



Survey to Test the Validity of Telephone Interview Findings: *AABC Research*¹

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Interim Report *Item A: List of Interview Items*

This survey informs us about the extent to which certain findings from the interviews of the presidents can be generalized across the spectrum of AABC institutions.

Each of the items in the survey is based upon a set of related statements heard in the interviews in both positive and negative form. For the instrument, the items are worded in a highly assertive style in order to allow for a format with a maximum range of Likert-style responses, from STRONGLY AGREE to STRONGLY DISAGREE.

Respondent's task: *In reference to the college of which I am President:*

1. <i>Accreditation</i> is very important to our college's survival.	Strongly Agree	Agree	N	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
2. <i>AABC accreditation</i> is very important to our survival.	Strongly Agree	Agree	N	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
3. The accreditation <i>process</i> is valuable in helping our college improve.	Strongly Agree	Agree	N	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
4. AABC accreditation is (or will become for us) a valuable symbol of our <i>credibility</i> as a Bible college.	Strongly Agree	Agree	N	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
5. We need affiliation with AABC in order to maintain <i>fellowship and mutual support</i> with other Bible colleges.	Strongly Agree	Agree	N	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
6. AABC is doing a very good job <i>promoting awareness</i> of the value of Bible college education.	Strongly Agree	Agree	N	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
7. AABC needs to <i>provide more help</i> to its member colleges.	Strongly Agree	Agree	N	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
8. Our students <i>need no formal education</i> beyond what they receive in our college.	Strongly Agree	Agree	N	Disagree	Strongly Disagree

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9. Our students need easier access to acceptance of <i>transfer credit recognition</i> and <i>graduate admission</i> to secular universities and other educational opportunities after leaving us.	Strongly Agree	Agree	N	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
10. More and more people <i>will want our form of education</i> and the Christian learning context as an alternative to the relativistic and ungodly educational environments.	Strongly Agree	Agree	N	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
11. The future <i>looks bright</i> for our college.	Strongly Agree	Agree	N	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
12. The Bible college movement is facing <i>difficult challenges</i> in the years just ahead.	Strongly Agree	Agree	N	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
13. The AABC needs to “catch up” with the <i>changes in the Bible colleges</i> .	Strongly Agree	Agree	N	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
14. Although a limited amount of broader (“liberal arts”) content may be desirable, I don’t like <i>to see any Bible college become a liberal arts college</i> .	Strongly Agree	Agree	N	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
15. I surely <i>don’t</i> want our Bible college to become a liberal arts college.	Strongly Agree	Agree	N	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
16. When a Bible college becomes regionally accredited it tends to <i>slide toward a liberal arts model</i> of higher education.	Strongly Agree	Agree	N	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
17. A Christian liberal arts college tends over time to become <i>less and less concerned with the Bible</i> .	Strongly Agree	Agree	N	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
18. The growing numbers of AABC colleges which are also regionally accredited is <i>disturbing</i> to me.	Strongly Agree	Agree	N	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
19. The AABC colleges which also have regional accreditation are a <i>valuable sector</i> within AABC.	Strongly Agree	Agree	N	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
20. Ours is [or intends to become] a <i>dual-accredited Bible college</i> .	Strongly Agree	Agree	N	Disagree	Strongly Disagree

21. The classical Bible college is represented by 1) its emphasis on <i>Bible content</i> as a major for all students and 2) a strong motive to prepare people for <i>service in Christian ministry</i> .	Strongly Agree	Agree	N	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
22. This definition of the <i>classical Bible college</i> (in the previous item) describes <i>our</i> Bible college rather well.	Strongly Agree	Agree	N	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
23. Some Bible colleges are <i>extended</i> or <i>expanded</i> beyond this definition of the classical Bible college as they <i>relate the ideals of the historical Bible college to new needs</i> for educational services.	Strongly Agree	Agree	N	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
24. This definition of the <i>expanded Bible college</i> (in the previous item) describes <i>our</i> Bible college rather well.	Strongly Agree	Agree	N	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
25. The AABC sends to us <i>warmly supportive, encouraging, and knowledgeable</i> representatives and visiting teams.	Strongly Agree	Agree	N	Disagree	Strongly Disagree