

Is Rodney Bennett Qualified to be President of USM?

Part 6

President Rodney Bennett's Curriculum Vita

We finally received President Rodney Bennett's curriculum vita from USM. It took several reminders and many weeks for USM to come up with it. That's okay. We're patient.

In Part 5, we reviewed Dr. Bennett's research as reported in his CV. In Part 6, we review his teaching experience. Let's first review his research, because his teaching doctoral courses is, unlike faculty who teach undergraduates only, necessarily related to his research.

As a review, here's his research as reported in his CV.

Research for Publication:

Barham, J.D., & Bennett, R.D. (2005) Understanding the Use of Value Statements in Student Affairs Practice, Data collection in progress.

That's it. Nothing more. No other research is reported in Bennett's CV.

Note his one and only research project has not been published. It is merely "***Research for Publication.***" The authors are still, since 2005, in the "data collection in progress" phase of their research.

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DEPARTMENT:**

- Associate Professor (*Tenured*), Department of Counseling and Human Development Services. The University of Georgia – Athens, Georgia.
- ECHD 9460, Issues in Student Affairs Administration (Doctoral Program Capstone Course- 2 hours). Course taught annually. The University of Georgia – Athens, Georgia.
- FYOS 1001, First Year Odyssey Seminar (Part of a University-wide Freshman Seminar initiative – 1 hour). The University of Georgia – Athens, Georgia.
- ECHD 7640, Administration of Greek Life Programs (Graduate Student Seminar – 1 hour). The University of Georgia – Athens, Georgia.
- ECHD 7440, Administration in College Student Affairs (3 hours). The University of Georgia – Athens, Georgia.
- Faculty member of record for two graduate seminars: ECHD 7460 (1) Leadership Development Programs and (2) Judicial Programs (1 hour credit hour for each seminar). The University of Georgia – Athens, Georgia.
- ECHD 7460, Issues in Student Affairs Administration (1 hour). The University of Georgia – Athens, Georgia.
- Member of the Master's Student Steering Committee. The committee evaluates prospective students for admission into the Master's program. The University of Georgia – Athens, Georgia.
- Member of publishable papers and dissertation committees for doctoral students. The University of Georgia – Athens, Georgia.
- Member of the search committee to hire a full-time Assistant Professor in the Department of College Student Affairs Administration. The University of Georgia – Athens, Georgia.
- Critical Issues Symposium, Freshman Seminar; Winthrop University- Rock Hill, South Carolina.
- University 101, Freshman Seminar; Middle Tennessee State University- Murfreesboro, Tennessee.

What is a faculty member without published research doing teaching a doctoral level course? And not just any doctoral course but a “capstone course” at that?

A reader opined that if Rodney Bennett was the most qualified candidate applying to be president of USM, USM has more problems than the IHL is letting on. If he's wasn't the best qualified of the applicants, what is IHL doing and why?

The IHL chose Rodney Bennett to be USM's president. We have to agree with our reader. You should ask does the IHL members know what they are doing? And if the IHL members know what they are doing, what are they up to?

Don't they know that USM is “The Premier Research University for the Gulf South”? “A comprehensive doctoral and research-driven university”? “A comprehensive [Carnegie research university](#)”? Or are they indirectly affirming that

USM's claim to be "[a] comprehensive doctoral and research-driven university" is merely sloganeering, public relations BS?