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Except for the laudatory, if vague, statements by Dr. Bounds [Commissioner of the IHL], Mr. Blakeslee [President of the IHL], and Lou Ann Poynter [alumni, contributor, and member of the committee selecting the “preferred candidate”], we haven’t seen any details about Dr. Bennett. The IHL has not posted his resume, nor have I been able to find one on line. A Google scholar search does not produce any publications [by Dr. Bennett].

What is the IHL hiding? The last time they [hired a president](#) for USM but failed to produce any information, they selected Martha Saunders. As we know Dr. Saunders lurched from [one scandal](#) to [the next](#), until she was forced out. Like Dr. Bennett, we did not see her resume. Her [research](#) was limited to non-existent.

Are we going to suffer through several more years of weak leadership? Since the IHL won’t provide substantive information, we can only hope for the best. However, I think it is beyond dispute that the IHL’s track record in hiring presidents for the various state university hasn’t been exemplary.

Name withheld

Dear Name withheld,

Before publishing your letter, usmnews.net searched the internet for a resume and was unable to locate a curriculum vita for Dr. Bennett. Our Google Scholar search produced no research articles for Dr. Bennett. We did find a [profile for him](#) on the University of Georgia website. However, that profile is likely to add to faculty concern.