Term Structure Ideas from Other Christian Colleges (CAHEA Members)

Bluffton University / Ohio

- They started with non standard terms, shifted for FA reasons, accurate headcount, and to give students summer break
- Four 18-week semesters, start cohorts in August and January
  - Semester 1: 12 units
  - Semester 2: 12 units
  - Summer break
  - Semester 3: 9/12 units (option to take traditional semester online humanities course)
  - Semester 4: 9/12 (option to take traditional semester online humanities course)

EXCEL / Huntington University

- Two 6-month financial aid terms per year, January 1 and July 1 start dates
- Semesters have to be within two weeks of each other, and all semesters have to be done within one of the 6-month FA terms.

Mid-Continent University

- 20-week semesters (their traditional is 18), 4 classes / 5 weeks each
- Use rolling start dates / when there are enough students to begin.
- Their non-traditional program is larger than the traditional
- "We have experienced a lot of growth; we are geared to be flexible and allow for innovative schedules. This has been a key ingredient for our growth…. Mid-Continent desires to have an adult program that is growing at a significant rate; this demands organizational change that some schools may not care to deal with, or have the capacity to deal with."

Philadelphia Biblical University

- Started with non-traditional terms, began at will, need to change for same reasons
- Changes to two 6-month semesters: September–February and March–August
- Stretched program to two years
- Five classes per semester, breaks throughout the year

Evangel

- Just changed to align DCP with traditional three terms: Fall, Spring, Summer
- Beginning date is week before traditional term, ending week is the week after
- Students take three 5-week classes and one 15-week semester class (overlapping) per term (12 units)

Belhaven College

- Changed from non-term structure
- Now have three terms: Fall (18 weeks), Spring (18 weeks), and summer (14 weeks)
- Two weeks off at Christmas
- Courses vary from 5 to 8 weeks depending on the subject
- Very smooth now, good move