

## Faculty Senate Meeting Minutes

September 5, 2017

11:00 am. Meeting-Minutes from Meeting

In attendance: **Dr. Moses Newsome** (at large), **Ms. Shannon Bowden** (at large), **Ms. Barbara Baymon** (substituting for Communication Department), **Ms. Stacy White** (MCIS), **Dr. Jimmie Warren** (Business), **Dr. John Bradford** (Social Science), **Dr. Mica Rueber** (at large), **Mr. Ed Morse** (Fine Arts), **Ms. Dorothy Vaughn** (Guest), **Dr. Baxter Wright** (Social Work), and **Mrs. Tasmine Moore** (Library)

- Meeting started at 11:00 a.m.
- Dr. Newsome, vice president, called the meeting to order. A quorum was established and business was transacted. The agenda was approved as presented.

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### **Election of Officers**

- President: Dr. Moses Newsome (at large member)
- Vice President: Ms. Shannon Bowden (at large member)
- Secretary: Mrs. Tasmine Moore (Library representative)
- Assistant Secretary: Dr. Micah Rueber (at large member)
- Corresponding Secretary: Dr. John Bradford (Social Science representative)
- Parliamentarian: Dr. Jimmie Warren (Business representative)

### **Presentation by Dr. Jerryl Briggs, Acting President**

- Acting President: Dr. Briggs came in and spoke directly to the faculty senate about our concerns as to whether he desired to represent Mississippi Valley State University as the next President.
  - Dr. Briggs responded by identifying the growing changes in the University and how the University is his primary focus. He also elaborated on his career path being the president as one of his goals. He also elaborated on how he knows and can recognize the critical times that Mississippi Valley has faced and is facing and how he is willing to accept that challenge of improving Valley.
  - **Dealing with the Challenges of Valley**
    - Dr. Briggs is establishing a new Task Force on Sustainability
    - Establishing resources that support Valley
    - Securing community support
    - Securing positive feedback about Valley
- **Dr. Briggs was asked several questions about his decisions and priorities of being the next MVSU president.**
  - **Questions**
  - Elaborate and tell the faculty senate more about your background & history?
  - Elaborate and explain your experience and role at a University?
  - How much of the Mississippi Delta culture do you have and how can you articulate it?

- What experience do you have from the fine arts and music standpoint?
- What experience do you have from the visual arts and theater standpoint and do you have any involvement in those areas?
- As Chief Operating Officer in the past, could you share with us some of the challenges and reasons of the past challenges?
- Are you supportive of ideas that will make Valley more competitive and if so, what are we offering?
- **Dr. Briggs Responses**
  - 5 years' experience at Xavier majoring in Chemistry
  - Went to North Central College and was the first African American to work in Student Affairs
  - Worked at University of Illinois for 4 years, Georgia Tech in Atlanta, Vice President for Student Affairs at Clark Atlanta, and Lincoln University where he was dean of students and Vice President for a year.
  - Dr. Briggs was part of the bargaining team at Lincoln University which helped him understand the role and demands of the faculty.
  - He was a music student in high school who received a scholarship for music which he asserted was one of the reasons why liberal arts should be a part of all students lives
  - Dr. Briggs also believes the University's lack of support and resources is a good reason why the University is facing those challenges.
  - He also discussed how the Ayers Settlement is a growing concern of the University in supporting and addressing the needs of the University.
  - Briggs also believes that focusing on enrollment success, improvement of retention, and enrollment growth is what he is striving to obtain for Valley if selected President.
- **Voting for Letter of Support**
  - Dr. Newsome asked for comments on the acting president's statement regarding his candidacy for President and whether they were ready to vote on submitting a letter of support from the faculty senate.
    - Mixed feelings and responses from the faculty senate on writing the letter of support were expressed.
    - Some thought his answers were not sufficient enough while others believe he will be a good candidate.
    - Some of the faculty senate believes Dr. Briggs is aware of the problems and challenges but failed to answer some of the questions directly.
- **Corresponding Questions**
  - Faculty Senate agreed to generate more questions for Dr. Briggs to answer and give them to the Corresponding Secretary by next Wednesday 09/13/17 for submission to Dr. Briggs.
- **Meeting Adjourn**
  - Meeting was adjourn at 12:05 p.m. 09/05/17
  - Minutes submitted by Ms.Tasmine Moore

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