

# EXECUTIVE COUNCIL COMMITTEE HBCU

## NOTES TAKEN FOR THE HBCU COMMITTEE TELECONFERENCE

Thursday 21 September 2017; 4:30 P.M. (EDT)

**Committee Members Present:** Canon Martini Shaw (Chair), Canon James Callaway, Dr. Joel Cunningham, Canon Michele Hagans, The Rev. Dr. Eugene Lowe.

**Committee Members Absent:** Bishop Robert Wright, Dr. Scott Evenbeck, Dr. Anita George

**Others Present on Call:** Mr. Kurt Barnes, Consultants - Fr. Lang Lowery, Ms. Tara Holley

### STATUS REPORT FROM CONSULTANTS:

A. **Fr. Lang Lowery** reported:

- Student Enrollment at St. Aug is up from last year this time. 927 students in 2016; 990 students in 2017. A 7 percent increase. To be noted is: increase in Freshmen population; increase in retention.

- Audit at St. Aug has been completed. The news was not as hoped. No surplus listed. Over a million dollars deficit compared to 750,000.00 in last audit. There are reasons of debt reduction for these numbers.

- The Good News is that enrollment is up and Contributions are up. It is the hope of the University and consultants that SACS will be convinced for reasons of "Good Cause" to either extend the probationary period another year, or even better.....to remove the school from Probation.

There has been much preparation for the upcoming SACS visit to St. Aug on October 10th.

B. **Tara Holley** reported on her upcoming trip to both Voorhees and St. Aug. She will continue to work with both Institutions on Development plans for next 18 months. Working toward some development goals. She reported on some of the early successes already with some bishops, parishes and others. She will be working with Voorhees to assist them in planning for the best and proper use of the grant received from the UNCF.

### REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL FUNDING FOR SCHOOLS

A discussion about how both schools have already received their "Episcopal" allocation of funding for this General Convention cycle. How can more money be garnered from the Episcopal Church to assist with continued work. It was suggested that our Committee should be the vehicle for requesting additional funding from Executive Council. A Request proposal should go to **Kurt Barnes and Anita George** by October 9th, to be presented at the next Executive Council meeting on October 18th.

This Committee will reconvene ASAP to draft the Request. This will be our only Agenda item for that meeting. The next meeting of the Committee is: **FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 29, 2017, AT 8:00 A.M.**

Meeting Adjourned at 5:30 P.M.

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