

Doctor of Theology

I. INTRODUCTION

III. MAIN PROPOSAL:

In light of the abovementioned growing need, the Divinity School would like to formally offer its Doctor of Theology program which is equivalent to the existing Doctor of Theology Program of SEAGST. This offering will be based mainly on the existing academic program requirements and descriptions laid out in the SEAGST Handbook, 2007-2008.

a. Program Objective: To train and equip both clergy and laypeople of the church from Asia and other parts of the world with the necessary expertise needed in academic leadership in various theological and ecclesiastical issues obtained in their respective institutional and social contexts.

b. Main target clientele: The program is designed primarily for partner institutions, seminaries, and church bodies in Asia and other regions. However, individuals who wish to earn a doctoral degree from the Silliman University Divinity School may come with ready scholarships to support their studies.

c. Major Areas of Specialization: The Divinity School proposes to offer the Doctor of Theology program in four areas of specialization: Biblical Studies and Interpretation, Systematic Theology, Christian Ethics and Pastoral Care.

d. Requirements:

d.1. Transcript of Records. An applicant is required to submit an official transcript of his or her previous academic records since high school. An applicant for the doctoral program must be a holder of Master of Theology (M. Theol. or M. Th.) degree from a theological seminary of recognized standing.

d.2. Language Requirement: A working knowledge of Hebrew and Greek sufficient for translation and exegesis. Students must pass the two-hour language examination in Hebrew and Greek (for those specializing in biblical studies) and Aramaic (for those specializing in Old Testament) at the beginning of the first semester. This examination will focus on translation. For those specializing in the other three areas, a basic knowledge of both biblical languages is required as well as any other language that may be necessary within the specific area of concentration chosen by the candidate. When necessary, they may be asked to take a validating examination in Hebrew and Greek.

English Language Requirement: Applicants from countries that are not English speaking will be required to pass or present a TOEFL certification of at least a score of 600. Prospective students may take special English proficiency classes at the university before they start the doctoral program.

d.3. Letters of Recommendation.

