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You've seen his resume. Do you think Dr. Bennett is qualified to be president of Southern Miss? Was he really the most qualified applicant?

Name withheld

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Whether Dr. Bennett was the most qualified candidate, is a question we may never be able to answer because the IHL made their selection in secret. Is Dr. Bennett qualified to be president? As a number of [people have pointed out](#), Dr. Bennett's resume is not very strong. However, as usmnews.net publishes the resume, faculty, staff and students will be able to draw their own conclusions.

Regardless of the weaknesses in Dr. Bennett's resume and credentials, those of us who lived through the Harold Doty era remember Harold actually looked pretty good on paper. However, his tenure as dean of the College of Business was disastrous.

Stated a little differently, a resume does not define a person or his/her abilities. Whether Dr. Bennett will be or become a good president is something that will become apparent over the next few years. usmnews.net will be there watching and reporting.