

Executive Council Committee on Historically Black Colleges and Universities

December 16, 2019

Minutes of the Teleconference

HBCU COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT: Canon Martini Shaw (Chair), Ms. Martha Alexander, Fr. Jamie Callaway, Dr. Joel Cunningham, Dr. Scott Evenbeck, Canon Anita George, Canon Michele Hagans and Dr. Eugene Lowe, Bishop Andrew Waldo. **Those absent:** Dr. Sean Decatur.

Guests: Mr. Kurt Barnes, Mr. Lang Lowrey. Bishop Sam Rodman. **Regrets:** Father Ronald Byrd, Bishop Anne Hodges-Copple, Ms. Cecilia Malm.

Canon Shaw called the meeting to order at 10:00 AM EST. Canon Hagans offered a prayer. Roll was taken and a special welcome extended to Bishop Waldo, the newest member of the committee.

The November 6 minutes were moved (Dr. Lowe), seconded (Canon Hagans) and approved as presented.

Report on St. Augustine's

Canon Shaw reported that student enrollment is up and fundraising is under way.

Bishop Sam reflected that enrollment was 761 in 2018 and is now 933 full-time in 2019, which exceeds their goal, owing to the work by Dr. Brown, his staff, and a group of alumni, who were actively involved with recruitment. As for fundraising, \$170,000 was received from the alumni association for the dormitory renovation campaign.

Finalists were forwarded to the board by the President search committee. Bishop Sam described the search process to date and shared the content of an alumni association letter that had been distributed concerning the search process.

It is hoped that the Chaplain search will end in January 2020.

Update on Voorhees College

Enrollment was 491 in the fall of 2018 and now is 509.

Dr. Evenbeck talked about his upcoming trip to the college in March with the Vicar of Trinity, Wall Street, Phil Jackson.

Bishop Waldo discussed the vision at Voorhees concerning the relationship with The Episcopal Church. He also talked about the chaplain search at that location.

Mr. Lowery described the chaplain search as having improved. Voorhees has increased enrollment each year that Dr. Evans has been there. They have a good recruitment and financial aid process. Their executive for institutional advancement has resigned and a search has begun for her replacement. The school is approaching their 10-year SACS review and morale is generally high. Motion was made

(Bishop Waldo) to enter an executive session and seconded (Dr. Cunningham) at 9:33 AM, specifically to discuss personnel matters. It was moved and seconded to stop the executive session at 9:49 AM.

Canon Shaw reviewed the dates for a face-to-face meeting at Voorhees as well as the proposed plan for that meeting on April 6-7. On that Monday, it was suggested that instead of staying at a hotel, the committee should meet on campus to engage with the students and spend the day, leaving time on Tuesday to be present for the PB's presentation. Canon Shaw is to contact Dr. Evans about Dr. Satcher making a visit at that time as well. The committee was asked to think about what it would like to cover/achieve on that Monday.

Bishop Sam and Bishop Ann are "guests" of the committee and they are invited to attend the face-to-face meeting

The next committee teleconference was set for Friday, January 17 at 9:00 AM.

With wishes for a wonderful holiday, Canon Shaw adjourned the meeting at 9:54 AM.

Respectfully submitted,
Nancy Caparulo
Staff Support to the Committee