Participants in the reporting function sense a spirit of collaboration when their reports influence decision making.⁹⁶

If for some reason reporting is blocked in the formal channels, new channels will be established by subordinates which can become status threats to supervisors and vehicles for petty grievances and gripes.⁹⁷ Blocking tends to occur with greater frequency the taller the administrative structure becomes since individuals usually are less informed as hierarchical levels increase.⁹⁸ Pax found strong agreement among Junior college administrators that the number of administrative levels should be kept to a minimum in relation to an organization's size and complexity.⁹⁹

The minimum number of levels in an organization for effective administration may be determined by weighing the advantages of reducing the span of control by adding another layer of management against the disadvantages of the added difficulties in communication resulting from a taller administrative structure.¹⁰⁰ It should be kept in mind, however, that while strict adherence to a span of control of six or seven may lengthen official channels, it may also

⁹⁶Ibid.

⁹⁷Ibid., pp. 120, 121.

⁹⁸Ibid.

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Pax, op. cit., pp. 70, 118.

¹⁰⁰Ernest Dale, Planning and Developing the Company Organization Structure, (New York Research Report No. 20, American Management Association, 1959), p. 72.

multiply and open channels of personal communication.¹⁰¹

7. Budgeting.

Gulick's final principle of organization, budgeting, refers to the authority to approve financial plans and/or actual expenditures to implement educational programs. Scientific management of financial resources in educational organizations is demanded by the scarcity of funds in many schools.¹⁰² Many programs fail because they are unrealistic in terms of planning in light of the organizations' financial resources.¹⁰³

Often, budgets are developed on the basis of expenditures for on-going school programs with little or no attention to defining the goals of those programs.¹⁰⁴ In a program approach to budgeting, the first step is to specify the school's objectives and subdivide elements.¹⁰⁵ Burnette has shown that administrators' perceptions of who has the responsibility for initiating and approving departmental

¹⁰¹Lyndall Urwick, Notes in the Theory of Organization, (New York: American Management Association, 1952), pp. 56, 57.

¹⁰²Baldrige, op. cit., p. 292.

¹⁰³Ibid.

¹⁰⁴Harry J. Hartley, "Santayanan-Weverian Reason in Administration." Explorations in Educational Administration, ed. W. G. Walker, A. R. Crane and A. Ross Thomas (New York, Crane, Russak and Co., 1973), p. 284.

¹⁰⁵Ibid.

budgets within the organizations of selected public Junior colleges in Florida varied widely.¹⁰⁶ The failure to identify those responsible for budgeting may be partly due to his related finding that job descriptions for administrators in these colleges spell out duties far more than indicating authority and/or responsibility.¹⁰⁷

The POSDCORB model, as analyzed above, will be used to identify and study elements in the educational administrative structure of the Bible colleges under investigation which may be impeding healthy organizational growth.

D. Factors Relating to Organizational Change

Katz and Kahn have called systemic change "the most powerful method of changing a human organization."¹⁰⁸ In his study of a comprehensive change of educational systems at a large suburban school district Williams found that the reorganization promoted positive attitudes toward the educational program on the part of both faculty and students.¹⁰⁹

¹⁰⁶Horace J. Burnette, "An Analysis of the Internal Organizational Structures of Selected Public Junior Colleges in Florida" (unpublished Doctoral dissertation, University of Florida, 1966), p.32.

¹⁰⁷Ibid., p. 108.

¹⁰⁸Daniel Katz and Robert Kahn, Organizational change, Managing change in Educational Organizations, (Berkely, California, McCutchan Publishing Cor., 1975), p. 72.

¹⁰⁹Gerald Williams, "The Effects of Internal School Reorganization upon Selected Teacher Attitudes, Selected Student Attitudes and Teacher Morale." Unpublished doctoral dissertation, Northwestern University, 1972) p. 95.

While the investigator, and to an extent, the initiator of systemic change at Moody Bible Institute is serving as an internal consultant, there are advantages to this arrangement. An insider possesses insight not possible to someone outside the organization because an outsider can easily fail to understand the dynamics of the local situation.¹¹⁰ In addition, an internal consultant has both an ego-investment to see that his recommendations are carried out and a channel to implement them.¹¹¹

¹¹⁰ Baldridge, op. cit., pp. 284, 285.

¹¹¹ Ibid.

S U M M A R Y

Characteristics of hierarchical organizations have both positive and negative facets which must be considered in any study of proposed organizational change. There are clear reasons for the growth of administration at a faster rate than that of the organization itself and refusal to recognize this can lead to serious malfunctions in service to its constituency. The review of Gillick's administrative principles reveals areas of important administrative functions on which this study of organizational structure will focus.

CHAPTER III

ANALYSIS AND INTERPRETATION OF THE DATA

The study of five selected Bible College administrations is designed to propose changes in their organizational structure that will facilitate the achievement of their academic goals.

In this chapter, the findings obtained from case studies of five Bible Colleges selected from the sixty-one member schools of the American Association of Bible Colleges are reported and analyzed. The analysis is organized under the case study method and incorporates results of current research in educational administration. Charts and tables which summarized the data obtained from each section of the questionnaire are included.

The steps of the case study method used in the following analysis of Bible College administrations are,

- (A). Data determining inadequacies in the administration of selected Bible Colleges.
- (B). Data determining causes or circumstances associated with inadequacies in the administration of selected Bible Colleges.
- (C). Data determining the presence or absence of probable causes of inadequate administration in selected Bible Colleges.
- (D). Data describing the application of remedial measures at Moody Bible Institute to adjust causes of inadequate administration.
- (E). Data remeasuring the administration of the educational branch of Moody Bible Institute.

During the period from February through July, 1975, the campuses of the five schools were visited for at least a two day period in each case. A personal conference with the chief academic officer or officers of each school was held, at least one class was attended and students and faculty members were interviewed whenever it was possible to do so. The questionnaire included in the appendix was submitted to each officer with an explanation of its purpose and form and a request for cooperation in its completion. All were returned completed.

By the courtesy of the American Association of Bible Colleges, permission was granted to examine formally constituted and published materials relating to each school. These materials included the report of the most recent Self-Evaluation performed by the College itself and the Self-Evaluation Report written by a committee of the association after an evaluative visit to the school.

For the purpose of the following analysis an adequate administration is defined as one which encourages stability or growth in school enrollment, maintains a faculty-student ratio of no more than one to sixteen, maintains a teaching load of no more than twelve hours per semester and enlists faculty members having an increasing average number of years of post high school training.

(A) . DATA DETERMINING INADEQUACIES IN THE ADMINISTRATION
OF SELECTED BIBLE COLLEGES

1. Philadelphia College of the Bible

The Philadelphia College of the Bible is the result of a merger of the Bible Institute of Pennsylvania founded in 1895 and the Philadelphia School of the Bible founded in 1914. At the time of this study it enrolled 628 students who were served by 46 faculty members.¹

Its campus is located in the center city section of Philadelphia on both sides of the 1800 block of Arch Street. Its main building of nine floors houses the cafeteria, classrooms and gymnasium. The appeal of the campus lies in its proximity to cultural and historical institutions rather than in the buildings and grounds normally associated with such a school.²

The college's organizational plan is indicated in chart A. The President is the chief administrator but has delegated authority for the operation of the academic areas and the maintenance of faculty effectiveness, efficiency and morale to the Academic Dean. A Treasurer, Development Director, and Dean of Students, round out the Administrative team.

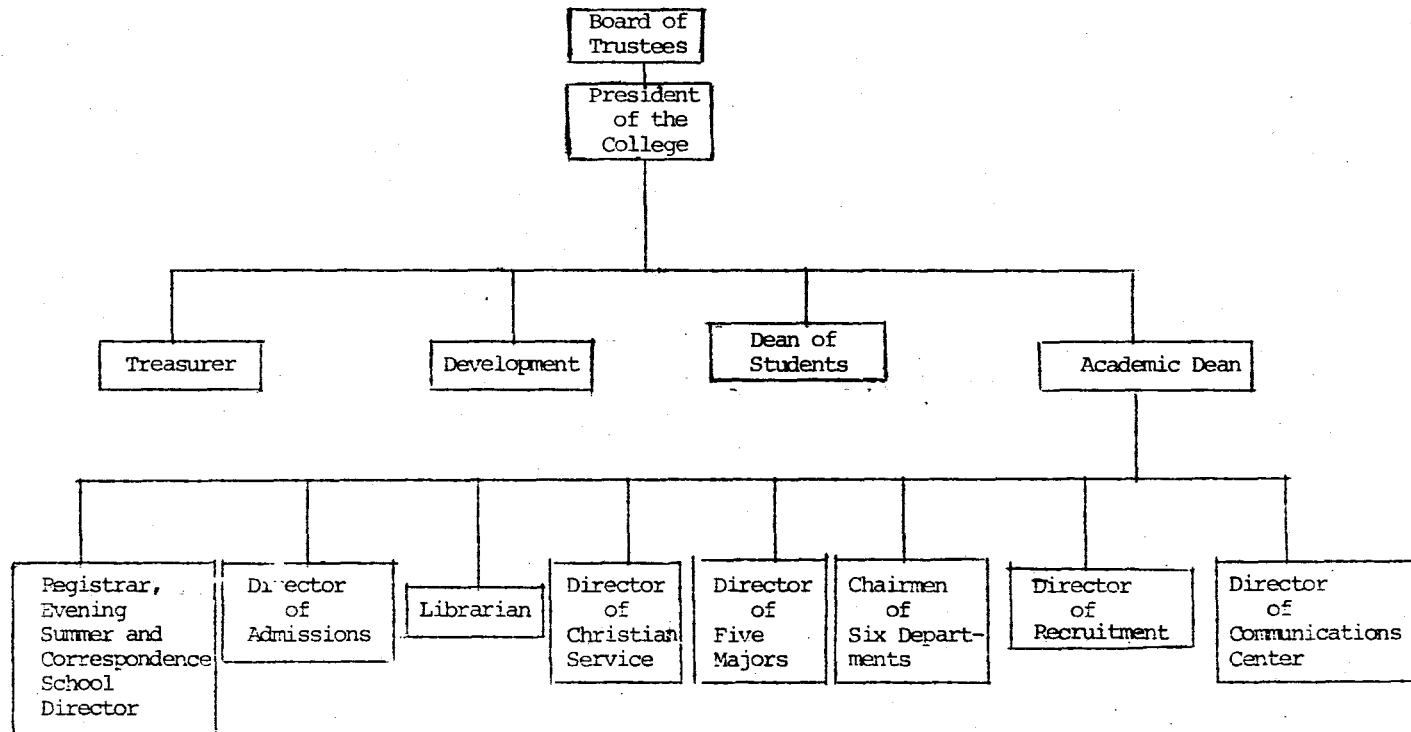
During his visit to the campus, the investigator was impressed with the location of the school just across the street from the beautiful Center Mall of Philadelphia. Its two main buildings are well maintained and furnished. Annual reports submitted by the College to the

¹Annual Report, American Association of Bible Colleges, 1975.

²Catalog, Philadelphia College of the Bible, 1975, page 21.

CHART A

ORGANIZATIONAL CHART OF PHILADELPHIA COLLEGE OF THE BIBLE



American Association of Bible Colleges indicate that in the last 10 years, enrollment has grown from 555 to 628.³ The faculty-student ratio at the College is one to thirteen point six according to the Annual Reports of the American Association of Bible Colleges. This ratio compares with the average of one to sixteen point two for the entire Association⁴ and indicates an awareness within the administration of the positive relationship between low class sizes and effective student-teacher communication.

At the time of its decennial evaluation by a committee of the accrediting association, the evaluators reported that,

the academic dean seems to be especially competent and effective in his role. . . Internal communication seems to be excellent. Mutual confidence seems to prevail.⁵

The investigator has also discovered indications of inadequate administration at Philadelphia College of the Bible. An interview with one faculty member revealed that no housing information had been provided or was available when he accepted a teaching position at the school. He considered the lack of this information to be symptomatic of a generally careless attitude toward items of faculty welfare.

³Annual Reports, American Association of Bible Colleges, 1966 - 1976.

⁴Annual Report, American Association of Bible Colleges, 1975.

⁵Re-Evaluation Report of the Philadelphia College of the Bible, American Association of Bible Colleges, 1972, p. 6.

Another faculty member disclosed that it was not uncommon to be assigned 14 or more teaching hours per semester, although twelve hours is considered a normal load at most Bible Colleges.⁶ This remark was corroborated by the investigator through examination of the College's most recent self-evaluation report which states that,

the ordinary teaching load for a full-time
faculty member ranges between 12 and 14
semester hours.⁷

Even under the pressure of a limited budget, an effective educational administration could allocate resources and restructure the curriculum to prevent larger than normal teaching loads.

The average years of faculty post-high school training has decreased in the past ten years from 8.5 in 1966 to 8.1 in 1976.⁸ This decrease indicates the possible lack of a strong faculty recruitment program by the academic administration.

The Accrediting Association evaluators found that the ratio of Philadelphia College of the Bible graduates on the faculty compared to graduates from other colleges is over one to three. The evaluating committee termed this "institutional over-loading and inbreeding."⁹ Further they state:

⁶Interviews in July, 1975.

⁷Self-Evaluation Report, Philadelphia College of the Bible, 1972, p. 41.

⁸Annual Report, American Association of Bible Colleges, 1975.

⁹Ibid, page 8.

Many Bible college educators would agree that Bible college graduates who have taken further work in other institutions are the best kind of faculty to recruit because of their understanding of the philosophy of the institution and the movement. However, those graduates would not necessarily have to be Philadelphia College of the Bible alumni.¹⁰

This situation of institutional inbreeding appears to result from a failure of the college administration to locate or attract a sufficient number of applicants to the faculty having varied backgrounds of college training. The high ratio of Philadelphia College of the Bible graduates to those from other colleges is a limiting factor in providing students with breadth of understanding in the various subjects offered. The institutional inbreeding could be over come by choosing the great majority of faculty members from schools other than the Philadelphia College of the Bible over a specified period of time.

The committee of the Accrediting Association evaluating the college in 1972 also reported that,

some faculty still evidence very transmissive and memorization oriented teaching styles. This is particularly true in Bible and Theology where teaching in some cases becomes the memorization of massive prepared notes which take on verbal form in the class room.¹¹

¹⁰Ibid., page 8

¹¹Ibid., page 11

The evident lack of attention given to methodological development of the faculty in workshops and seminars indicates a breakdown in normal administration - directed in-service training.

2. Grand Rapids Baptist College

Grand Rapids Baptist College was established in 1963 as an educational arm of the General Association of Regular Baptist Churches. It became a member of the American Association of Bible Colleges in 1964.

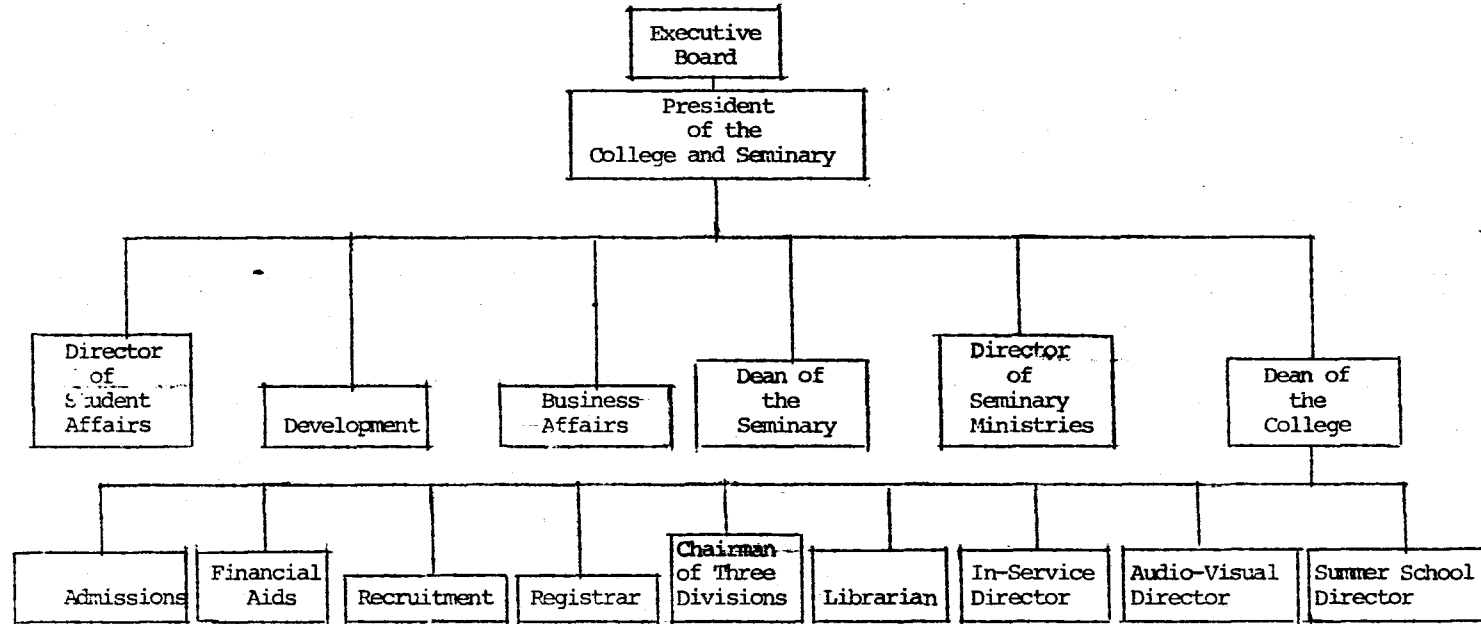
The college is located in Grand Rapids, Michigan, a quiet sprawling city of 200,000 in western Michigan. Fifty churches of the regular Baptist denomination are located within a thirty-five mile radius of the school making its location ideal for contracts between students and the kind of churches they will some day serve. The college campus occupies one hundred acres four miles from downtown Grand Rapids. Its thirteen buildings are separated by broad expanses of green grass and trees.

