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URGENT - VOTE TO REMOVE JOE BELL & SUSPEND PRESIDENTIAL SEARCH

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Dear Members of Shaw University's Board of Trustees,

This letter is being sent to the Secretary of Shaw University's Board of Trustees (BOT) and disseminated to members of the BOT via email with the hopes that our concerns are addressed at your full body meeting on May 7, 2015.

We are a concerned group of alumni who have finally reached our breaking point regarding the misdealing and unethical tactics of our board Chairman Joe Bell. It is at this time that we are requesting an immediate end to this current presidential search and the immediate removal of Joe Bell not only as Chairman but also from Shaw University's Board of Trustees in its entirety. To be brief but specific, here are several reasons why we would like to see Joe Bell removed and the presidential search stopped. Also included are the actions we plan to take if necessary.

A) It is a known fact that Joe Bell has received several payments totaling tens of thousands of dollars from Shaw University that have been cloaked as reimbursements for travel expenses. An example of one (1) payment dating back to June 2, 2009 totaling \$10,000 is included with this document. In recent years, on Shaw University's tax forms we see an estimated \$1,000,000 in travel expenses. At this time we are requesting an itemized list of tax returns for the last three (3) years. More specifically we want to know how much money has been paid to board members (Specifically Joe Bell) as reimbursements. If we are not provided this information we will go to Southern Commission of Colleges & Universities (SACS), The Department of Education, The North Carolina Attorney General, The IRS and demand that a thorough investigation is performed regarding the use of Shaw University funds and the blanket reporting on its tax return.

B) It is believed that Joe Bell has been responsible for the hiring and firing of key staff and administrative members on Shaw University's campus, which is a direct violation of the rules according to the Southern Commission of Colleges & Schools Commission (SACS), which is the accrediting body responsible for Shaw University. The actions of Joe Bell include but are not limited to the firing of the recently deceased Dr. Jeffery Smith, placement of a special assistant to Dr. Faulcon (Interim President), placement of the VP of Administrative Affairs, the temporary hiring of a VP of Fiscal Affairs and the placement of the current Chairman of the Divinity School. We will demand that SACS and the Department of Education investigate this matter.

C) It is a fact that Joe Bell botched the previous presidential search. Currently he and two members of the BOT are in the process of narrowing the list of final presidential candidates. The Secretary of the Board of Trustees recently wrote a letter in protest regarding him, the Vice President, the Immediate Past Chairman and other members of the Executive Committee being locked out the vote counting process. We feel that Joe Bell will only present candidates to the full body of the BOT whose soul purpose is to look out for his best interest and therefore we have no faith in this process.

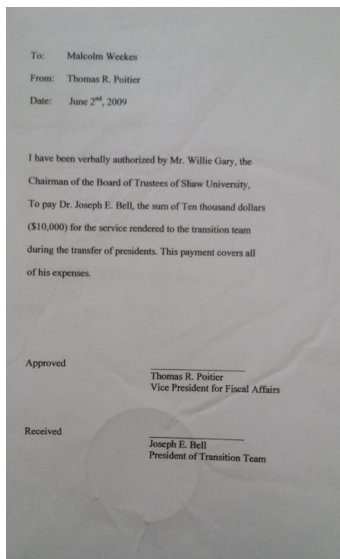
To ensure complete transparency regarding the presidential search, we want this search process to be reopened and to include the following six individuals on the search committee;

Presidents from one (1) Shaw University alumni chapter in the following areas, New York, New Jersey, Philadelphia, Washington DC and Florida. The sixth person we're requesting on the committee will be Emily Perry who as past President of Shaw University's National Alumni Association raised more than \$400,000 and resides in North Carolina. These six individuals have support and direct ties to alumni in various regions and will be a part of the final narrowing of presidential candidates to ensure confidence in this process.

It should be noted that Ms. Perry would also serve as the spokesperson and contact person for this concerned group of alumni. It is imperative that Shaw University's Board of Trustees reviews this document and addresses our concerns by May 15, 2015 as we are preparing to move forward.

Yours in Shaw,

Emily Perry '71, Dr. Alton Byrd, Joselia Davis '76, Sandra Walker '77, Priscilla Bell '77, Geraline Washington '79, Stan Ervin, Eugene Myrick '94, Caroline Holloway '95, Gerell Smith '02



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