

ULS Logo Development Initiative

ULS Brand Development Task Force

To kickstart this initiative, a Brand Development Task Force was assembled, with members representing various ULS constituencies:

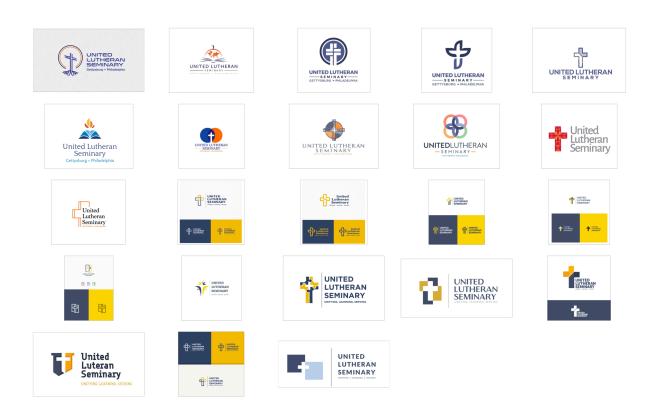
- Barry Hill Chief Communications Officer
- · Grainne Davies Communications Assistant
- James Trent Lead Designer
- Miranda Hammer DL student
- Joel Davis student, background in journalism and design
- · Mark Vitalis Hoffman faculty member
- Kristin Vought ULS alumni, Philadelphia
- Tim Rosenberger alumni, Gettysburg
- William Diehm alumni, Gettysburg

The Brand Development Task Force has met throughout this process and has provided guidance and input on creative direction and concept development.

Process & Research

Phase I

To begin the brainstorming process for developing a new logo, we commissioned dozens of various designs to help us generate ideas initially. We received over 200 unique designs. Shown here are several of these initial concepts.





Phase II

After receiving these initial concepts and positive feedback, we also asked designers for several variations of a concept based loosely on a "U," or the idea of "United" - both the unification of two campuses, and being united in Christ.























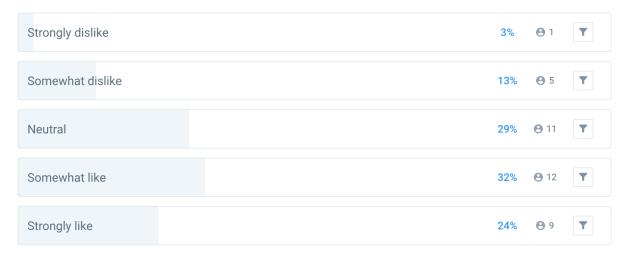


Phase III

We then ran internal market research testing. We recruited people using random samples of various ULS constituency groups: students, faculty, staff, and alumni.

Design #1



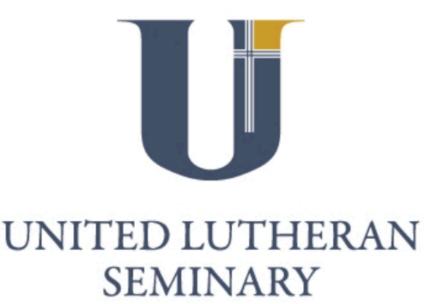


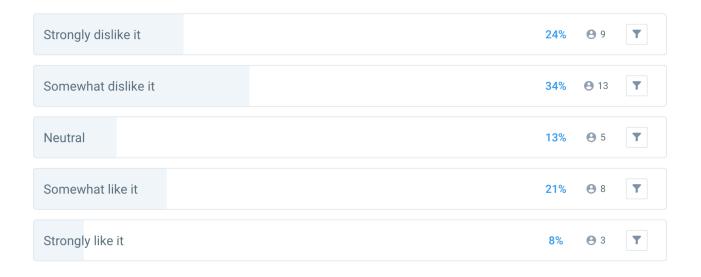
Design #1 - Key feedback:

- "the U leads to the cross, rather than the other way around, as (I think) it ought to be."
- "I would appreciate a more modern look and feel"
- · "Colors are not engaging"
- "bolder colors; my sense is that they did not stand out, and I'm not sure that the tones of the blue and yellow went well together"



Design #2





Design #2 - Key feedback:

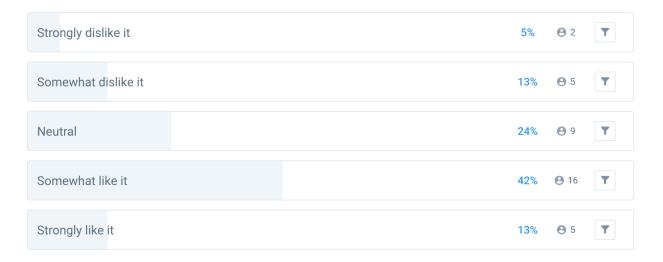
- "looks more traditional / old-fashioned; more typical college logo"
- "Something more modern, less collegiate, emphasize the cross more than the u."
- "This looks like a stock college logo, especially with the font of the "U".



Design #3



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Design #3 - key feedback:

- "positive, a bit of a sense of a dove, as w/ first logo, not sure about the color tones; logo seems a bit 'heavy'"
- "Again I do not like the mustard yellow with the blue."
- "Better than the last one. Combo of traditional look with movement and balance of color in u which looks like moving to unity in diversity."



Phase IV

After receiving this feedback, it was clear that U designs #1 and #3 were the highest rated. Thus, we incorporated the feedback we received in this round of research, and ran another market test.

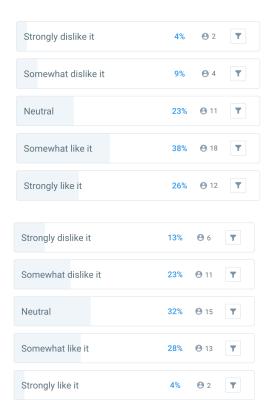
This test included the two revised U concepts as well as four of the top non-U concepts, as chosen by the Brand Development Task Force. The objective of this survey was to determine whether a U or non-U design would be received more favorably.





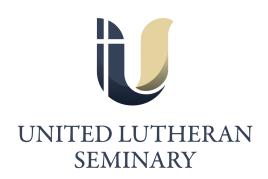




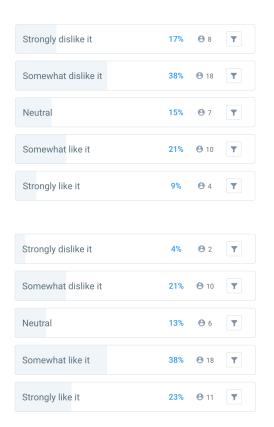








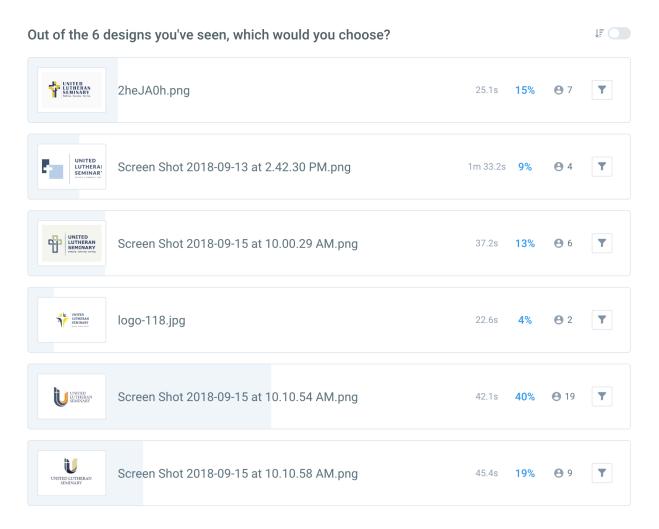








At the end of the survey, we asked participants to pick their favorite of the six.



 Currently, design #5 is in the lead. While both U designs have similar percentages of Like and Strongly Like votes (see pages 6-7), when asked to choose their favorite, 40% of people picked the orange U - the highest percentage by far. Both U designs received positive overall feedback, but the research here indicates that the orange U design is preferred. The Brand Development Task Force echoed this sentiment.

Phase V

Our next steps

- Present our findings to the President's Cabinet for review
- Create multiple variations of the chosen design (orange U)
- Test color palettes and fonts with the chosen design (different colors besides orange; serif and sans-serif fonts)
- Build an initial version of the brand guide including all variations of wordmark, logo, color palette, and typography styles.
- Develop a brand release plan for releasing the new brand to the ULS community.