The college's organizational chart is found in Chart B. The President is the chief executive officer of the college and has authority to plan, administer and develop the programs of instructions.¹² The Dean of the College is the administrative officer responsible for implementing the academic program. An unusual organizational feature is the administrative committee made up of nine administrators responsible for the internal affairs of the college.

¹²Self-Evaluation Report, Grand Rapids, Baptist College, 1973, page 8

CHART B

ORGANIZATIONAL CHART OF GRAND RAPIDS BAPTIST COLLEGE



On his visit to the campus, the investigator was pleased to note the excellent quality of the physical facilities. Buildings are uniformly of recent construction and well maintained. The investigator was courteously treated and sensed a spirit of enthusiastic growth.

College enrollment has increased from 375 in 1965 to 784 in 1975.¹³ A class attended by the investigator was taught by a well prepared instructor who involved the class in meaningful learning and discussion of the material assigned for that period.

However, careful examination of the college dean's job description revealed the potential for problems in that no less than twenty-nine distinct duties were listed as responsibilities for this position. These ranged from advising the vice-president in matters of college policy to being, ex-officio, a member of all faculty committees.¹⁴

Fortunately, the chairmen of the divisions of Bible, Humanities and Science are given considerable authority and, therefore, can alleviate some of the responsibilities of the dean. Divisional chairman recommend specific course assignments of teachers in their division and revisions in existing courses. They also assist the dean in recruiting faculty additions, supervise the orientation of new faculty and prepare the annual division budget for recommendation to the dean.¹⁵

¹³Annual Reports, American Association of Bible Colleges, 1966 - 1976.

¹⁴Self-Evaluation Report, Grand Rapids, Baptist College, 1973, pp. 10, 11.

¹⁵Ibid, p. 12.

In his personal interview with the dean, the investigator's suspicion that the position had more responsibility than could be reasonably fulfilled by one person was strengthened. The dean indicated that his duties were, indeed, numerous and the brevity of time granted for the interview was a clue to administrative pressures he may have felt.

The investigator discovered some clear indications of inadequate administration in his study of published materials of the Accrediting Association and from his discussions with staff members at the school.

The faculty-student ratio, one to sixteen point two for the entire Association, is one to twenty-one point seven at Grand Rapids Baptist College. In addition, the Faculty's average years of post-high school training decreased from seven point eight to six point five from 1966 to 1974.¹⁶ Assuming that faculty-student ratio and years of post high school training are measures of quality, it seems evident that the administration has failed to locate and secure a sufficient number of qualified teachers to provide quality education for the students.

The Self-Study, conducted by the school for its decennial evaluation, showed that 15% of teacher credit hours in 1970 were spent

¹⁶Annual Reports, American Association of Bible Colleges, 1966 - 1976.

in classes with more than 50 students enrolled.¹⁷ A personal interview with a faculty member revealed that he had recently taught a class of over 100 and that even larger sizes were not uncommon.¹⁸ The presence of these large class sizes implies an administrative disregard for the conclusion of educational research that increase in class size adversely affects teacher-student communication.

A further evidence of inordinately heavy faculty responsibilities is the Self-Study's report of teaching load for the school year of 1971-72. Of the twenty-two faculty members who carried full-time teaching loads and no administrative duties, four had at least one semester with 15 hours of teaching assigned and two had at least one semester of 16 hours.¹⁹ Since the other full time teaching faculty averaged 12 hours of teaching per semester in the same year, there appears to have been either a failure of the administration to provide sufficient teachers to adequately care for the academic program or a failure to divide teaching responsibilities equally. It is probable that teacher morale suffered when such a disparity of teaching load existed.

The Re-Evaluation Report of the College conducted by an evaluating committee of the American Association of Bible Colleges supported

¹⁷Self-Evaluation Report, Grand Rapids, Baptist College, 1973, p. 75.

¹⁸Interview in July, 1975.

¹⁹Ibid., p. 76.

the investigators findings by the following statement:

In terms of the number of classes listed for the Fall of 1973, the college does not have a sufficient number of faculty members either part-time or full-time to carry out this program. The teaching load of several faculty members exceeds the normal limits of 12 semester hours.²⁰

This unrealistic assignment of teaching hours could easily result in a breakdown of effective teacher productivity.

Other evidences of inadequate administration at Grand Rapids Baptist College as pointed out by the evaluators include the fact that at the time of their investigation the school's Registrar was not academically prepared for his position, was enrolled for eight quarter hours at a State University, was scheduled to teach nine semester hours and served as Director of Admissions and Financial Aids Officer for the college as well.²¹

An examination of student transcripts by the committee revealed that "B" was the average grade at the college rather than "C". Specifically, the grade print-out showed "B" outnumbering "C" by 1103 to 720.²² Clear communication to faculty of the definition of "C" as an average grade could reverse the above situation.

Transcripts were missing from several of the faculty folders on

²⁰Re-Evaluation Report of the Grand Rapids Baptist College,
American Association of Bible Colleges, 1973, p. 12

²¹Ibid., p. 7.

²²Ibid., p. 8.

file in the academic dean's office. Records also indicated that some faculty were employed as teachers without the receipt in the dean's office of the stipulated letters of references.²³

The above data are evidence that the administration has been inadequate to deal with significant areas of educational concern at Grand Rapids Baptist College.

3. Central Bible College

The Central Bible College was founded in 1922 by the General Council of The Assemblies of God in the basement of a denominational building housing just two classrooms. Two years later, the present 32 acre campus was purchased and a student body of 132 occupied a new building on that site. Three other schools merged with Central Bible College in 1929, 1953 and 1954 adding to the school's rapid growth.²⁴

The college is located near the summit of the Ozark Mountains plateau in Springfield, Missouri, a city of 100,000 in central Missouri. The campus is on the north border line of the city, readily accessible to business places, churches and employment, but sufficiently apart to provide ideal conditions for study. Nine main buildings house offices, classrooms and student activities and also provide dormitory space for the resident students.²⁵

The college's organizational plan is shown in Chart C. The Board of Directors carries out its program and controls the school through the President who is the College's chief executive officer. A

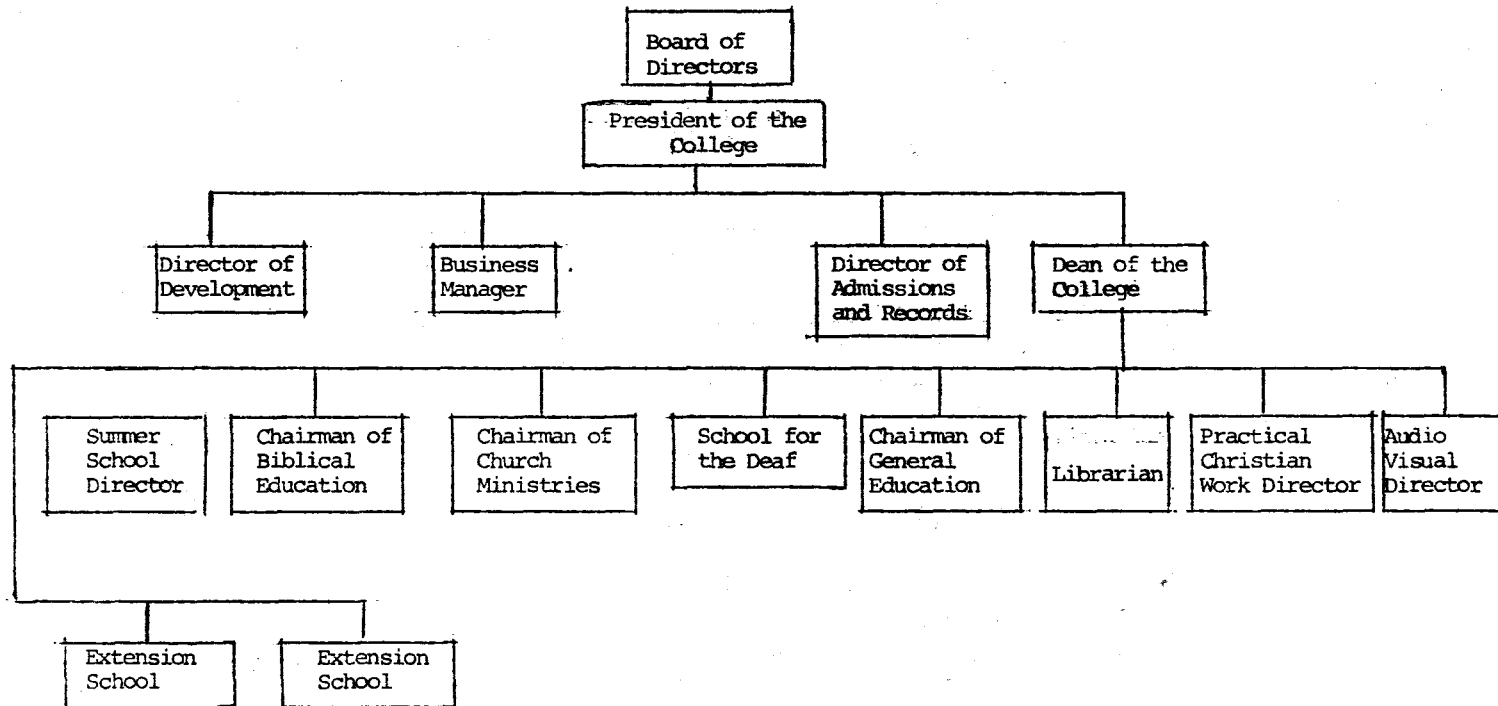
²³Ibid., p. 13.

²⁴Catalog, Central Bible College, 1975, p. 19.

²⁵Ibid., p. 20.

CHART C

ORGANIZATIONAL CHART OF CENTRAL BIBLE COLLEGE



unique feature of Central Bible College's academic organization is the existence of an internal "Board of Administration" composed of the President, Academic Dean, Director of Admissions and Records, Business Manager and Director of Development.²⁶

During his visit to the campus, the investigator noted a forward-looking spirit among the administrators and enthusiasm over growth in enrollment from 535 in 1965 to 1,139 in 1975.²⁷ The academic buildings are, for the most part, modern and well-equipped although they are somewhat cramped on a small campus. He visited a number of class sessions and was impressed positively with the quality of teaching observed. His discussions with students indicated a generally favorable attitude toward the school and the academic administration. In the last ten years, the faculty's average years of post-high school training has increased from 6.8 to 7.2.²⁸ The quality of training was evidently high enough to attract growing number of students.

An interview with the academic dean, however, uncovered some serious administrative weaknesses. The primary inadequacy, in the investigator's opinion, was the lack of counseling opportunities for students due to the combining of the positions of the Dean of Students and the academic Dean in one person. Although, the constitution of the school provides for a Dean of Students, there was no movement to correct this deficiency in a school of 1,100 students. A part-time counselor

²⁶Self-Evaluation Report, Central Bible College, 1975, p.16.

²⁷Annual Reports, American Association of Bible Colleges, 1965-76.

²⁸Ibid.

assigned to care for student needs also has the responsibility for teaching and computing students' grade point averages. Students contacted by the investigator indicated they had difficulty arranging appointments with the counselor because of his heavy schedule. It would appear that the school's high moral entrance requirements have influenced administrators in their decision to deny students the counselling services found in similar schools.

The interview also revealed that the academic dean had never visited the college's extension campuses since assuming his duties the year before. The dean felt that his preoccupation with the student services normally cared for by a Dean of Students was the reason he was not able to provide regular supervision of the extension program. As a consequence, college credit subjects are being offered at these locations with no supervision of the faculty involved and no local control over content and methodology.

Statistics provided by the American Association of Bible Colleges show that the faculty-student ratio at Central is one to twenty-four point two compared with the association average of one to sixteen point two. Research has shown that the resulting large class sizes adversely affect the teacher-student interaction essential to learning.

The Re-Evaluation Report of a committee of the American Association of Bible Colleges noted two further evidences of inadequate administration. The academic dean reported to the evaluators that any teaching load up to and including sixteen hours per semester was considered normal.²⁹

²⁹ Re-Evaluation Report of The Central Bible College,
American Association of Bible Colleges, 1975, p. 22

The college's Self-Evaluation Report corroborates the findings of the committee in that the full-time teachers averaged a teaching load of 13.9 hours in the fall semester of 1973.³⁰ In light of the customary effort made by similar schools to maintain a load of twelve hours per semester for regular teaching members of faculty, it appears that sufficient efforts have not been made to enlist faculty in adequate numbers for the school size.

The evaluating committee found only limited encouragement being given to professional growth by way of observation and counsel.³¹ The lack of supervision at the main campus parallels a similar deficiency at the extension campuses. The fact that the Academic Dean is responsible for many of the duties normally assigned to a Dean of Students is a contributing factor to the reported lack of sufficient observation and counsel. The lack of a Dean of Students, the faculty-student ratio and the teaching load are evidences of organizational deficiencies.

4. Biola College

Biola College was founded in 1908 as the Bible Institute of Los Angeles. For the first forty-one years of its history the curricula were composed primarily of Biblically oriented courses. In 1949, a serious development of programs of arts and sciences began and the school changed its name to Biola College.³²

³⁰Self-Evaluation Report, Central Bible College, 1975, p. 44.

³¹Re-Evaluation Report of the Central Bible College American Association of Bible Colleges, 1975, p. 22.

³²Catalog, Biola College, 1973, p. 18.

Biola is located in La Mirada, California, a residential community of 28,000, twenty-two miles southeast of downtown Los Angeles. There are four large instructional buildings housing classrooms, auditoriums and offices in addition to the library, cafeteria, student union, gymnasium, chapel and residence halls.³³ All are of recent construction. Even the casual visitor to the Biola campus cannot help but be impressed by the excellence of the facilities and the beauty of the grounds. The college is fortunate to be in a position to combine a long history of effective Christian education with a spectacular new campus.

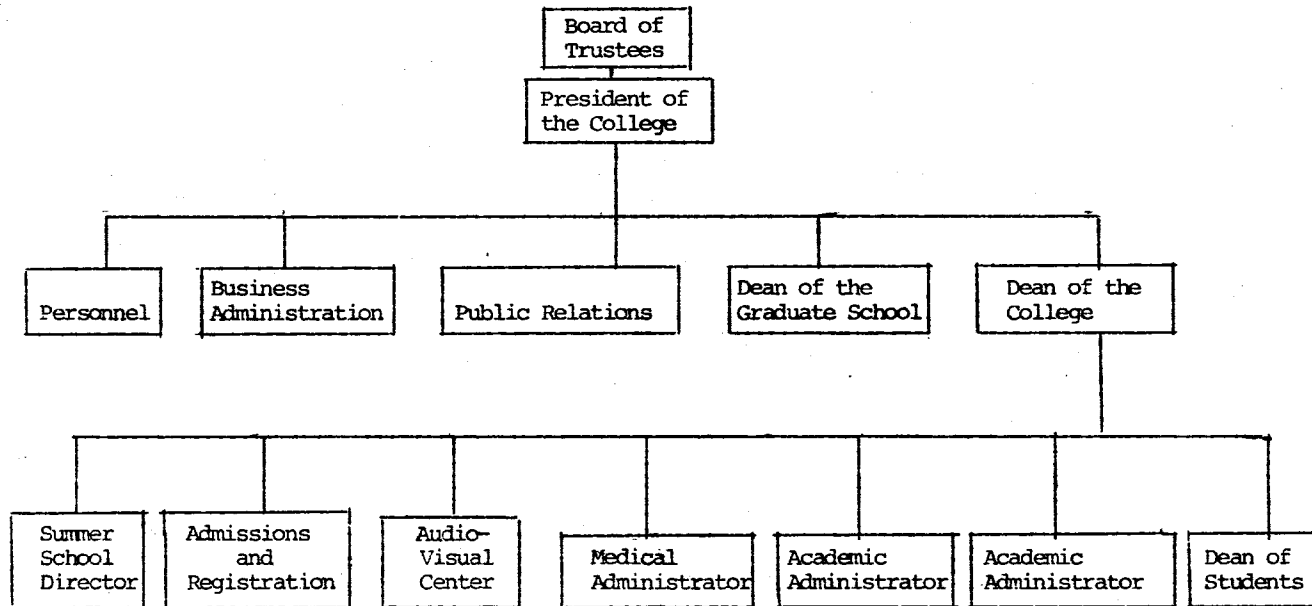
The college's organizational chart is found in Chart D. The President is the chief academic officer but he is served by an academic dean and, under the dean, two additional academic administrators. A distinctive feature of this chart compared with the others under study is the placement of two academic administrators under the academic dean. The result of this arrangement is an academic leadership team of three under the President. The administrative work load can be apportioned to relieve pressures on the academic dean. A non-academic branch under the president cares for business and public relations matters.

