

Acts of Synod 2020 28: Theological School, sup Supplements

aid of a dictionary.” It is a four-semester course taught over two years, at a cost of \$750/semester.

2. If the request is granted, Prof. Huizinga would be taking an additional year (three in all) to obtain his advanced degree. He would begin the two-year Dutch course this fall. At the end of the present semester, he will have completed all his other classroom studies to obtain his Master’s degree, so during the next two years he will be taking the Dutch course and writing his Master’s thesis (likely on an aspect of covenant theology). He anticipates that during the second of these years (the 2021-2022 school year) he would be teaching one of the exegesis courses in our seminary.

3. Prof. Huizinga provided the following grounds:

a. Benefit: Attaining fluency in Dutch theological reading would benefit me in my present and future dogmatic studies as well as provide the churches with a younger man who has access to the Dutch. Specific valuable areas locked away in the Dutch include: dogmatic works from the nineteenth and twentieth centuries, especially on covenant theology that was controversial in the Netherlands, early CRC and PRC history/theology, and the works of church polity authorities.

b. Time: Taking two more years to finish my coursework and research/write my thesis would give me much valuable time to devote to the Dutch language and even use it in researching for my thesis. I have found it nearly impossible to find time to work on much less attempt to attain fluency in the Dutch language while taking a full course load for the ThM. Even scaling back the time invested in serving the churches by preaching, teaching catechism, leading a Bible study, giving chapel speeches and lectures, and writing for the *Standard Bearer*, still does not leave sufficient time to devote to the Dutch.

c. Feasibility: Prof. Cammenga, whom I am scheduled to replace, is willing to extend his teaching responsibilities another year, thereby extending the transition period to six years.

4. The faculty responded favorably to this idea.

a. The faculty added to Prof. Huizinga’s grounds the belief that “it would be valuable for the seminary and therefore for the PRC.”

b. And the faculty stated that this implies that Prof. Cammenga will be on staff as a full-time professor for an additional year.