Statement

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The Board of Trustees at Atlantic Union College Vote to Move Forward With Washington Adventist University to Establish Branch Campus at AUC

South Lancaster, MA—The Trustees of Atlantic Union College (AUC) voted on April 11, 2011 to proceed with a formal agreement to establish a branch campus of its sister institution, Washington Adventist University (WAU), in South Lancaster, Mass. The Board, after much deliberation, voted a new governance operating structure and a business plan for WAU to operate the branch campus educational programs. Both institutions had previously cast affirmative votes on a Memorandum of Understanding.

The agreements involve a multi-step process. Yet to come are approvals by accrediting, government, and church entities, the last including constituency meetings in Takoma Park, Md., and South Lancaster, Mass.

Additional details are in cover stories at www.auc.edu and www.wau.edu.

AUC will provide updates as they become available via email and at www.auc.edu and www.wau.edu. Inquiries regarding the new branch campus arrangement should be directed to William Jackson, vice president for Marketing and Recruiting at WAU at (301) 891-4475 or wjackson@wau.edu.

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About Atlantic Union College

Founded in 1882, Atlantic Union College in South Lancaster, Mass., is the oldest campus in the Seventh-day Adventist worldwide educational system. Spring enrollment is 444 students in bachelor’s, master’s, associate and certificate programs, and the Adult Degree Program. Its specialized mission is to produce service-centered professionals who have the skills needed to help create healthy communities.

About Washington Adventist University

Founded in 1904, Washington Adventist University, a liberal arts institution of the Seventh-day Adventist Church, is headquartered in Takoma Park, Md. The university offers eight graduate and 32 undergraduate programs for 1,300 students of all faiths. The mission is to produce graduates who bring competence and moral leadership to their communities by creating a culture of excellence designed to engage minds and transform lives.