Annual reports submitted to the accrediting association reveal a growth in college enrollments from 1,166 in 1966 to 2,248 in 1976. The average years of faculty post-high school training has increased by 1.59 years from 6.91 to 8.50 during the same period of time. The 1.59 years results in a twenty-three percent increase and is the largest increase among the schools under study. The increase indicates that the administration has actively encouraged faculty members to engage in

³³ Ibid., p. 19.

CHART D

ORGANIZATIONAL CHART OF BIOLA COLLEGE



on-the-job training and has also replaced faculty members with those having more years of academic training. Growth in college enrollment and years of faculty post-high school training are evidences of a high quality of education offered at Biola College compared with the other schools under study.

The faculty-student ratio is one to fifteen point six.³⁴ This ratio is below the average of Bible College Association schools and is an indication of a deliberate administrative policy to keep class sizes at a number where there is ample opportunity for teacher-student interaction.

The investigator did not discover indications of inadequate administration at Biola College of the kind or quantity found at the other schools in this study. In his personal interviews with the academic dean and the academic administrators, the same questions asked at the other schools did not reveal pressures of responsibilities that were more than could be reasonably fulfilled by the respondent. They did not reflect any major student or academic service that was not being fulfilled because of lack of personnel in key locations. The college has clear, current job descriptions. Members of the administrative team were, without exception, positive about the communication channels that obtained between them and the accomplishment of academic goals.³⁵ It is apparent that credit for the above indications of effective administration goes,

³⁴ Annual Reports, American Association of Bible Colleges, 1966-76.

³⁵ Interviews in July, 1975.

in large part, to the organizational structure which incorporates assistants to the academic dean.

The college's Self-Evaluation Report reflects an administrative organizational change that was made effective in the fall of 1973. The academic dean's span of control was reduced from thirteen to seven and the administrative load equalized among the seven positions.³⁶

Careful study of the decennial Re-Evaluation Report by a committee of the American Association of Bible Colleges corroborates the investigator's findings. The evaluators stated that,

The governing documents of administration point to the competence of the administrators. The Faculty Handbook, with its organizational chart, job descriptions, outline of faculty qualifications, duties and welfare, is a model of administrative excellence. . . Faculty meetings concern matters of major importance within the institution and keep abreast of educational developments in the world at large. . . It appears that communications are good between faculty, staff and trustees.³⁷

Concerning faculty welfare, the committee of evaluators found that morale was uniformly high in all members contacted. Salaries were acceptable and no unsatisfactory tenure and dismissal policies were observed. Faculty organization was adequate in size, quality and structure for the needs of the school.³⁸

The apparent lack of administrative inadequacies at Biola College will be considered at the point in the study when causes of such

³⁶Self-Evaluation Report, Biola College, 1974, p. 30:

³⁷Re-Evaluation Report of Biola College, American Association of Bible Colleges, 1974, p. 9.

³⁸Ibid. p. 14.

inadequacies are examined.

5. Moody Bible Institute

The origin of Moody Bible Institute must go back to the vision of one man, Evangelist Dwight L. Moody. As he traveled through America and Europe in the latter half of the nineteenth century, he saw that theological schools were not meeting the need for Christian workers who would be trained to meet the needs of the masses of poor people inside and outside of the established church. He said,

"I believe we have got to have gap-men; men to stand between the laity and the ministers; men who are trained to do city mission work."³⁹

Moody's school was chartered a year later in 1887. The first building was formally opened in 1889 on property at Chicago Avenue and La Salle Street. Because of its interdenominational nature, funds came from many groups and all parts of America. Concentrated Bible study, a special emphasis of the curriculum, attracted and held students in ever increasing numbers.⁴⁰

Throughout its ninety-year history, the Institute has been served by six presidents. Dwight L. Moody himself led the school until his death in 1899. Under his guidance, the school began an emphasis on teaching fundamentals of the Bible and personal evangelism that has continued to this day. One of the most important educational ideas

³⁹Martin, Dorothy, Moody Bible Institute; God's Power in Action, Moody Press, Chicago, 1977, p. 20.

⁴⁰Ibid., pp. 21-24.

practiced by Moody was the "learn-by-doing" method of sending his corps of students into the slums of Chicago.⁴¹

Upon Moody's death, Dr. R. A. Torrey assumed the presidency. His greatest contribution was to build a resident faculty and an established curriculum for the new school. He also launched the Correspondence and Evening Schools. In 1904, Torrey was succeeded by Dr. James M. Gray who continued as president until 1934. To Dr. Gray fell the responsibility of guiding the Institute through two depressions and a World War. High-School graduation was required for entrance for the first time during the early years of his term.⁴² Dr. Will H. Houghton's leadership from 1934 to 1947 was responsible for growth in the school marked by the construction of the main, twelve story administration building in 1938. Following Dr. Houghton's death, Dr. William Culbertson was named president in 1948. The school was strengthened during his term through membership in the American Association of Bible Colleges and the adoption of a degree program. Five major buildings were erected on the campus after a period of critical decision regarding a possible relocation outside of the city. In 1971, Dr. George Sweeting, the present president, assumed the office upon the retirement of Dr. Culbertson.⁴³

The college's organizational plan is found in Chart E. While

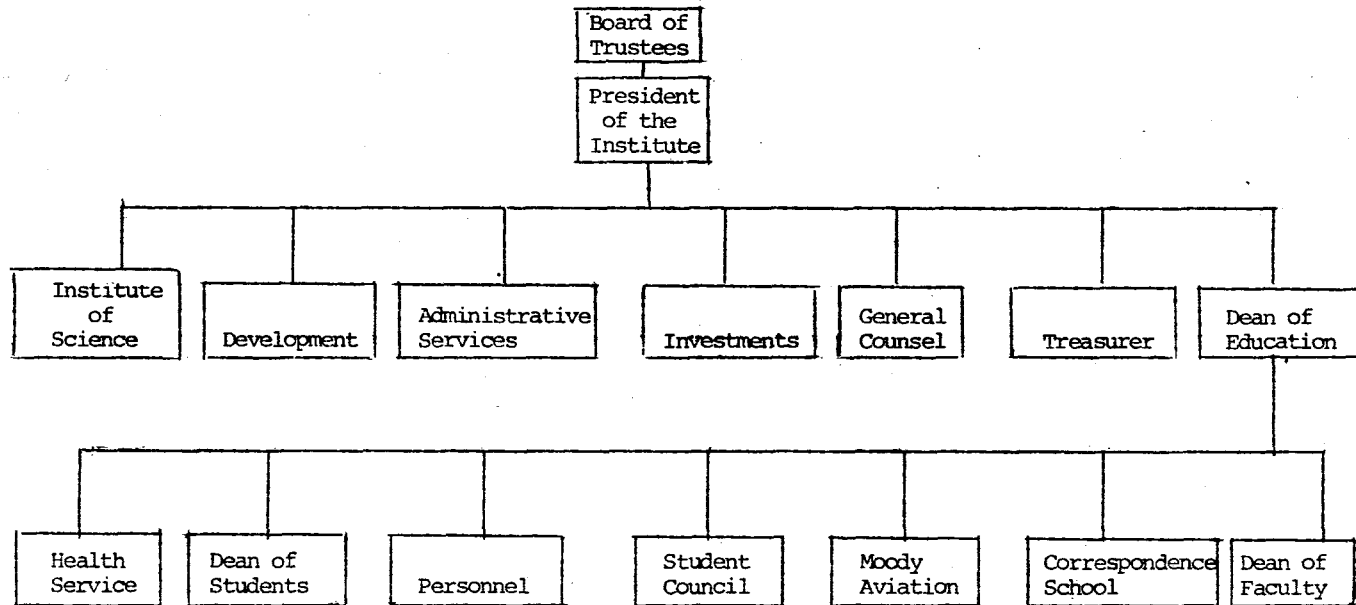
⁴¹Catalog, Moody Bible Institute, 1976, p. 9.

⁴²Loc. Cit.

⁴³Loc. Cit.

CHART E

ORGANIZATIONAL CHART OF MOODY BIBLE INSTITUTE



While the president is the chief academic administrator, he has delegated a major share of educational administration to the academic dean since the president also oversees the Institute's publishing hours, radio network, magazine and film production facilities.

Six vice presidents serve under the president and oversee the six branches of the organization. The Development Branch includes eleven radio stations, a magazine with a circulation of 325,000, and a publishing house which sells over 10,000,000 items annually. Administrative Services cares for the mailing and distribution of all Moody products. The Investment Branch oversees Institute investments in stocks, bonds, securities and real properties. The Vice President of Investments also prepares Life income and trust agreements for individuals who wish to have part or all of the interest from such agreements accrue to Moody Bible Institute.

The Institute of Science is the film-producing division of the Institute averaging thirty productions per year. Films and filmstrips from this division have a wide distribution in the armed forces of our country, in industries and in church and church-related organizations. It is estimated that one-half million persons view a product of Moody Institute of Science every day.⁴⁴

The position of Dean of Education, in terms of authority and responsibility, is comparable to that of the president of the other Bible Colleges under study. The position of Dean of Faculty was formed in 1959 to alleviate administrative pressures at that time. The Vice

⁴⁴1975 Highlights, Moody Bible Institute, 1976, p. 13

President and Dean of Education oversees the Education Branch and supervises managers and directors responsible for the usual student services of teaching staff, health service and the student deans. In addition, he is responsible for the Correspondence School which had 102,000 enrollments in 1975.

An unusual facet of the educational branch is the Missionary Aviation program at Elizabethton, Tennessee. Over fifty students are enrolled in a training school to prepare pilots to transport missionaries over impassable terrain in other countries of the world. A fleet of more than twenty aircraft, including two helicopters, provides the tools for the program.

The Institute's location on four city blocks north of Chicago's loop is ideal for a school where practical ministry to the masses of people is an integral part of students' education. In addition to the administration building already mentioned, the college also has a four-story academic building, a 2100 seat auditorium, a music classroom and office building, a gymnasium and residence halls. Building, hangars and runways for the Missionary Aviation program are located in Elizabethton, Tennessee.⁴⁵

In the last ten years, enrollment at Moody Bible Institute has grown from 987 to 1,312 in the college level program and from 690 (1969) to 1860 (1976) in the adult education Evening School. A degree program, initiated in 1965, now accounts for one-fourth of all Institute graduates annually. A post-graduate Advanced Studies Program, a series of extension

⁴⁵Ibid., pp. 103, 104.

evening schools and growth in the Correspondence School from 63,789 enrollments (1965) to 112, 123 enrollments (1976) are all developments of the past ten years. These changes have occurred with no adjustment in the number of educational administration positions or responsibilities.⁴⁶ The resulting pressures upon individual administrators have contributed to conditions detrimental to quality education. Evidences of inadequate administration were observed during the study of Moody's academic structure:

Faculty Training

According to statistics from the American Association of Bible Colleges the average number of years of post-high school training at Moody Bible Institute increased four percent from 1966 to 1976. This compares with the growth of 23% in the same category at Biola College.⁴⁷ While Moody Bible Institute has the highest average of the schools under study, the significantly slower rate of growth indicates some administrative difficulty in attracting quality faculty members, and, particularly, encouraging the continuing staff to engage in refresher training. The apparent failure to provide proper incentives for faculty to continue their education while teaching appears to be due to a lack of strong conviction among Moody administrators that in-service training is necessary for a continued program of quality education.

⁴⁶Annual Reports, American Association of Bible Colleges, 1966-1976.

⁴⁷Ibid.

Educational Concerns

The most recent self-study conducted by the Institute for the purposes of re-evaluation revealed areas which had not been addressed during the ten years since the previous self-study. A philosophy of education had never been articulated and published for the school, although most faculty members and administrators operated under an unspoken, agreed-upon philosophy.⁴⁸ A set of by-laws for the faculty had not been developed.⁴⁹ The Institute did not have a system of faculty ranking.⁵⁰ When the evaluation team of the American Association of Bible Colleges visited the Institute in 1971, they recommended that these deficiencies be rectified as soon as possible.⁵¹ The obvious reason for the inertia indicated above was the inability of the Dean of Education to spend time in guiding study of these areas due to daily minor but pressing responsibilities.

Administrative Communication

In any administration, there is a necessary amount of faulty communication between administrators and between administration and the faculty. The investigator has been in a position to observe, first-hand, the Institute's educational administration during the recent period of rapid growth in enrollment and expansion in numbers of programs. In

⁴⁸Self-Evaluation Report, Moody Bible Institute, 1971 p. 6.

⁴⁹Ibid., p. 17.

⁵⁰Ibid., p. 20.

⁵¹Re-Evaluation Report of Moody Bible Institute, American Association of Bible Colleges, 1971, p. 17, 20.

his interviews with Dean of Education and Dean of Faculty evidences of a serious breakdown in communications during this time were revealed. Certain major directives from the academic dean were not carried out by his subordinates. Two faculty members were assigned new subjects in the printed schedule without prior notification. Administrators appeared not to have consulted with each other before public pronouncements of policy in which they obviously differed. The personalities of the administrators involved was one likely factor in the lapses of communication. One administrator often failed to write down directives as an aid to his memory. Both were pressured by a large number of supervisory responsibilities.

Academic Functions

During the interview, the Dean of Education indicated a number of areas of his office responsibilities that were not being cared for, An unusually large amount of unanswered mail sat on his desk or was piled in a cupboard, some of it more than a year old. The Faculty Handbook had not been revised in more than ten years. Much more importantly, it was apparent from our conversation that a significant area of the academic dean's responsibility was being neglected due to daily administrative pressures. The Dean reported that he had little time for developing or evaluating the educational policies of the school. Policies relating to student affairs, faculty responsibilities and educational programs needed to be reviewed or initiated but day to day academic business did not leave sufficient opportunity to do so. He stated that he was particularly frustrated with the lack of long-range planning that had

characterized his tenure in office to date. Looking toward possible retirement in five years, he felt that ten and twenty-year goals for the education branch might be his most valuable contribution to the school, but pressures of daily routine and emergencies were preventing any significant involvement in this area.

The data provide evidences that the administration of Moody Bible Institute has been inadequate to give proper attention to important areas of educational concern.

(B.) DATA DETERMINING CAUSES OR CIRCUMSTANCES ASSOCIATED
WITH INADEQUACIES IN THE ADMINISTRATION OF SELECTED
BIBLE COLLEGES

In this step of the case study, the results of the questionnaire are examined to show the extent to which Bible College administrators' practices and opinions agree with factors which educational research suggests are causes of poor quality administration.

The immediate concern of the investigator was to use the questionnaire and to synthesize the data obtained from interviews to ascertain the actual practice of the respondents and, to a lesser extent, to secure their opinion of researched principles of administration.

At this point the study is guided by definite hypotheses related to the most probable causes of inadequate administration.

1. Planning

Hypothesis a, presented in Chapter I, reads as follows:

Generally, Bible College administrators do not perceive the distinction between officers responsible for planning and officers responsible for implementing plans within their academic structure.

As indicated in Chapter II, planning is a primary function of administration both in sequence and importance. Planning includes formulation of policy as well as structuring possible future administrative action. Walton has shown that effective administrations maintain a clear separation between policy formulation and administrative action.⁵² This

⁵²Walton, op. cit., p. 53

suggests a prediction that there will be a positive relationship between evidences of administrative inadequacy and the lack of administrators' understanding of who the persons responsible for planning are.

