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WACO-Although he had intended to retire at the end of the current academic year, Paul Powell will stay on as dean of Baylor University's Truett Theological Seminary.

Baylor President Robert Sloan announced Powell's decision Dec. 5.

Powell came to the post in February 2001 with a commitment to serve up to three years.

"It had been my intention to retire this spring, but President Sloan requested that I continue as dean, and I have agreed to do so because of the importance of Truett to Baylor's mission and to traditional Baptists everywhere," Powell said.

Powell has given "extraordinary leadership" for the seminary, Sloan said. "He has been particularly effective at strengthening the seminary's relationship with Texas Baptist churches, resulting in significant increases in enrollment and expanded financial support for Truett."

Under Powell's leadership, Truett's enrollment has grown from 247 to 380 students, new joint master of divinity/master of music and master of divinity/master of education in counseling degrees have been approved, and more than 200 endowed scholarships have been established.

"Truett is a traditional Baptist seminary committed to our historic Baptist principles, and it is our mission to train the next generation of ministers and missionaries," Powell said. "Our vision is to be the premier Baptist theological institution in the world."

Prior to joining the seminary in 1991, Powell served on the Baylor board of regents and was president of the Rogers Foundation. He retired in 1998 as president of the Annuity Board of the Southern Baptist Convention.

He was a longtime Texas Baptist pastor, serving 17 years at Green Acres Baptist Church in Tyler. He has written numerous books and continues to preach regularly at churches throughout Texas.

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