

# Executive Council Committee on Historically Black Colleges and Universities

April 22, 2021

## Minutes of the Teleconference

**HBCU COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:** Canon Martini Shaw (Chair), Ms. Martha Alexander, Dr. Joel Cunningham (from the surgical theater), Canon Jamie Callaway, Dr. Scott Evenbeck, Canon Anita George, Dr. Eugene Lowe, and Bishop Sam Rodman,

**Regrets:** Bishop Andrew Waldo, Bishop Anne Hodges-Copple and Canon Michele Hagans.

**Guests:** Mr. Kurt Barnes.

Canon Shaw called the meeting to order at 8:03 AM EDT. Bishop Rodman offered a prayer. The roll was called. The minutes from the March meeting were moved (Canon Callaway), seconded (Bp. Rodman) and approved as presented.

### St. Augustine's Update

Bp. Rodman discussed the status of the warning from SACS and the positive meeting with the board that occurred in April. It is hoped that the warning will be removed in June.

At the next board meeting amended by-laws will be considered. The bishops in North Carolina, other than the diocesan bishop, will be removed from board participation. The question of whether TEC needs to approve them also will be referred to Kent Anker (CLO).

The campus chapel is part of the Diocese of NC and was founded as a mission of St. Ambrose Church in Raleigh. The dual jurisdiction for same is important to the congregation that worships there apart from the campus population. Bp. Rodman observed a very positive beginning relationship between Hershey and Dr. McPhail. A question arose about the designation of the chapel as the 'Historic Chapel.' Bp. Sam will look into that.

Mr. Barnes had had a call from Ed Patrick at SAU about Hershey's pension contributions. \$10K annually during 2019-2021 has been volunteered from the Missionary Personnel Office, but a bill is needed from CPG for payment.

### Voorhees Update

There was no update concerning Voorhees owing to Bishop Waldo's unexpected need to be absent from the meeting. Cn. Shaw will follow up with him and report as necessary.

SAU and Voorhees both receive block grants from TEC's budget. It was asked whether TEC could designate a portion of those grants to support the chaplaincies. Mr. Barnes believed it could through EC or GC. A recommendation from this committee might be that a percentage of each grant be applied for the chaplaincy and the balance to general operating expenses. That could feed into EC's deliberations when it considers the budget. Two budgets are coming up.

One is for 2022, to be constructed by EC because GC will not meet this year, and another for the 2023-2024 portion of the 'triennium.' In the 2019-2021 triennium there were 2 pieces, \$1.6 million shared by the two schools for general operations and an additional \$400K for educational enterprise grants. Approximately \$650K is available between the two schools for 2022. The draft budget for 2022 will be presented to EC in June.

Dr. Lowe and Cn. Callaway had included this concept in the Blue Book report since the committee agreed about the importance of sustaining the chaplaincies on both campuses. The matter is already on record as the committee's belief that this is an essential part of its work.

After some additional discussion Dr. Lowe moved that 25% of the grants to SAU and Voorhees be used to support the chaplaincies and 75% be used for general purposes of the institution. Seconded (Callaway). All approved. Mr. Barnes will add this by a note to the draft budget on the appropriate lines.

No consultants were present this morning, so there were no reports.

Next meeting: May 13 – 10:00 AM Eastern time.

Canon Shaw adjourned the meeting at 8:35 AM.

Respectfully submitted,  
Nancy Caparulo  
Staff support to the committee