Therefore, this hypothesis focused on the following question:

Listed below are areas of planning within educational administration which may or may not be a primary responsibility of your position. Please circle this appropriate letter which best indicates your responsibility.

As indicated in the questionnaire, the responses that were possible included "I am undecided about this." If Bible College administrators generally do not know who formulated plans and policies in these areas of significant educational concern, the undecided response would be chosen most often.

The data in Table F indicate that out of 118 responses, 117 or 99.1% were in categories which indicated the respondent clearly knew the persons responsible for planning and policy formulation. Only one response indicated indecision and this was in the minor category of commencement exercises.

In addition, respondents did not generally disagree with the status quo. Only ten responses, or 8.5%, were in categories indicating that planning and policy formulation were not being performed by the appropriate persons in the organization. The hypothesis was not verified.

2. Organizing

Hypothesis b, from Chapter I, was given as follows:

TABLE F

PLANNING	YES	NO	SHOULD BE	SHOULD NOT BE	UNDECIDED
AREA					
Educational Philosophy	G P ₁ P ₂ B ₃ M ₁	B ₁ B ₂ C	M ₂		
Admission Requirements	G B ₃ M ₁ M ₂	P ₁ P ₂ B ₁ B ₂ C			
New Student Orientation	M ₂	G P ₁ P ₂ B ₁ B ₂ B ₃ M ₁		C	
Curriculum	G P ₁ P ₂ B ₁ B ₂ B ₃ M ₁ M ₂ C				
Teacher and Subject Assignments	G P ₁ P ₂ B ₂ M ₂ C	B ₁ B ₃ M ₁			
Classroom Scheduling	P ₂ B ₂ M ₂	G B ₁ B ₃ M ₁	C	P ₁	
New Educational Programs	G P ₁ P ₂ B ₁ B ₂ B ₃ M ₁ M ₂	C			
Teaching Staff Additions	G P ₁ B ₁ B ₂ B ₃ M ₂ C	P ₂ M ₁			
In-Service Teacher Training	G P ₁ B ₁ B ₂ B ₃ M ₂ C	P ₂ M ₁			
Classroom Construction	B ₁ B ₂ B ₃	G P ₂ M ₁ C	M ₂		
Annual Catalog	P ₁ B ₁ B ₂ M ₁ C	G P ₂ B ₃	M ₂		
School Year Calendar	G P ₁ B ₁ B ₃ M ₁	P ₂ B ₂	M ₂ C		
Commencement Exercises	P ₂ B ₃	G B ₁ B ₂ M ₁	C	P ₁	M ₂
Special Events		G			
Faculty Meetings	G				
Budget	B ₂				

KEY: Academic Officers

P_{1,2} Philadelphia College of the Bible

G Grand Rapids Baptist College

C Central Bible College

B_{1,2,3} Biola CollegeM_{1,2} Moody Bible Institute

Delegation is a principle of administrative practice given lower than average rank priority among organizational responsibilities of Bible College administrators.

As shown in Chapter II, organizing is a basic function of administration by which employees are arranged in terms of time, space and materials so they can perform their work optimally.⁵³ It is humanly impossible for one administrator to fulfill the organizing function alone in an organization of any size. Delegation of organizational responsibilities is essential to accomplish administrative tasks successfully. However, Pax found that delegation is among the administrative principles least applied in educational organizations.⁵⁴ If this is so, then it seems reasonable to expect that administrators of colleges evidencing inadequate administration give delegation lower than average priority of importance among organizing principles.

On the questionnaire, respondents were asked the following question in order to ascertain the validity or lack of validity of this hypothesis. It was phrased in a form that specified rank of importance rather than rank of order in which an administrator would apply the principles when organizing an educational program.

Listed below are principles of organization which are often practiced within administration. Please rank these principles in order of priority of importance you give them when organizing an educational program.

The responses are shown in table G. Ranking responses by assigning the

⁵³Walton, op. cit., p. 53.

⁵⁴Pax, op. cit., pp. 290, 291.

TABLE G

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highest value to those in column one and decreasing values to lower columns, then adding the values within each principle, resulted in the overall ranking shown in Table H.

Out of eight principles of organization, delegation was ranked fifth in importance overall. Seventy seven point seven percent of the respondents ranked delegation fifth to seventh in order of preference out of eight possible choices. When Biola College which does not have clear evidences of inadequate administration is omitted from the computation, the principle is ranked sixth by the remaining schools according to Table I. The only principles stated in the questionnaire given lower rankings are, "call a meeting" and "hire a consultant."

The results of the data affirm this hypothesis since all of the respondents from schools exhibiting indications of organizational weaknesses ranked delegation in the lower half of the eight suggested principles as shown in Table H. Two Biola College administrators were the only respondents to rank delegation in the upper half of the given list and Biola has already been shown to lack characteristics of inadequate administration.

3. Staffing

Hypothesis C. presented in Chapter 1, read as follows:

There is a significant difference of opinion among Bible College administrators that the number of staff members (and not administrators) should be increased when larger enrollments produce heavier administrative work loads.

According to Chapter II, selecting individuals for organizational positions, or staffing, should be appropriate in terms of line or

TABLE H
ORGANIZING

PRINCIPLES LISTED IN ORDER OF IMPORTANCE
AS RANKED BY ALL RESPONDENTS

Order	Principle
1	Gather information
2	Establish goals
3	Provide a rationale
4	List procedures
5	Delegate responsibilities
6	Initiate problem-solving process
7	Call a meeting
8	Enlist a consultant

TABLE I
ORGANIZING

PRINCIPLES LISTED IN ORDER OF IMPORTANCE AS RANKED
BY RESPONDENTS FROM PHILADELPHIA COLLEGE OF THE
BIBLE, GRAND RAPIDS BAPTIST COLLEGE, CENTRAL BIBLE
COLLEGE, AND MOODY BIBLE INSTITUTE

Order	Principle
1	Gather information
2	Establish goals
3	Provide a rationale
4	List procedures
5	Initiate problem - solving process
6	Delegate responsibilities
7	Call a meeting
8	Enlist a consultant

staff designations.⁵⁵ Pax determined that additional line positions added to relieve an over-loaded administrator can easily produce imbalance in the organization. Therefore, staff additions should be the first consideration.⁵⁶

A prediction may flow from the hypothesis that a positive relationship will obtain between administrations that evidence inadequacy and difference of opinion among administrators in those schools that staff positions should be the primary consideration when an overload of work occurs. Therefore, this hypothesis was tested by the following question:

Listed below are positions or groups which may need to be made or filled if your student body and teaching staff increased in number. Please rank the positions in the order of priority you would fill them assuming they are not made or filled in your organization at present.

The data in table J show the results obtained by the questionnaire. The possible responses to this question included an equal number of staff and line positions as choices. Without reference to the priority these administrators would assign to hiring these persons, table J shows that, overall, administrator chose nineteen staff persons (51.3%) and eighteen line persons (48.6%).

The responses were then weighted by assigning the highest value to responses in column one and decreasing values to the lower columns and adding the values within each position. The result was a ranking of the

⁵⁵Walton, op. cit., pp. 97, 98.

⁵⁶Pax, op. cit., pp. 307, 308.

TABLE J

STAFFING		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11		
POSITION														
L	Ass't to President			P ₁ B ₁										
S	Ad.Sec'y President		C		B ₁	B ₂	P ₂							
S	Ad.Staff President				B ₃			P ₂						
L	Dean of Education	B ₂ C		P ₂		B ₁								
L	Asst.to D. of Ed.		M ₁						B ₁					
S	Ad.Sec'y D. of Ed.			B ₂	P ₂		B ₁							
S	Ad.Staff D. of Ed.			B ₃	B ₂	P ₂		B ₁						
L	Dean of Faculty	M ₂ B ₃ M ₁												
L	Asst to D. of Faculty		M ₂ B ₃											
S	Ad Sec'y D. of Faculty	P ₂	B ₁	M ₂										
S	Ad.Staff D. of Faculty	B ₁	P ₂		M ₂									
L	Associate Dean of College	G	B ₂											
L	Chairmen	P ₁												
S	Registrar		P ₁											
	L - Line													
	S - Staff													

priority an administrator would assign to filling positions when confronted with rapidly growing enrollments. Table K shows that the first six additions to the administration in the order administrators ranked them, were evenly divided between line and staff positions.

When the school which has been identified as possessing a high quality administrative structure (Biola College) is omitted from the computation, the results are as follows: Table L reveals that administrators in schools exhibiting inadequacies list an equal number of staff and line positions among their first six choices of positions to be filled. Without reference to priority ranking, table L shows that overall the administrators in this category chose nine staff persons (36.2%) and seven line persons (43.8%).

The data reveal that Bible college administrators do not uniformly perceive that additional staff positions ought to be the first consideration to avoid organizational imbalance due to addition of line positions. The hypothesis which predicted there would be a significant difference of opinion that the number of staff members (and not administrators) should be increased during periods of enrollment growth was verified.

4. Directing

Hypothesis d, presented in Chapter 1, read as follows:

No general agreement exists among Bible College administrators that a span of control larger than seven produces inadequate administrative results.

TABLE K

STAFFING

POSITIONS LISTED IN ORDER OF PRIORITY
AS RANKED BY ALL RESPONDENTS

Order	Line or Staff	Position
1	L	A Dean of Education
2	L	A Dean of Faculty
3	S	Additional secretary for the President
4	L	Assistant to the Dean of Faculty
5	S	Additional secretary for the Dean of Faculty
6	S	Additional staff for the Dean of Faculty
7	S	Additional staff for the Dean of Education
8	S	Additional secretary for the Dean of Education
9	L	Associate Dean of Education
10	L	Assistant to the President
11	L	Assistant to the Dean of Education
12	S	Additional staff for the President

TABLE L

STAFFING

POSITIONS LISTED IN ORDER OF PRIORITY
AS RANKED BY ALL RESPONDENTS
EXCEPT THOSE FROM BIOLA COLLEGE

Order	Line or Staff	Position
1	L	A Dean of Faculty
2	L	A Dean of Education
3	S	Additional secretary for the Dean of Faculty
4	S	Additional staff for the Dean of Faculty
5	S	Additional secretary for the President
6	L	Associate Dean of the College
7	L	Assistant to the Dean of Faculty
8	L	Assistant to the Dean of Education
9	L	Assistant to the President
10	S	Additional secretary for the Dean of Education
11	S	Additional staff for the Dean of Education
12	S	Additional staff for the President

The span of control, as shown in Chapter II, is related to the function of directing in that the number of departments under an individual's direction should be in proportion to his ability to supervise them adequately. In other words, the directing function cannot be sufficiently fulfilled when the number of people reporting to an individual administrator exceeds reasonable limits. Graicunas came to the mathematical conclusion that a superior could not adequately supervise the work of more than five or six subordinates since the combinations of relationships grows geometrically as a staff increases.⁵⁷

Graicunas' conclusion suggests the premise that a positive relationship will exist between an administrator's failure to perceive seven persons as the reasonable limit to an officer's span of control and evidences of inadequate administration in his school. The following question was asked under "Directing:"

Listed below are persons who may, or may not, report to you directly, Please circle the appropriate letter which best explains your relationship and/or opinion in this area.

Tables M through Q show the results of this section of the questionnaire combined with information gained by the investigator's interviews and examination of each college's current organizational chart. The six administrators who were chief academic officers of their respective colleges averaged a span of control of 11.1 persons reporting to them on a

⁵⁷ Seckler-Hudson, Catheryn, Processes of Organization and Management, Washington, D. C., Public Affairs Press, 1948, pp. 50, 51

TABLE M

SPAN OF CONTROL

ACADEMIC DEAN OF PHILADELPHIA COLLEGE OF THE BIBLE

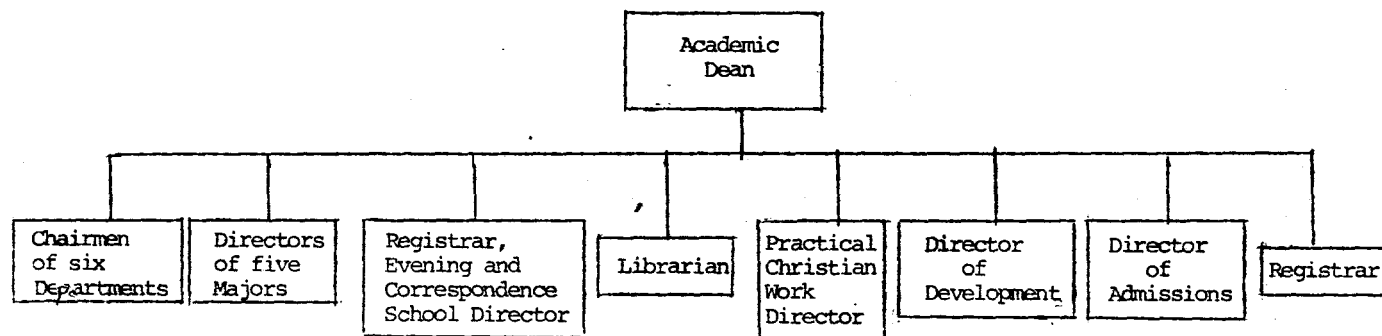


TABLE N

SPAN OF CONTROL

ACADEMIC DEAN OF GRAND RAPIDS BAPTIST COLLEGE

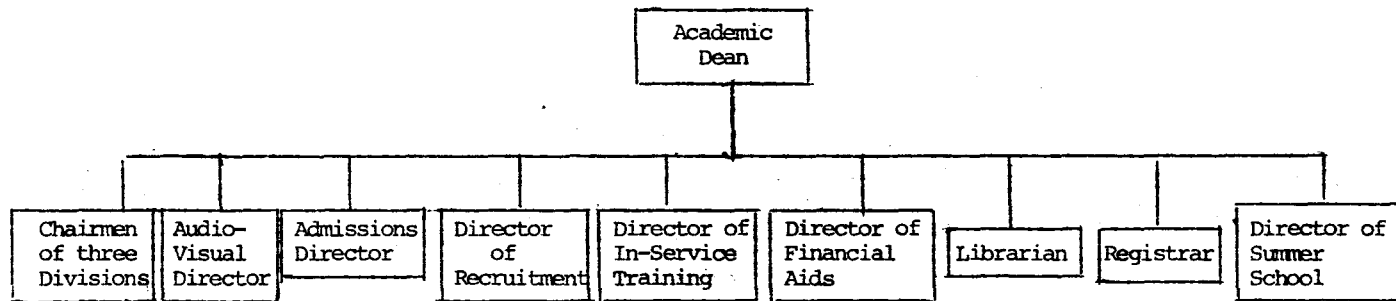


TABLE O
SPAN OF CONTROL
ACADEMIC DEAN OF CENTRAL BIBLE COLLEGE

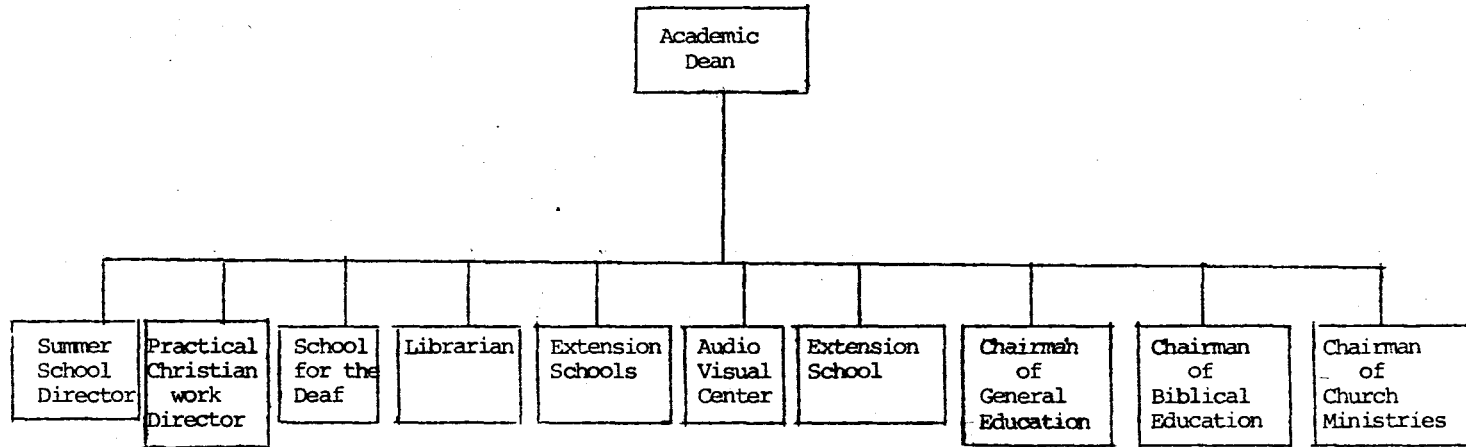


TABLE P
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ACADEMIC DEAN OF BIOLA COLLEGE

