

EXECUTIVE COUNCIL COMMITTEE HBCU

NOTES FROM MEETING OF THE HBCU COMMITTEE Friday, October 27, 2017 - 9AM (EDT)

Committee Members Present: Canon Martini Shaw (Chair); Dr. Joel Cunningham; Dr. Anita George; Rev. Dr. Eugene Lowe; Canon Michele Hagan, Dr. Scott Evenbeck; Canon Jamie Callaway.

Committee Members Absent: None

Visitors: Attorney Doug Anning; Ms. Tara Holley; Fr. Lang Lowery; Dr. Everett Ward

A. Meeting Called to order by the **Chair** at 9:04 A.M.

B. Consultants **Lowery** and **Holley** gave reports. Both were together at St. Aug on yesterday for Trustees Meeting.

a.) **Lowery** Reported- At the Trustees meeting, much discussion around the subject of the recent audit. The Board is very "unified and acutely" aware of the gravity of the issues before them (i.e. internal and financial controls). Lowery feels somewhat confident about the response to come from SACS in December. It has been strongly recommended to St. Aug's the need for additional administrative leadership (i.e. Junior CFO).

Chief Legal authority of the Episcopal Church, **Doug Anning**, is working closely with the authorities at St. Aug. to legally cement the partnership approved by Executive Council and between the Episcopal Church and University.

b.) **Holley** Reported- At the Trustees meeting, she stressed to members the importance of the role of the Board in giving and supporting development. The **Presiding Bishop** has sent 9 additional letters to bishops and clergy around the Episcopal Church introducing Dr. Ward and St. Aug to them, and encouraging them to schedule an opportunity for **Dr. Ward** to visit to "tell the story" of St. Aug. Earlier in the year, the **Presiding Bishop** sent 12 such letters. To date, **Dr. Ward** has been able to visit about four of them. These visits have resulted in raising over \$125,000.00 in fundraising.

The Committee expressed enormous gratitude to both consultants for their hard work and commitment to both institutions.

C. Dr. George gave us the report from Executive Council - **GREAT NEWS**. At a recent Executive Council meeting, **Dr. George**, with the assistance of **Kurt Barnes**, shepherded a resolution generated from our Committee that requested an additional partnership opportunity for the Episcopal Church and St. Aug. This included a guaranteed Line of Credit to St. Augustine. This resolution was passed. Because of the passage of this resolution, the work of **Dr. George** and **Kurt Barnes**, and this Committee, the future for St. Aug looks more promising.

Dr. George was requested to send the final resolution to this Body as soon as possible.

Kudos and thanks was offered to all who assisted and made this possible.

D. We were joined on the call by **Dr. Ward** at 9:45 AM. Words were expressed to emphasize the Committee's full support of the University and his continued work. He was allowed to share and reflect upon the recent SACS visit and where the University is heading toward success. Members of the Committee expressed gratitude to him and his work.

E. Next Teleconference Meeting of the Committee is: **Thursday, November 16, 2017, at 8:30 P.M. (EDT)**

F. Meeting adjourned at 10:08 A.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

The Very Rev. Canon Martini Shaw