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First milestone achieved for a future for NDNU

The Board of Trustees met last week to make a decision regarding whether Notre Dame de Namur University will continue to operate beyond spring 2021.

The Board unanimously endorsed a new vision for NDNU to transform the university to a primarily graduate and online university, potentially with undergraduate degree completion programs, that would operate beyond spring 2021.

This is a positive milestone towards securing a future for NDNU.

However, making the decision to remain open after June 2021 and to realize the Board's new vision for NDNU depends on financial steps that the Board will review between now and early 2021.

The Board's endorsement reflects their confidence and vision for the future of NDNU, while being realistic and financially responsible. We appreciate the trustees taking this critical step toward the possibility of continuing beyond spring 2021 the educational mission that began almost 170 years ago.

The Board and the administrative team greatly appreciate the faculty and staff for their continued support and hard work during this past year which has helped to make this first step possible. We are also grateful for the support we have received from the community, our alumni and donors.

In the interim, we will continue to admit new graduate and teaching credential students for spring 2021, and to prepare for the possibility that we may be seeking to build enrollment beyond spring 2021.

We have been working extremely hard for several months and recognize that we have not been able to provide any significant updates about the future of NDNU until now. We will update the NDNU community and supporters as additional information becomes available.

Have a blessed and peaceful holiday and break.

President Dan Carey