

VIA EMAIL & CERTIFY MAIL

June 18, 2014

Shaw University
118 East South Street
Raleigh, NC 27601
Attn: Chairman Joseph Bell

Dear Chairman Bell:

We appreciate you taking time out of your busy schedule as Chairman of the Shaw University Board of Trustees to address alumni at CONFAB 2014. During your session there were many questions that were posed by alumni that were left unanswered. A group of concerned alumni, who are all active with the NAA, have formed a Think Tank Action Committee to seek redress from you as Chairman of the BOT, to the questions asked at CONFAB and the subsequent concerns raised in the HBCU Digest.

We are now submitting this letter which has been signed by members of the Think Tank Action Committee (along with other concern alumni) at your request.. You previously stated that you would answer any questions if a signed letter was received.

Below is a list of questions that our concerned group of alumni members would like some clarity, in order to better understand the current state of Shaw University.

- During the CONFAB, the Acting President stated “he was not responsible for the hiring and/or reassigning of any of the following staff members: Dr. Jeffrey Smith, Dr. Alfonza Carter, Dr. Tashni-Ann DuBroy and Mr. Christopher Hinton”. If the Acting President did not transfer or reassigned Staff, then who did the Board authorize to make those decisions?
- Please explain the role of the Presidential Search Committee and how involved were they in the decision to select the finalist?
- During the meeting at CONFAB, you informed the body that there was a cash disbursement of over \$5M; please provide how the funds were converted to cash. Also what is the process for executing these types of transactions? And what is the total dollar value of the Endowment?
- What is the role of the consultant on the presidential search committee and when does his contract ends? Is this individual operating in any other capacity for the Board, if so please explain.

While we respect the time and effort that each of you have put forth in serving our Alma mater, we recognize the paramount importance of holding the trustee board and officers accountable to maintaining integral communication and relations with the entire Shaw University community. We anticipate your cooperation and expect that you will respond to our questions in a timely fashion not to exceed two weeks. We have listed our names because we choose not to be anonymous and want all to know how concerned we are with the allegations and concerns raised. We would also like the BOT and the NAA to know that we are COMMITTED to seeking resolution of all our concerns.

We understand and respect the difficult task that you are confronted with however, in order for us to better assist you we need to know the actual current state of the University. We humbly ask that you provide us a response to our questions no later than two weeks from the date of this letter. As concerned alumni members, we want you and the members of your board to know that we are COMMITTED and dedicated to our beloved Shaw University.

Respectfully Yours,

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Wilbur Banks'80

Priscilla Bell'77

Rosia Blue'94

Cindy Brooks-Parks'98

Dr. Alton Byrd'78

Tom Caldwell'72

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