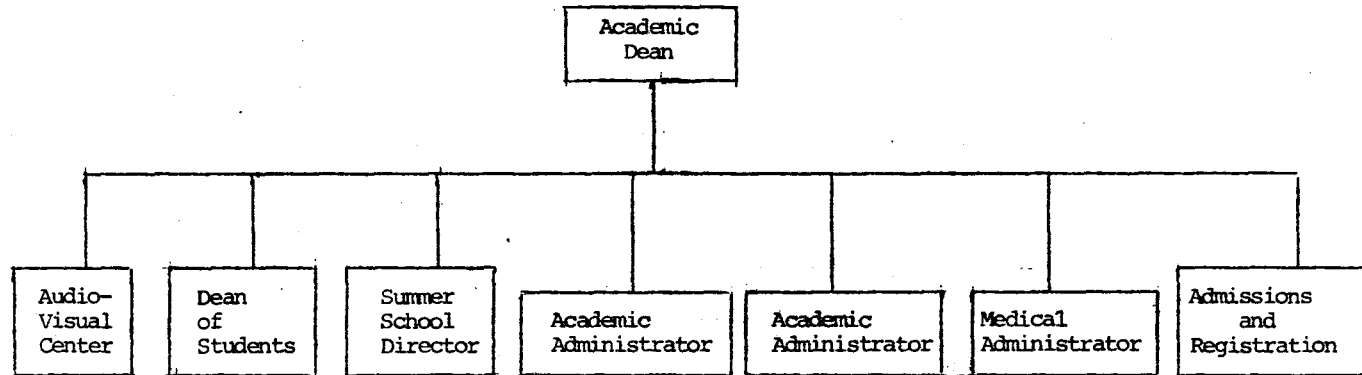
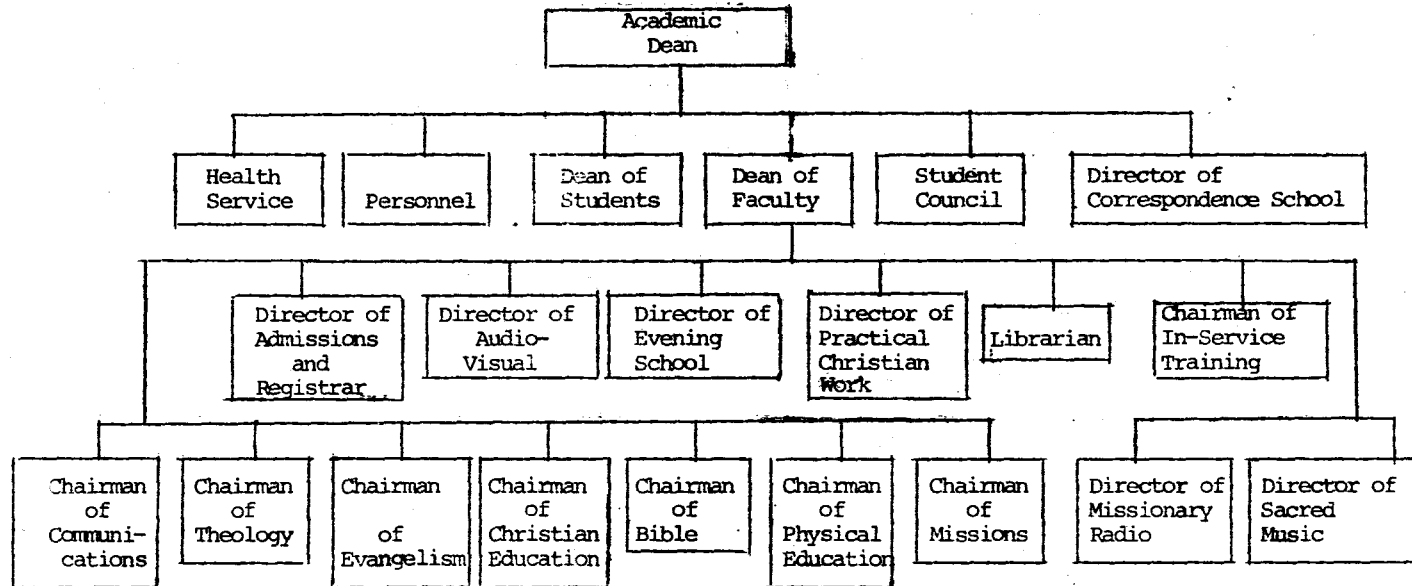


TABLE Q

SPAN OF CONTROL

ACADEMIC DEAN AND DEAN OF FACULTY OF MOODY BIBLE INSTITUTE



regular basis. When the college exhibiting little evidence of in-⁹¹
adequate administration (Biola College) is omitted from consideration,
the average span of control is 11.8 persons.

By examining responses in the categories: "This person reports to me but should not" and, "This person ought to report to me," the investigator was able to determine that no general agreement exists among the administrators sampled that a span of control larger than seven produces inadequate administrative results. If the hypothesis is correct, responses to the former question, "this person reports to me but should not" should be minimal. This is indeed the case. Responses in that category averaged .5 persons per administrator and, if implemented, would reduce the span of control to 11.3 persons per administrator. This means that in the perspective of the administrators sampled, a span of 11.3 is not a hindrance to adequate administration.

If the hypothesis is correct, responses to the question: "This person ought to report to me but doesn't" should tend to be more frequent than are responses to the question, "this person reports to me but should not." Responses to the question, "this person ought to report to me but doesn't" averaged .8 persons per administrator and are more frequent than are responses to the question, "this person reports to me but should not."

The final average span of control, if administrator wishes were followed, would be 12.1 persons reporting to them on a regular basis. The data confirm the hypothesis.

5. Co-ordinating

Hypothesis e, posited in Chapter I, reads as follows:

Bible College administrators generally give communication the lowest rank priority of factors affecting the co-ordination process within administration.

It has been shown in Chapter II that co-ordinating is an integration of specialized activities into a consistent, purposeful program.⁵⁸ Communication is a vital part of the integrating process, along with a structure and authority for decision making.⁵⁹ Ferris found that supervisors in high quality schools support open communication that is upward, downward and lateral in direction within the organization.⁶⁰

This may be due to the fact that administration of higher education has shifted in emphasis from unilateral decision making to a consultative process of coordinating the school program.⁶¹ The hypothesis, therefore, may be re-formed into the question: What importance do Bible College administrators attach to the process of communication when they are involved in co-ordinating activities?

The investigator tested this area by listing various co-ordinating processes on the questionnaire and asking the question:

⁵⁸Lane, op. cit., p. 184.

⁵⁹Walton, op. cit., p. 114.

⁶⁰Ferris, op. cit., pp. 51, 52.

⁶¹Dressel, op. cit., p. 9.

Listed below are procedures affecting the coordination process within administration. Please rank these procedures in order of priority of importance you give them when co-ordinating an educational activity.

The results of this section of the questionnaire are listed in Table R.

Ranking responses by assigning the highest value to those in column one and decreasing values to lower columns, then adding the values within each factor, resulted in the list of ranking as given in Table S. It is obvious that the respondents from both the school that does not have evidences of inadequate administration and the schools that do view the maintenance of communication channels as the most significant factor in the co-ordinating process. It is ranked as number one by 66.6% of the respondents. Three other factors were each ranked as number one by 11.1% of the respondents and three were not ranked one by any one. The hypothesis was rejected.

6. Reporting

Hypothesis f, given in Chapter I, is expressed in the following terms:

There is a significant difference of opinion between Bible College administrators that levels of administration should be kept to a minimum to facilitate the reporting function of administration.

Reporting, as indicated in Chapter II, deals with the upward movement of information within an organization.⁶² The taller the administrative structure, however, the greater is the tendency for block-

⁶² Lane, op. cit., pp. 118, 119.

TABLE R

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TABLE S
COORDINATING
POSITIONS LISTED IN ORDER OF
IMPORTANCE AS RANKED BY ALL
RESPONDENTS

Order	Procedure
1	Maintain communication channels
2	Encourage participation
3	Assess progress
4	Evaluate progress
5	Give professional guidance
6	Investigate complaints
7	Provide statistical summaries

age of information from the decision makers.⁶³ Pax has shown that administrators of quality colleges strongly agree that administrative levels should be kept to a minimum in relation to an organization's size and complexity.⁶⁴ This suggests a prediction that a positive relationship will obtain between administrations that evidence inadequacy and difference of opinion among administrators in those schools that administrative levels should be kept to a minimum to facilitate the function of reporting. Therefore, this hypothesis focused on the following question:

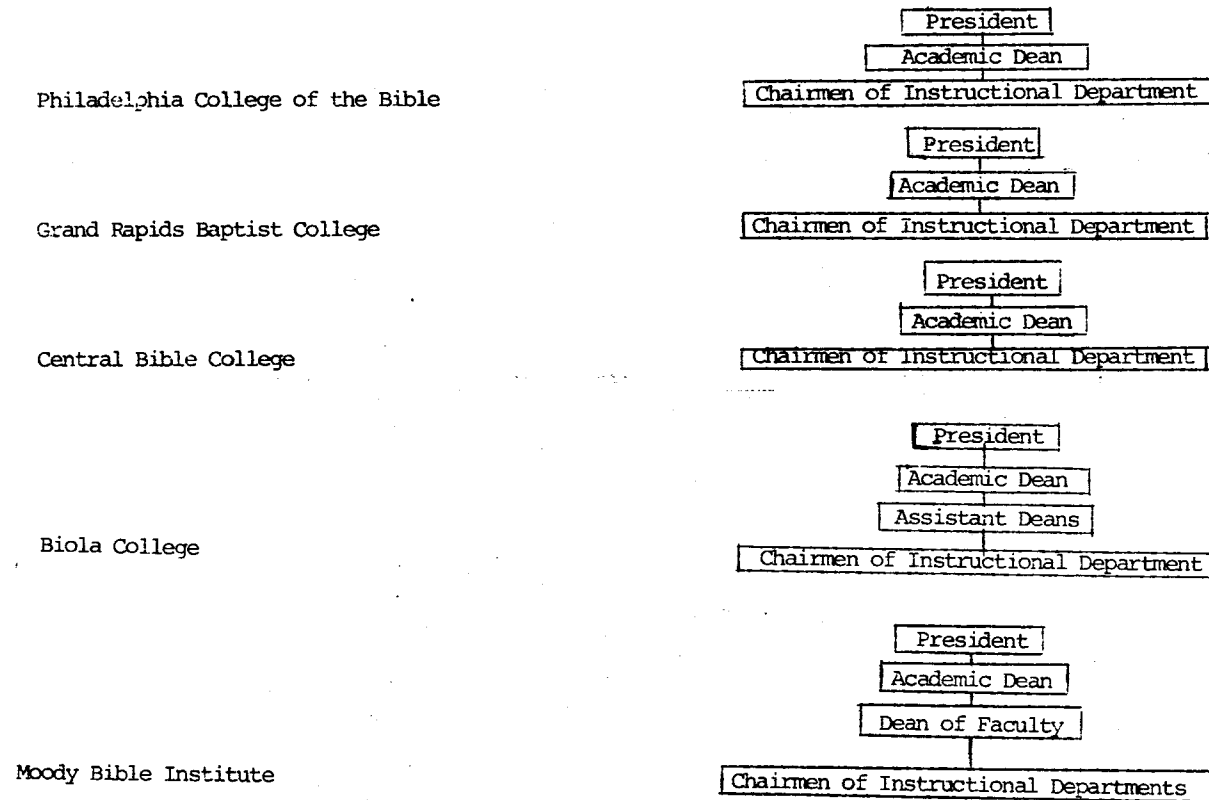
Listed below are positions in a typical organizational chart. Please indicate the position or positions to whom you report on a regular basis by circling the appropriate letter.

The data in Table T indicate that presently the Bible Colleges under study have either two or three administrative levels between the President and the school's faculty. Therefore, there is a difference of opinion among those surveyed, that administrative levels should be kept to a minimum. If the examination of the questionnaire results is limited to colleges exhibiting evidence of inadequate administration that have enrollments of 1,200 or more students, the evidence for significant difference of opinion is more obvious. Table T compares Moody Bible Institute (Enrollment 1,312) with Central Bible College (Enrollment 1,139). Although the enrollments are similar, Moody has three administrative levels and Central has two.

⁶³Ibid., pp. 120, 121.

⁶⁴Pax, op. cit., pp. 70, 118.

TABLE T
ADMINISTRATIVE LEVELS



More importantly, administrators in both schools gave no response to the questions, "he should report to me but doesn't" or, "he reports to me but shouldn't." The lack of response indicates satisfaction with the status quo. There is evidence that administrators at Moody Bible Institute are of the opinion that their levels of administration do not need to be reduced to a minimum but the administration of Central Bible College believes their minimum number of levels ought to be maintained. The hypothesis was verified.

7. Budgeting

Hypothesis g, from Chapter I, was presented as follows:

Bible College job descriptions for administrators generally do not indicate responsibility for budgeting but simply list duties of the position.

As shown in Chapter II, budgeting is the authority to approve financial plans and/or actual expenditures. Burnette studied the administrations of Junior Colleges in Florida and characterized many of them as generally too bureaucratic for the effective pursuit of educational goals.⁶⁵ Burnette's study showed that a major factor relating to their ineffectiveness was the wide variance of opinion among Junior College administrators as to who had responsibility for initiating and approving budgets within the organizations.⁶⁶ He found that job descriptions for these Junior College administrators did not indicate authority and responsibility of the administrator but simply reflected smaller

⁶⁵Burnett, pp. 118, 119.

⁶⁶Ibid., p. 32.

divisions of the college President's responsibilities.⁶⁷ This suggests a prediction that there will be a positive relationship between administrations that evidence inadequacy and Bible College administrations that use job descriptions which omit reference to budgeting responsibility. Therefore, this hypothesis was tested by the following question:

Listed below are educational programs requiring budget provision. Please refer to the job description for your position and indicate which areas are stated as your budgeting responsibility by circling the appropriate letter.

As indicated in the questionnaire, the responses that were possible included, "this is not in my job description" and "I am undecided about this." This gave the respondents full opportunity to reveal their inability to identify persons responsible for budgeting within a certain program. The data summarized in Table V indicate that out of a total of 18 responses, 1 (or.8%) was in the "undecided" category and none was listed as "Not in my job description." This shows that Bible College administrators have the ability to identify persons responsible for budgeting within their organization.

Examination of job descriptions for academic officers in schools included in this study corroborates the findings of the questionnaire in that the investigator could find reference to budgeting responsibilities. The hypothesis was rejected.

⁶⁷
Ibid., p. 108.

TABLE V

[illegible]

SUMMARY

Of the seven hypotheses presented in chapter 1 as probable causes to inadequate administration, four have been supported by the evidence gathered through the questionnaire, the interviews with academic deans and investigation of each school's official documents.

The four verified hypotheses are as follows:

Delegation is a principle of administrative practice given lower than average rank priority among organizational responsibilities of Bible College administrators.

There is a significant difference of opinion among Bible College administrators that the number of staff members (and not administrators) produce heavier administrative work loads.

No general agreement exists among Bible College administrators that a span of control larger than seven produces inadequate administrative results.

There is a significant difference of opinion between Bible College administrators that levels of administration should be kept to a minimum to facilitate the reporting function of administration.

In the next section, these probable causes of inadequate administration will be applied to the schools exhibiting poor quality of organization.

(C.) DATA DETERMINING THE PRESENCE OR ABSENCE OF
PROBABLE CAUSES OF INADEQUATE ADMINISTRATION IN
SELECTED BIBLE COLLEGES

In this section the investigator will apply the probable causes of inadequate administration to the Bible Colleges selected for study. The following questions, growing out of the verified hypotheses, will be asked concerning each school's administrator (s):

(a) Organizing

Is delegation given lower rank priority of importance than the average priority of importance among organizing principles?

(b) Staffing

Is it his opinion that the number of line persons rather than staff persons should be increased when enrollments grow?

(c) Directing

Is there evidence that he does not view span of control larger than seven as producing inadequate administrative results?

(d) Reporting

Is it his opinion that levels of administration should not be kept to a minimum?

