

Atlantic School of Theology Senate

For the past two years, I have sat on AST Senate as the representative for Maritime Conference. The senate is responsible for coordinating and providing oversight to the academic programs offered by AST.

Here are a few of the many things that have been discussed and worked on by the senate in the past year:

- Implementation of the Strategic Directions Plan
- Funding of lecture series
- Re-activating the Evelyn Hildie Betts Fellowship Fund. This fellowship allows a student from another part of the world to study at AST for one year. Watch for an announcement of a new Betts Fellow in the near future.
- Developing a quality assurance review process.
- Formalizing the Arts and Theology committee.
- Honourary degree recipients
- The Granting of degrees, certificates and testamur.

In 2011/12 there were 155 students enrolled in the various programs at AST. The enrollment for next year is likely to be around the same number, which in a time of dropping enrolments everywhere, is a good sign.

I would like to thank the caring faculty and staff at AST for their hard work and for their dedication to quality theological education. The church appreciates what you do.

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