1. Philadelphia College of the Bible

Evidence of inadequate administration at Philadelphia College included larger than normal teaching loads, a decrease in the average years of faculty post-high school training in the past ten years, institutional inbreeding in faculty selection and memorization-oriented teaching styles.

a. Organizing

The chief academic officer at the college ranked delegation fifth in importance out of a list of eight possible organizing principles. He ranked gathering information, setting goals, providing a rationale and setting up procedures ahead of delegation in importance, in that order. The assignment of lower than average ranking to delegation is a probable cause of inadequate administration at the college.

b. Staffing

The educational administrator's ranking order in which line or staff persons should be added to the organization when the enrollment and teaching staff increases in size is indicated below:

1. Additional Chairman (line)
2. Registrar (line)
3. Assistant to the President (line)

Research has shown that staff additions should be the first consideration when organization overload occurs. The administrator's opinion that addition of line persons is of primary importance in a growth situation is a probable cause of inadequate administration at the college.

c. Directing

The respondent at Philadelphia College of the Bible has seventeen different persons who report to him on a regular basis according to

Table M on page 86. This span of control is nine more than the span of control that is normal in business organizations or that is recommended by current administrative theory. The administrator did not recommend in either the questionnaire or the interview that his span of control ought to be reduced. His lack of understanding that a span of control over seven is inadvisable is a probable cause of inadequate administration at the college.

d. Reporting

The chief academic officer responded to questions concerning those to whom he reports by indicating an organizational scheme which has a minimum of administrative levels according to Table T on page 97. When given opportunity to express his opinion concerning changes in the organizational chart that could add to the administrative levels, the respondent did not do so. Therefore, proliferation of administrative levels, resulting in hindrance of the reporting function is not a probable cause of inadequate administration at the college.

Conclusion

Three of the four possible causes of inadequate administration are true of Philadelphia College of the Bible.

2. Grand Rapids Baptist College

The investigator discovered evidence of inadequate administration at Grand Rapids Baptist College which included a job description for the chief academic officer which listed twenty-nine distinct duties, high enrollment classes, and larger than normal teaching loads for a significant number of faculty members. In addition, there has been a decrease in the average years of faculty post-high school training in the past ten years and a overall grading pattern where B rather than C was the average grade.

a. Organizing

The educational administrator at the college ranked delegation fifth in importance out of a list of eight possible organizing principles. He ranked assigning a research committee, calling a meeting, problem-solving and goal-setting ahead of delegation in importance, in that order. This assignment of lower than average ranking to delegation is a probable cause of inadequate administration at the college.

b. Staffing

The chief academic officer's opinion of whether line or staff persons should be added to the organization when the enrollment and teaching staff increases in size was revealed in the questionnaire. Out of twelve possible positions the respondent chose only one, an Associate Dean of the College, a line position. Since it has been determined that addition of staff persons should be the primary consideration when an organization grows, the administrator's opinion is a probable cause of inadequate administration at the college.

c. Directing

The respondent at Grand Rapids Baptist College has eleven different persons who regularly report to him according to Table N on page 87. The figure of 11 does not include faculty members supervised by the dean. This span of control is four more than that which is normal in business organizations or that is recommended by current organizational theory. Since the administrator did not recommend that his span of control ought to be reduced, his failure to recognize that his present span is inadvisable is a probable cause of inadequate administration at the college.

d. Reporting

Responses to questions regarding those to whom the educational administrator reports showed that the college has an organization with a minimum of administrative levels. Table N on page 87 indicates that the respondent would not add to the administrative levels if he could. The blocking of reporting through multiple administrative levels is not a probable cause of inadequate administration at the college.

Conclusion

Grand Rapids Baptist College exhibits three of the four possible causes of inadequate administration.

3. Central Bible College

Evidence of inadequate administration at Central Bible College included the lack of a Dean of Students, a faculty-student ratio of one to 24.2 and acceptance of a 16 hour teaching load as normal.

a. Organizing

The chief academic officer at the college ranked delegation seventh in importance out of a list of eight possible organizing principles. He ranked providing a rationale, setting goals, gathering information, setting up procedures, calling a meeting and problem-solving ahead of delegation in importance, in that order. The assignment of delegation in a rank next to the last is a probable cause of inadequate administration at the college.

b. Staffing

The chief academic officer's ranking of order in which line or staff persons should be added to the organization when the enrollment and teaching staff increases in size is indicated below:

1. Dean of Education (line)
2. Additional Secretary to the President (staff)

The administrator's opinion that addition of a line person is of primary importance in a growth situation is a probable cause of inadequate administration at the college.

c. Directing

The respondent at Central Bible College has ten different persons who regularly report to him according to Table O on page 88 not counting faculty members. This is three more than the normal business span of

control and that which is recommended by research. In his interview with the investigator and on the questionnaire the respondent recommended that two persons who now report to him shouldn't but he also recommended that three additional persons should report to him who do not do so presently. His lack of understanding that a span of control of over seven persons is inadvisable is a probable cause of inadequate administration at the college.

d. Reporting

The Dean of the College responded to questions concerning those to whom he reports by indicating an organizational scheme which has a minimum of administrative levels according to Table T on page 97. When given opportunity to express his opinion concerning changes in the organizational chart that could add to the administrative levels, the respondent did not do so. Therefore, proliferation of administrative levels resulting in hindrance of the reporting function is not a probable cause of inadequate administration at the college.

Conclusion

Three of the four possible causes of inadequate administration were discovered by the investigator at Central Bible College.

The investigator could find no evidence of inadequate administration at Biola College of the kind or quantity found at the other schools under study.

a. Organizing

The chief educational administrator at the college ranked delegation second in importance out of a list of eight possible organizing principles. Setting goals was the only principle ranked higher. The ranking of the importance of delegation is not a probable cause of inadequate administration at Biola College.

b. Staffing

Out of twelve possible positions that could be added to the organization when the enrollment and teaching staff increases in size, the academic dean chose the following in order of importance:

1. Dean of Faculty (line)
2. Assistant to the Dean of Faculty (line)
3. Additional Staff for Dean of Education (staff)
4. Additional Staff for the President (staff)

Since it has been determined that addition of staff persons should be the primary consideration when an organization grows, the administrator's opinion is a probable cause of inadequate administration at the college.

c. Directing

The chief academic officer has seven persons who regularly report to him according to Table P on page 89. This span of control is that which is normal in business organizations and is also the upper limit of the span of control recommended by current organizational theory. The respondent's span of control is not a probable cause of inadequate administration.

Responses to questions regarding those to whom the educational administrators report showed that the college has an organization with three administrative levels. This is not more than the minimum number necessary between the President and faculty members since the school's enrollment is over 2,200. This is not a probable cause of inadequate administration.

Conclusion

Only one of the possible causes of inadequate administration was found at Biola College. This corresponds to the lack of significant evidence of inadequate administration uncovered by the investigator.

5. Moody Bible Institute

Evidence of inadequate administration at Moody Bible Institute included the slower than average growth in faculty members' years of post-high school training, lack of a stated philosophy of education and faculty by-laws, blockage of communication, administrative overload and lack of long-range planning.

a. Organizing

The chief educational administrator ranked delegation fifth in importance out of a list of eight possible organizing principles. He ranked gathering information, setting goals, determining procedures and developing a rationale ahead of delegation in importance in that order. This assignment of lower than average ranking to delegation is a probable cause of inadequate administration at Moody.

b. Staffing

The chief academic officer's opinion of whether line or staff persons should be added when the enrollment and teaching staff increases was revealed in the questionnaire. Out of twelve possible positions the respondent chose only two, a Dean of Faculty and an Assistant to the Dean of Education, both line positions. Since it has been determined that addition of staff persons should be the primary consideration when an organization grows, the administrator's opinion is a probable cause of inadequate administration.

c. Directing

The educational administrators at Moody Bible Institute have an average of eleven different persons who regularly report to them accord-

ing to Table 2 on page 90. The figure of 11 does not include faculty members. This span of control is four more than that which is normal in business organizations or that is recommended by current organizational theory. One administrator, the Dean of Faculty, recommended on the questionnaire that one person who now reports to him shouldn't (the director of Practical Christian Work) but he also recommended that two additional persons should report to him who do not do so presently (the Public Relations Director and the Director of the Correspondence School). The lack of understanding evidenced by this data that a span of control of over seven persons is inadvisable is a probable cause of inadequate administration at Moody.

d. Reporting

The chief academic officer responded to questions concerning those to whom he reports by indicating an organizational scheme which has three administrative levels between the President and faculty members. This is more than the minimum number necessary since the school's enrollment is 1,300. Because of the possible hindrance to the reporting function the extra administrative level produces, the number of levels is a probable cause of inadequate administration at Moody.

Conclusion

All four possible causes of inadequate administration were indicated by the data gathered from Moody Bible Institute.

(D.) DATA DESCRIBING THE APPLICATION OF REMEDIAL
MEASURES AT MOODY BIBLE INSTITUTE TO ADJUST
CAUSES OF INADEQUATE ADMINISTRATION

The following section of the study describes alternative, remedial measures implemented at Moody Bible Institute to adjust the causes of inadequate administration identified by the investigator.

In his recommendations to the administration of the Institute, the investigator drew upon the research reported in Chapter II which outlined the characteristics of a hierarchical organization. The Institute has been organized hierarchically since its inception in terms of administrative style and form. The investigator reviewed the disadvantages of a hierarchical organization. He noted the tendency to restrict the decision making process due to conflicts between line and staff persons growing out of the basic differences in the roles each plays.⁶⁸ He also considered the tendency in a hierarchical organization to restrict the growth of job satisfaction due to the fact that stratification satisfies the one who reaches the top but frustrates those on the bottom.⁶⁹

⁶⁸Anderson, op. cit., p. 116.

⁶⁹Hage, op. cit., p. 95.

The investigator then reviewed the advantages of a hierarchical organization. He noted that it is an organizational form employed by groups having a large and varied number of persons needing direction toward an overall objective.⁷⁰ He recognized that line authority, flowing downward through hierarchical ranks, is the most adequate method of coordinating growing, complex organizations.⁷¹

The investigator concluded that the overall line-and-staff hierarchical structure of the Institute's administration ought to be maintained but that an additional academic official should be added to the organization. The official would have both line and staff responsibilities and would report directly to the academic dean and assume some of the responsibilities that formerly were carried by the two academic officials at the Institute.

The new official would have the title, Assistant to the Dean of Education, and his job description would be the following:

The Assistant to the Dean of Education is directly responsible to the Vice President and Dean of Education. This is regarded as a staff position in support of the Vice President and Dean of Education but there is line responsibility in the areas of the Summer School and the Evening School. The director of the Evening School is responsible to the Assistant to the Dean of Education.

⁷⁰Pittenger, op. cit., p. 19.

⁷¹Walton, op. cit., pp. 110, 111.

Duties

- 1) Handle work delegated by the Vice President and Dean of Education to relieve him of as many details as possible in that office. Some of the major areas covered are,
 - a) Basic research in connection with long-range planning for the educational ministries of the Institute.
 - b) Editing the Day School catalog.
 - c) Assisting the Vice President and Dean of Education in preparing the annual report.
 - d) Handling official correspondence as delegated by the Vice President and Dean of Education.
 - e) Conferring with other officials as delegated.
- 2) Establish policies with approval of administration for the Summer School and Evening School.
- 3) Administer the Summer School. This includes working with the Department of Public Relations and School Promotion, editing the Summer School catalog, securing teachers for the Summer School (in consultation with the Dean of Faculty), and arranging the Summer School curriculum.
- 4) Support and counsel the director of Evening School in policies, programs, curriculum and staffing.
- 5) Teach a limited number of semester hours.

Due to the fact that the position, as outlined above, is designed to fulfill an administrative function within a Bible College, the individual who is chosen as Assistant to the Dean of Education should have had theological training in a Bible College or Seminary. His considerable responsibilities to perform educational research and reporting demand that he possess at least one graduate level degree in the field of education. His administration of the Summer School and supervision of the Evening School Director require that he will have had some years of experience in teaching and educational administration.

On July 1, 1976, a major reorganization of the academic administration at Moody Bible Institute was implemented. The findings of this study comprised a significant factor in the decision to reorganize and in the form of the organization which resulted. The results of the inves-

tigator's visits to the five campuses and of the returned questionnaires were shared with the chief academic officer of Moody Bible Institute during the period when plans for the reorganization were being formulated.

Justification for adding an additional office to an academic organization has been outlined in Chapter II. It was determined there that a growing organization demands stronger direction than an organization that is maintaining the status quo. Demands upon the leader's role become more numerous when activities of a group expand.⁷² Increase in an organization's complexity increases the importance of management.⁷³

At the same time, in Chapter II, the investigator outlined the need for organizational planners to be alert to the dangers of additions to an organization. The number of indirect tasks within a group can increase when the administration grows even though the number and quality of products decreases.⁷⁴ Also, additional administration makes the organization more complex and in need of further administration.⁷⁵ The investigator determined that the addition of one office to the present organizational chart would fulfill more of the advantages than the disadvantages outlined above. The revised organization is shown on Chart W.

⁷²Lane, op. cit., p. 329.

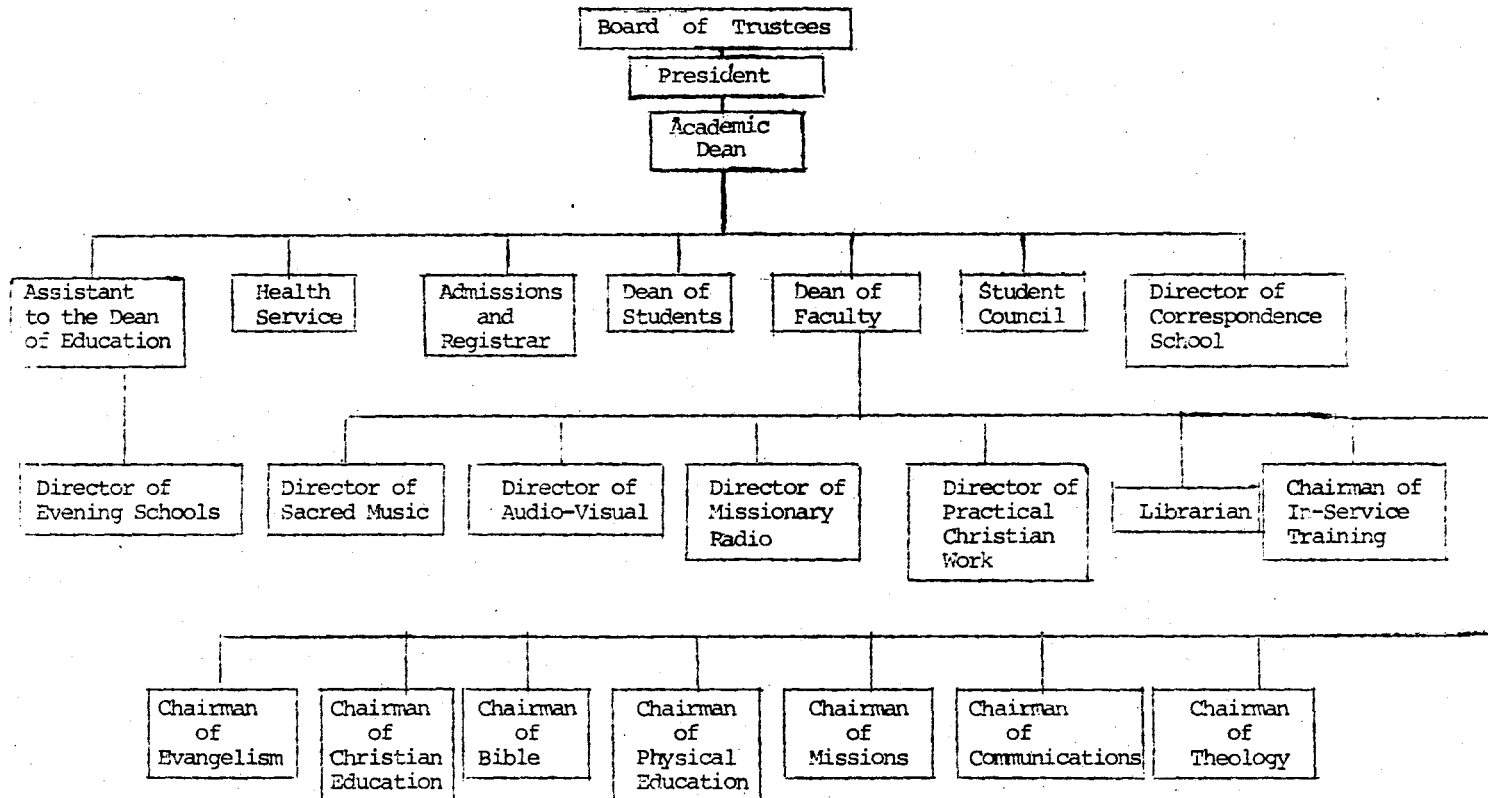
⁷³Walton, op. cit., pp. 31, 43.

⁷⁴Lane, op. cit., pp. 9, 10.

⁷⁵Walton, op. cit., p. 43.

CHART W

REVISED ORGANIZATIONAL CHART OF MOODY BIBLE INSTITUTE



The purpose of the reorganization was to adjust the probable causes of inadequate administration at Moody Bible Institute. These probable causes have been identified and an outline of the specific remedial measures follows:

a. Organizing

By placing the Assistant to the Dean of Education in a staff relationship to the chief academic officer, the reorganization assigns greater importance to delegation of tasks by the Dean of Education. This organizing principle which is essential to accomplish tasks successfully will be utilized to a greater extent than was the case previously. The Dean of Education will have an assistant to whom he is encouraged to delegate administrative tasks normally performed by the Dean, himself.

b. Staffing

By placing the Assistant to the Dean of Education in a staff relationship to the Dean and giving him a staff title, the reorganization recognizes the principle of administration research that addition of staff persons should be the primary consideration when an organization grows. Addition of line persons, it has been shown, can easily produce organizational imbalance. The Assistant to the Dean of Education will be largely a staff position.

c. Directing

By assigning directing responsibilities to the Assistant to the Dean of Education that formerly were the prerogatives of the Dean of Education and the Dean of Faculty, the reorganization effectively re-

duces the span of control assigned to educational administrators from an average of eleven to an average of seven. The revised organizational chart is included in Table W. The most significant change is the shifting of responsibility for directing the Summer School and overseeing the Evening School from the Dean of Faculty to the Assistant to the Dean of Education.

d. Reporting

By placing the Assistant to the Dean of Education on the same administrative level as the Dean of Faculty, the reorganization does not add to the number of organizational levels at the Institute. It has been determined that proliferation of levels of administration tends to block upward travel of information within the organization. This blocking occurs with greater frequency as the administrative structure grows taller. The reorganization results in the maintenance of a three-level structure at the Institute. No position communicates through more levels than previously.

Conclusion

The establishment of a new administrative position, Assistant to the Dean of Education, constitutes the remedial measures taken at this step in the case-study of Moody Bible Institute. The implementation of this reorganization on July 1, 1976 took place with the hope that causes of inadequate administration at Moody Bible Institute would be remedied.

(E.) DATA REMEASURING THE ADMINISTRATION
OF THE EDUCATIONAL BRANCH OF
MOODY BIBLE INSTITUTE

This section of the study is designed to determine whether or not the remedial measures implemented at Moody Bible Institute have positively adjusted the causes of inadequate administration. Changes that have occurred in the organizational structure will be analyzed as to their effectiveness and as to new problems that may have resulted from their implementation. The remeasurement will focus on the results of the questionnaire completed by the Dean of Education after the reorganization. The Dean of Faculty who also completed the first questionnaire is no longer in that position. The remeasurement will be based, in addition, on conferences with the Dean of Education held since the reorganization took place. The outline of the remeasurement which follows corresponds to the four areas in which Moody Bible Institute was found to have causes of inadequate administration.

a. Organizing

One purpose of the assignment of an Assistant to the Dean of Education in a staff relationship to the chief academic officer was to encourage greater awareness of and utilization of the organizing principle of task delegation.

In the original questionnaire, the Dean of Education ranked delegation fifth in importance out of a list of eight possible organizing principles. Following more than a year of experience with the revised organizational structure, the Dean ranked delegation first in importance out of the list of eight principles.

His choices, in order of priority of importance follows:

1. Delegate responsibilities.
2. Establish goals.
3. Gather information.
4. List procedures.
5. Provide a rationale.
6. Initiate problem-solving process.
7. Enlist a consultant.
8. Call a meeting.

A personal conference with the chief academic officer in November, 1976, verified the results of the questionnaire. He stated that the reorganization had encouraged him to delegate responsibilities of his office to a far greater degree than he had previously done. The addition of a staff person to the office of the Dean of Education obviously contributed to this changed situation. The recently appointed Assistant to the Dean of Education was able to handle certain committee responsibilities, and various types of correspondence previously performed by the Dean. In addition, he produced a number of planning analyses and progress reports that would otherwise have been written by the Dean.

One noticeable problem with the new pattern of delegation was the enhanced opportunity for the Dean of Education to be uninformed of significant areas of delegated matters. Misinformation of the financial arrangements for beginning a continuing education extension occurred between the Dean and his Assistant because the matter had been delegated to the Assistant. On balance, however, the advantages to the Dean appear to far outweigh the disadvantage of a limited communication breakdown.

The data indicate that the cause of inadequate administration due to a lack of delegation has been adjusted and remedied at Moody Bible Institute.

b. Staffing

It was hoped that by placing the Assistant to the Dean of Education in a staff relationship to the Dean the advantages of an additional staff person (rather than a line person) would accrue to the organization.

In his first completion of the questionnaire, the chief academic officer chose two line officers out of a list of twelve possible line and staff positions which might need to be filled in a school with rapidly growing enrollments. Following the reorganization of the educational branch at Moody Bible Institute, the same officer chose an equal number of staff and line persons in his first eight choices. The positions are listed below in the order of priority the Dean would fill them:

1. A Dean of Education (line)
2. Assistant to the Dean of Education (line)
3. A Dean of Faculty (line)
4. Additional staff for the Dean of Education (staff)
5. Additional staff for the Dean of Faculty (staff)
6. Assistant to the dean of Faculty (line)
7. Additional secretary for the Dean of Faculty (staff)
8. Additional secretary for the Dean of Education (staff)
9. Additional staff for the President (staff)
10. Additional secretary for the President (staff)
11. Assistant to the President (line)

The fact that the Dean included six staff persons in his list when the administrative structure was remeasured shows a marked change of attitude from the original questionnaire where he listed two line officers.

A conversation with the chief academic officer in November, 1976, supported the results of the second questionnaire. He stated that the assignment of an Assistant to the Dean of Education in a largely staff relationship to him had freed him for long-range planning and policy formulation and had given him more satisfaction with his own position than he had had since assuming the office of Dean of Education. He was convinced that the addition of a person having only line responsibilities to the organizational chart would have not produced the kind of help his office needed during the present period of enrollment growth.

The staff duties of the Assistant to the Dean of Education include research in connection with long range planning, editing the school catalog, assisting in the production of the annual report, handling of official correspondence and conferring with officials of the Institute. The handling of official correspondence is the one area of responsibility that has not been performed adequately by the Assistant to the Dean of Education. When he assumed his position, the Dean turned over approximately fifty pieces of unanswered correspondence, some of it over a year old. Most of the letters were requests for information relating to areas of Bible teaching, for advice on policies and actions of the Institute as a whole. Almost every letter required some amount of research in Biblical literature or Institute documents. The Assistant to the Dean of Education, when time permitted, methodically answered as many items of correspondence as possible. Additional correspondence of the same nature was constantly being received, however, and by the time of the remeasurement for this study the unanswered correspondence had grown

to approximately seventy-five pieces. Some restructuring of the duties of the Assistant to the Dean of Education is necessary to adjust the staff responsibility of answering correspondence of this nature.

This data indicated that a second cause of inadequate administration (the failure to recognize that the number of staff members and not administrators should be increased when work loads rise) has been remedied at Moody Bible Institute.

c. Directing

An additional cause of inadequate administration identified in this study was a span of control larger than seven persons per administrator. At Moody Bible Institute, the Dean of Faculty and Dean of Education had an average of eleven persons reporting to them according to the original questionnaire. A purpose of the assignment of some line responsibilities to the Assistant to the Dean of Education was to reduce the span of control to an average of seven.

The questionnaire completed by the Dean of Education following the organizational revision indicates that seven persons now report directly to him but one of those, the Health Service Supervisor, should report to the Dean of Students. Chart W on page 117 also reveals that the span of control for the Dean of Faculty has been reduced by two persons and the Assistant to the Dean of Education has assumed responsibility over the Director of Evening Schools. These changes result in an average span of control for the three administrators of seven persons.

A significant change that is not reflected in the former and present organizational charts is that responsibility for the Institute's

Summer School has been moved from the Dean of Faculty to the Assistant to the Dean of Education. Therefore, the administrative load of the Dean of Faculty has been substantially reduced even though his span of control is now thirteen persons.

The chief academic officer, in an interview with the investigator in November, 1976, verified the data obtained from the questionnaire. He asserted that administration of the educational branch of the Institute was more effective now that fewer persons reported to the Dean of Faculty and responsibility for the Evening Schools and Summer School had shifted to the Assistant to the Dean of Education.

Since the Dean of Education had served as Dean of Faculty for nearly ten years prior to his present appointment, he was in a good position to judge the effect of a smaller span of control upon the Faculty Dean's ability to carry out his duties.

A significant question has arisen out of the above reorganization with regard to patterns of promotion within the hierarchy of positions in the educational branch. Now that two persons function as educational managers under the Dean of Education, there could be rivalry for appointment to Vice President and Dean of Education when that office becomes vacant. In the present situation, an oral agreement was made before their appointment with the Dean of Faculty and Assistant to the Dean of Education that the Dean of Faculty would continue to be next in line for consideration as Dean of Education. While this solution was agreeable in this instance, a similar contract might not be accepted by different persons in a future like situation.

The investigator has concluded that the cause of inadequate administration due to a span of control larger than seven has been positively adjusted at Moody Bible Institute.

d. Reporting

When the organizational structure was altered at Moody Bible Institute, a new administrative level could have been added to the three present levels between the President and faculty members. Since the upward travel of information within an organization tends to be blocked more often as the administrative structure grows taller, it was hoped that the addition of an Assistant to the Dean of Education would not create a new administrative level.

According to the data obtained from the questionnaire completed by the Dean of Education after the reorganization, the administrative levels were not increased. The chief academic officer continues to report directly to the President and the Dean of Faculty and Assistant to the Dean of Education report directly to the Dean of Education.

In his November, 1976, interview with the Dean of Education, the investigator was informed that a three-level administrative structure has been maintained through the reorganization. In addition, the possibility of blockage of information as it travels upward in the organization is discouraged by the new channel of communication formed by the reorganization. The Assistant meets with the Dean for an extended time each morning to relate and receive information necessary to the proper functioning of the educational program.

Conclusion

Three identified causes of inadequate administration have been remedied at Moody Bible Institute due to the establishment of the position, Assistant to the Dean of Education. Delegation is now given a higher than average rank priority of importance, the number of staff persons rather than line persons has been increased in a time of enrollment growth and the span of control for educational administrators now averages seven. A fourth cause of inadequate administration, proliferation of administrative levels resulting in the blocking of information - travel, has not been aggravated by the reorganization.

The remeasurement of the educational administration of Moody Bible Institute also revealed that the evidences of an inadequate administration originally found at Moody had largely disappeared or were in the process of being removed. A philosophy of education had been formulated and adopted by the faculty and the administration. A set of faculty by-laws were in process of publication in a new faculty manual. Serious blockage of communication between key administrators was no longer apparent. Complaints of an overload of responsibilities on administrators were not heard. The new Assistant to the Dean of Education had assisted the Dean in long range planning activities resulting in significant written reports and the formation of a permanent Long Range Planning Committee.

CHAPTER IV

CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

This study analyzed the internal organizational structure of five selected Bible Colleges. The Colleges were chosen from sixty-one member colleges of the American Association of Bible Colleges, an accrediting association which is a member of the Council Post-Secondary Accreditation. The schools selected ranged in enrollment from a low of 784 to a high of 2,248 and included the three Colleges in the association having the highest enrollment.

The purpose of the investigation was to provide the administrators of rapidly growing Bible Colleges a guide for master-planning necessary changes in their organizational structure. A rationale for reorganization has been provided by a survey of current research in educational administration and by application of the case study method to the schools under investigation.

At the outset of the study, the literature relating to principles of organizational structure was reviewed. The writings of management leaders, both outside and within the field of education were examined and seven hypotheses of possible causes of inadequate administration were developed.

A case study of each school was accomplished through personal visits to the campuses, interviews with the chief academic officers, the use of a questionnaire administered to the educational administrators and a thorough examination of each school's published materials relating to the organization of the education branch.

Four of the seven hypotheses proposed as causes of inadequate administration were verified. The four verified hypotheses are:

Delegation is a principle of administrative practice given lower than average rank priority among organizational responsibilities of Bible College administrators.

There is a significant difference of opinion among Bible College administrators that the number of staff members (and not administrators) should be increased when larger enrollments produce heavier administrative work loads.

No general agreement exists among Bible College administrators that a span of control larger than seven produces inadequate administrative results.

There is a significant difference of opinion between Bible College administrators that levels of administration should be kept to a minimum to facilitate the reporting function of administration.

In those schools which exhibited evidences of inadequate administration, at least three of the verified causes of inadequate administration were present.

The three unverified hypotheses are:

Generally, Bible College administrators do not perceive the distinction between officers responsible for planning and officers responsible for implementing plans within their academic structure.

Bible College administrators generally give communication the lowest rank priority of factors affecting the co-ordination process within administration.

Bible College job descriptions for administrators generally do not indicate responsibility for budgeting but simply list duties of the position.

At Moody Bible Institute, an organizational change was implemented in July, 1976 which was designed to rectify the causes of inadequate administration indicated by the verified hypotheses above. Specifically, a new position was formed in the organizational chart to make it possible for the Dean of Education to appreciate and utilize the administrative principle of delegation. The new position was designed to be largely staff in nature to prevent organizational imbalance. The limited line responsibilities assigned to the new position reduced the average span of control among Moody educational administrators from eleven to seven. No additional administrative level was added to the organizational chart which could block the upward flow of information within the structure.

A retesting of the administrative structure at Moody Bible Institute revealed that constructive changes had occurred resulting in an adequate administration as defined in Chapter III. Enrollment in the Institute's Day School has remained stable and the total number in the Evening School has grown from 1860 (1976) to 2037 (1977) since the reorganization was implemented. The faculty-student ratio has been maintained at one to sixteen and the teaching load continues to average twelve hours per semester. Concerns relating to educational quality

have been attended to since the reorganization including adoption of a philosophy of education and definite structures for long-range educational planning.

(A.) CONCLUSIONS

The most significant conclusions according to the verified data follow:

Data determining inadequacies in the administration of selected Bible Colleges revealed that schools exhibiting an enrollment growth of 25 percent to 50 percent in a given decade can expect deficiencies in their educational programs if adequate organizational changes are not implemented. Gaps in the normal flow of internal communication and external correspondence will occur. Faculty members can expect larger teaching loads and faculty-student ratios than the averages in those categories of schools in the American Association of Bible Colleges. Facets of the educational program such as student counselling services, long-range planning, the production and implementation of educational philosophy and faculty by-laws will be deferred.

Data determining causes or circumstances associated with inadequacies in the administration of selected Bible Colleges, the presence or absence of those causes in the schools under study, the application of remedial measures at Moody Bible Institute and the remeasurement of the Institute's administration yielded the following conclusions:

Planning

Inadequate administration within Bible College educational structures is not due to a failure of members to know who the persons are with responsibility for planning and policy formulation in the organization. Officers in colleges exhibiting administrative deficiencies not only know who is responsible for planning but also generally agree that the assignment of that responsibility to particular positions is appropriate.

Organizing

Officers in schools exhibiting evidences of inadequate administration perform almost all of their administrative tasks individually and relegate delegation to a position of minor importance when organizing functions of their office. The reluctance to delegate tasks places undue pressure upon the administrator in terms of time allocation and prevents him from fulfilling less immediate but more significant areas of his responsibility.

A reorganization of a Bible College administration that incorporates an additional staff position encourages delegation and relieves key administrators of detail responsibilities that prevent them from performing the important functions of policy formulation and long-range planning.

The increased use of delegation as an organizing principle produces additional possibilities for a breakdown in the necessary flow of communication since the delegator no longer handles significant matters himself and must depend on the delegatee for information.

Staffing

Officers in schools exhibiting evidences of inadequate administration consider the addition of line personnel, rather than staff, when their duties multiply due to organizational growth. Implementation of such additions produces imbalance within an organization and causes a small area of an administrator's responsibility to receive undue attention and power.

The reorganization of a Bible College that incorporates a position that is basically staff in nature does not produce imbalance within

the organization. The addition of a staff person provides the kind of assistance to a key administrator that is needed to facilitate the achievement of the administrator's objectives.

Directing

The average span of control of administrators in Bible Colleges evidencing inadequate administration is too large for effective supervision of subordinates. Since relationships multiply when additions are made to an executive's span of control, effective management becomes impossible when an unreasonable number of persons report regularly to one administrator.

When the administration of a Bible College is reorganized so that an average of seven persons report to each administrator, the over-all effectiveness of the administration to deal with current and future school needs is increased. The work load of a new position which incorporates duties previously assigned to other positions must be carefully analyzed to ensure a new situation of responsibility overload is not created.

Co-ordinating

Inadequate administration within Bible College educational structures is not due to a failure of administrators to give communication a high rank priority of factors affecting the co-ordinating process. Officers in colleges exhibiting inadequate administration view the maintenance of communication channels as the most significant factor in co-ordination of educational activities.

Reporting

Bible College administrators are often unaware of the blockage of upward communication of information to decision makers when an administra-

tive structure is taller than necessary. When more administrative levels exist than are required by an organization's size and complexity, travel of vital information through the hierarchy slows and can even be stopped through inattention at some level of structure.

A reorganization of a Bible college administration that maintains the same number of administrative levels does not hinder the flow of information upward within the administration but augments existing communication by the addition of a new channel.

The addition of a position on the same administrative level as an existing position produces competition for the position in the level above. A pattern of succession must be arranged and clearly communicated to all persons involved in the reorganization.

Budgeting

Inadequate administration in the organizational structure of a Bible college is not caused by the failure of job descriptions to designate persons responsible for budgeting. Officers in colleges exhibiting inadequate administration knew who the persons were who are responsible for budgeting.

In sum, factors which cause significant inadequacies in the administrations of Bible colleges can be overcome by a planned reorganization of the administrative structure.

Data from the analysis of questionnaire results and from comments made during the study reveal an overload of executive responsibility at three of the colleges that justifies the addition of full or parttime personnel to their administrative organization.

(B.) RECOMMENDATIONS

The evidence collected during the course of this study has provided opportunities to state a number of general recommendations. Bible colleges would find it desirable to appraise critically their academic structure periodically in light of the findings of educational research and theory. It would be well if permanent systems of evaluation and revision of internal organizational structure were developed and implemented at each school. All organizations are in a state of development and structural changes should be made before the demands upon the administration become stronger than its ability to cope with them.

A Bible college which experiences an enrollment growth rate of over 25% in a ten year span must implement organizational changes to avert deficiencies in their educational programs such as large teaching loads affecting the quality of education.

The following specific recommendations grow out of an analysis of the verified hypotheses of this study and are proposed as guides to the administrations of Bible colleges. Changes in a Bible college organization should lead to the following results:

Organizing

Positions should be created that encourage delegation of tasks by key administrators. Bible college administrators should make a determined effort to set priorities of importance to the areas of responsibility they bear and delegate detailed tasks to subordinates. To accomplish such delegation, new administrative assistant positions may have to be formed. In addition, the administrator must delegate with confidence in

his subordinate. Delegation of routine work will free the administrator for his main concern of educational planning, organizing, and policy formulation.

Staffing

The addition of staff assistance rather than line, should be the first consideration when personnel need to be added to the hierarchical structure. The need for assistance will be apparent when an executive's work load increases to the point that the effectiveness of his administration is diminishing rather than growing. Staff assistance will make the administrator more efficient while maintaining organizational balance between line positions and departments.

Directing

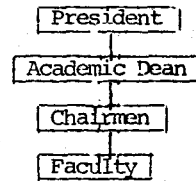
Reorganization of a Bible College administration should result in a span of control of no more than an average of seven per officer within the educational organization. This number may be exceeded slightly only where there is clear evidence that the areas represented by those who report are very closely related to each other.

Reporting

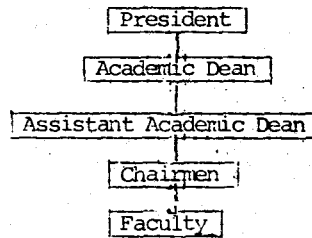
Bible Colleges should limit the number of administrative levels to the minimum necessary to carry out educational concerns for their school in relation to its size and complexity. The investigator recommends that a college of up to 500 enrollment have two levels, an Academic Dean and Chairmen, between the President and the faculty as shown in Chart X. Chart X also shows a college of up to 1,000 enrollments should have three levels through the addition of one Assistant Dean. A

CHART X

PROPOSED ORGANIZATIONAL CHART FOR COLLEGES ENROLLING
UP TO 500 STUDENTS



PROPOSED ORGANIZATIONAL CHART FOR COLLEGES ENROLLING
500 to 1000 STUDENTS



college enrolling up to 1,500 students should have an Assistant to the Dean of Education in addition to an Assistant Dean and department Chairmen as shown in Chart Y. A college enrolling up to 2,000 students should have an additional Assistant Dean dividing responsibility of supervising chairmen of the academic areas as shown in Chart Y.

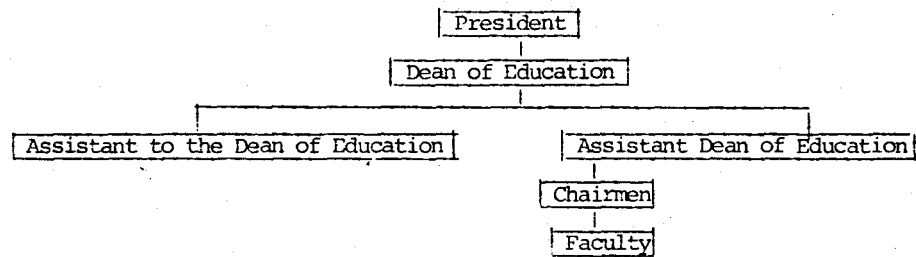
The organizational structures presented in Charts X and Y are not proposed as final solutions to the administrative strains caused by growing enrollments. However, they reflect the addition of staff persons in proportion to enrollment growth, the limitation of an administrator's span of control to seven and the deliberate attempt to maintain the lowest possible number of administrative levels.

The whole area of Bible College organizational structure requires further study and analysis. The results of this investigation suggest several questions which might provide impetus to future research. What recommendations would result from a similar analysis of schools enrolling less than 500 students in the American Association of Bible Colleges? What master-plan could be developed from the data in this study for schools in the Association enrolling over 500 students but not analyzed in this research? Because of this study, two or more administrators may be appointed to serve on the same level. What guidelines could be developed to determine the choice of a successor to their superior when his position becomes vacant?

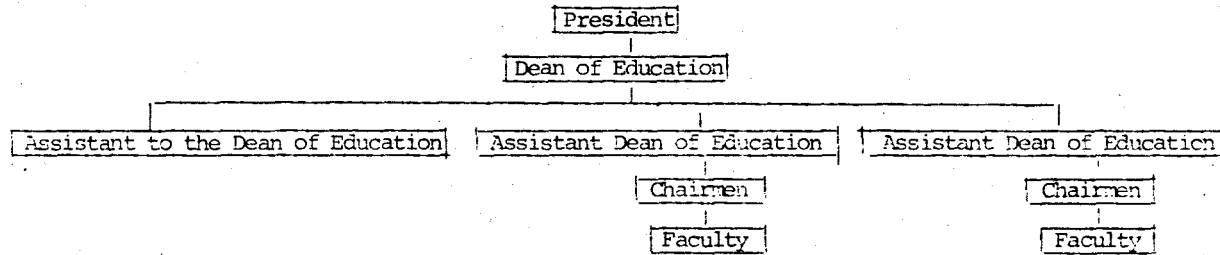
One powerful method of changing an organization is a revision of the actual pattern of administrative responsibilities. The revision outlined by this research can result in positive change for member schools of

CHART Y

PROPOSED ORGANIZATIONAL CHART FOR COLLEGES ENROLLING
1000 to 1500 STUDENTS



PROPOSED ORGANIZATIONAL CHART FOR COLLEGES ENROLLING
1500 to 2000 STUDENTS



the American Association of Bible Colleges during the present period of rapid enrollment growth.

(C.) IMPLICATIONS FOR FURTHER STUDY

The following areas of possible research and application might be pursued as a result of conclusions and recommendations listed above.

The methodological approach of the present study could be applied to other associations of college-level schools where growth rates of over twenty-five percent over a ten year period are being experienced. If such an association were non-religious in nature, the effect of college administrators' value systems on the conclusions of the present study could be determined.

Colleges ranging in enrollment from 784 to 2,248 were investigated by the researcher in terms of administrative structure. Hypotheses that were not verified by his study were that administrators do not perceive the distinction between officers responsible for planning and those responsible to implement plans, give communication the lowest rank priority of factors affecting the co-ordination process and do not know those persons who have responsibility for initiating and approving budgets within the organization. Each of these hypotheses may be related to school size and a similar study of larger schools could have different results.

The implications of the present study for schools with rapidly growing enrollments in terms of the implementation of the suggested administrative changes include the following:

Structurally, administrative changes will result in a wider organizational chart due to the lowering of the average span of control

of administrators and the lack of additional administrative levels. The multiplied tasks resulting from rising enrollments will be assigned to new personnel to alleviate pressures on key administration.

In terms of personnel, additions to positions in the organizational charts will be heavily weighted toward staff assistance rather than line persons. Since staff positions normally lack the prestige and power of line positions, some difficulty will be encountered in recruiting qualified individuals to provide staff assistance.

Operationally, administrators must make a commitment to the organizing principle of task delegation, recognizing the limitation of an individual's ability to cope with an increasing work load. Delegation necessarily will involve some loss of personal control over, and access to, information about the matter delegated.

It is hoped that the implementation of the organizational strategies contained in this study will free key administrators for the planning and policy making functions that are crucial if Bible Colleges are to survive as viable educational forces in today's world.

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QUESTIONNAIRE

A. GENERAL INFORMATION

1. Name of school _____
2. Enrollment as of September, 1974 _____
3. Number of full-time faculty members _____
4. Number of part-time faculty members _____
5. Your title _____
6. Number of years in your present position _____

B. QUESTIONNAIRE

DIRECTIONS: Listed below are areas of planning within educational administration which may or may not be at primary responsibility of your position. Please circle the appropriate letter (A, B, C, D, or E) which best indicates your responsibility.

A = I am responsible to plan in this area

B = I am not responsible to plan in this area

C = I should be responsible to plan in this area
but am not

D = I am responsible to plan in this area but should not be

E = I am undecided about this item

For responses B, C or D please indicate who is or ought to be responsible for planning in this area within your school's administrative structure.

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|--|-----------|
| 1. Educational philosophy
Who? | A B C D E |
| 2. Admission requirements
Who? | A B C D E |
| 3. New student orientation
Who? | A B C D E |
| 4. Curriculum
Who? | A B C D E |
| 5. Teacher and subject assignments
Who? | A B C D E |
| 6. Classroom scheduling
Who? | A B C D E |
| 7. New educational programs
Who? | A B C D E |
| 8. Teaching staff additions
Who? | A B C D E |
| 9. In-service teacher training
Who? | A B C D E |
| 10. Classroom construction
Who? | A B C D E |
| 11. Annual catalog
Who? | A B C D E |
| 12. School year calendar
Who? | A B C D E |

13. Commencement exercises
Who?

A B C D E 152

14. Others

Who?

A B C D E

Who?

A B C D E

Who?

A B C D E

Who?

A B C D E

DIRECTIONS: Listed below are principles of organization which are often practiced within administration. Please rank these principles in order of priority of importance you give them when organizing an educational program.

A = I would use this principle

B = I would not use this principle

Call a meeting	A B	Rank _____
Delegate responsibilities	A B	Rank _____
Enlist a consultant	A B	Rank _____
Establish goals	A B	Rank _____
Gather information	A B	Rank _____
Initiate problem-solving process	A B	Rank _____
List procedures	A B	Rank _____
Provide a rationale	A B	Rank _____
Other		

DIRECTIONS: Listed below are positions or groups which may need to be made or filled if your student body and teaching staff increased in number. Please rank the positions in the order of priority you would fill them assuming they are not made or filled in your organization at present.

A = I would fill this position

B = This position is already filled in our organization

Assistant to the President	A	B	Rank _____
Additional secretary for the President	A	B	Rank _____
Additional staff for the President	A	B	Rank _____
A Dean of Education	A	B	Rank _____
Assistant to the Dean of Education	A	B	Rank _____
Additional secretary for the Dean of Education	A	B	Rank _____
Additional staff for the Dean of Education	A	B	Rank _____
A Dean of Faculty	A	B	Rank _____
Assistant to the Dean of Faculty	A	B	Rank _____
Additional secretary for the Dean of Faculty	A	B	Rank _____
Additional staff for the Dean of Faculty	A	B	Rank _____
Other			

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DIRECTIONS: Listed below are persons who may or may not report to you directly. Please circle the appropriate letter which best explains your relationship and/or opinion in this area.

- A = Reports directly to me
- B = Does not report directly to me
- C = Should report to me but does not
- D = Reports to me but should not
- E = I am undecided about this item
- N = Not applicable

For responses C or D, please briefly give a reason in the space below the item.

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|---|-------------|
| 1. Accounting Director
Why? | A B C D E N |
| 2. Admission Director
Why? | A B C D E N |
| 3. Alumni Director
Why? | A B C D E N |
| 4. Audio Visual Director
Why? | A B C D E N |
| 5. Correspondence School Director
Why? | A B C D E N |
| 6. Dean of Education
Why? | A B C D E N |
| 7. Dean of Faculty
Why? | A B C D E N |
| 8. Dean of Students
Why? | A B C D E N |
| 9. Evening School Director
Why? | A B C D E N |
| 10. Food Service Director
Why? | A B C D E N |
| 11. Health Service Director
Why? | A B C D E N |
| 12. In-Service Director
Why? | A B C D E N |

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|---|-------------|
| 13. Librarian
Why? | A B C D E N |
| 14. Practical Christian Work Director
Why? | A B C D E N |
| 15. Public Relations Director
Why? | A B C D E N |
| 16. Registrar
Why? | A B C D E N |
| 17. Student Council President
Why? | A B C D E N |
| 18. Summer School Director
Why? | A B C D E N |
| 19. Treasurer
Why? | A B C D E N |
| 20. Others
_____ | A B C D E N |
| Why? | |
| _____ | A B C D E N |
| Why? | |
| _____ | A B C D E N |
| Why? | |
| _____ | A B C D E N |
| Why? | |
| _____ | A B C D E N |
| Why? | |

DIRECTIONS: Listed below are procedures affecting the coordination process within administration. Please rank these procedures in order of priority of importance you give them when co-ordinating an educational activity.

A = I use this procedure

B = I do not use this procedure

Assess progress cooperatively	A	B	Rank	_____
Encourage active participation	A	B	Rank	_____
Evaluate progress periodically	A	B	Rank	_____
Give professional guidance	A	B	Rank	_____
Investigate complaints	A	B	Rank	_____
Maintain communication channels	A	B	Rank	_____
Provide statistical summaries	A	B	Rank	_____
Other				

DIRECTIONS: Listed below are positions in a typical organizational chart. Please indicate the position or positions to whom you report on a regular basis by circling the appropriate letter.

A = I report directly to this person or group
 B = I do not report directly to this person or group
 C = I should report to this person but do not
 D = I report to this person but should not
 E = I am undecided about this item
 N = Not applicable

For responses C or D please briefly give a reason in the space below the item.

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|--|-------------|
| 1. Board of Trustees
Why? | A B C D E N |
| 2. President
Why? | A B C D E N |
| 3. Executive Vice President
Why? | A B C D E N |
| 4. Dean of Education
Why? | A B C D E N |
| 5. Dean of Faculty
Why? | A B C D E N |
| 6. Curriculum Committee (Department Heads)
Why? | A B C D E N |
| 7. Faculty senate
Why? | A B C D E N |
| 8. Public Relations Director
Why? | A B C D E N |
| 9. Alumni Director
Why? | A B C D E N |
| 10. Dean of Students
Why? | A B C D E N |
| 11. Other
_____ | A B C D E N |
| Why? | |
| _____ | A B C D E N |
| Why? | |

DIRECTIONS: Listed below are educational programs requiring budget provision. Please refer to the job description for your position and indicate which areas are stated as your budgeting responsibility by circling the appropriate letter.

- A = I am responsible for this budget area
B = I am not responsible for this budget area
C = My job description states this budget area as my responsibility but I do not administer it
D = I administer this budget area but my job description does not state it as my budgeting responsibility
E = I am undecided about this item
N = Not applicable

For responses C or D please briefly give a reason in the space below the item.

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|--|-------------|
| 1. Classroom equipment | A B C D E N |
| Why? | |
| 2. Custodial services | A B C D E N |
| Why? | |
| 3. Directors' salaries | A B C D E N |
| Why? | |
| 4. Printed materials (catalogs, schedules) | A B C D E N |
| Why? | |
| 5. School building construction | A B C D E N |
| Why? | |
| 6. School promotional expenses | A B C D E N |
| Why? | |
| 7. Staff salaries | A B C D E N |
| Why? | |
| 8. Teacher salaries | A B C D E N |
| Why? | |
| 9. Teaching services | A B C D E N |
| Why? | |
| 10. Teaching supplies | A B C D E N |
| Why? | |
| 11. Other | A B C D E N |
| Why? | |

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