

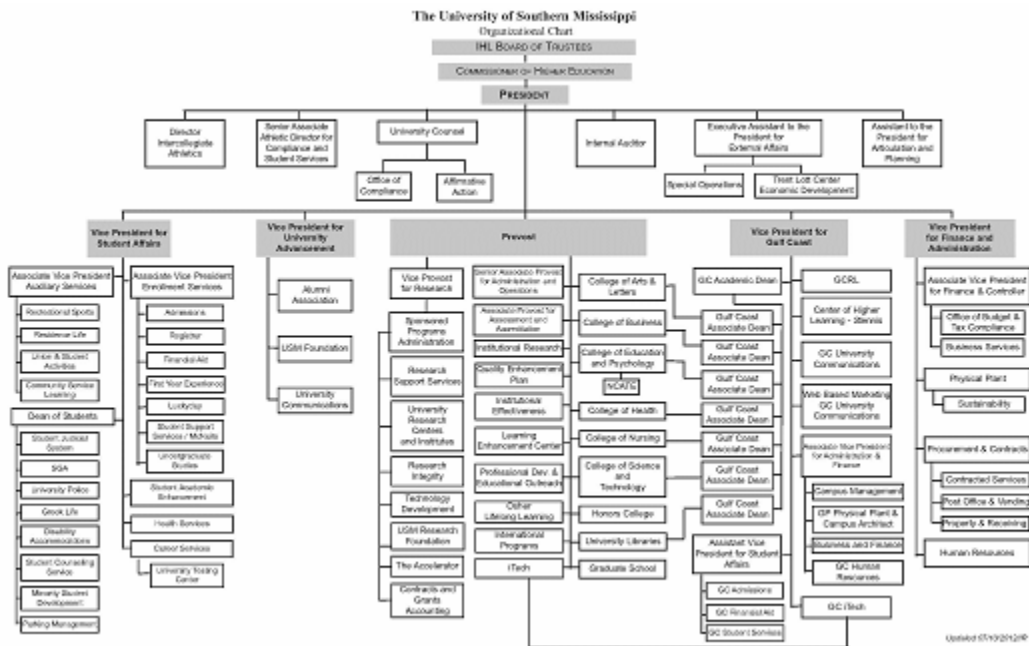
Is Rodney Bennett Qualified to be President of USM?

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.

We'll introduce this series about Dr. Bennett's qualifications by reviewing USM's and University of Georgia's organizational charts. Tomorrow, we'll commence review of his CV.

We were informed many times by USM administrators and local news organizations that Dr. Bennett was UGA's Vice President of Student Affairs and held the rank of Associate Professor. Titles, however, can be misunderstood when considered in isolation or downright deceptive when puffed to high-sounding importance. Therefore, our approach is first to reveal what the title means from the perspective of the pecking order of organizational charts. They address the questions, how much authority does one have in scheme of things? And therefore just how much can someone with such a title actually accomplish? How much smoke and mirrors are we dealing with? Are we getting the real deal? Any substance?

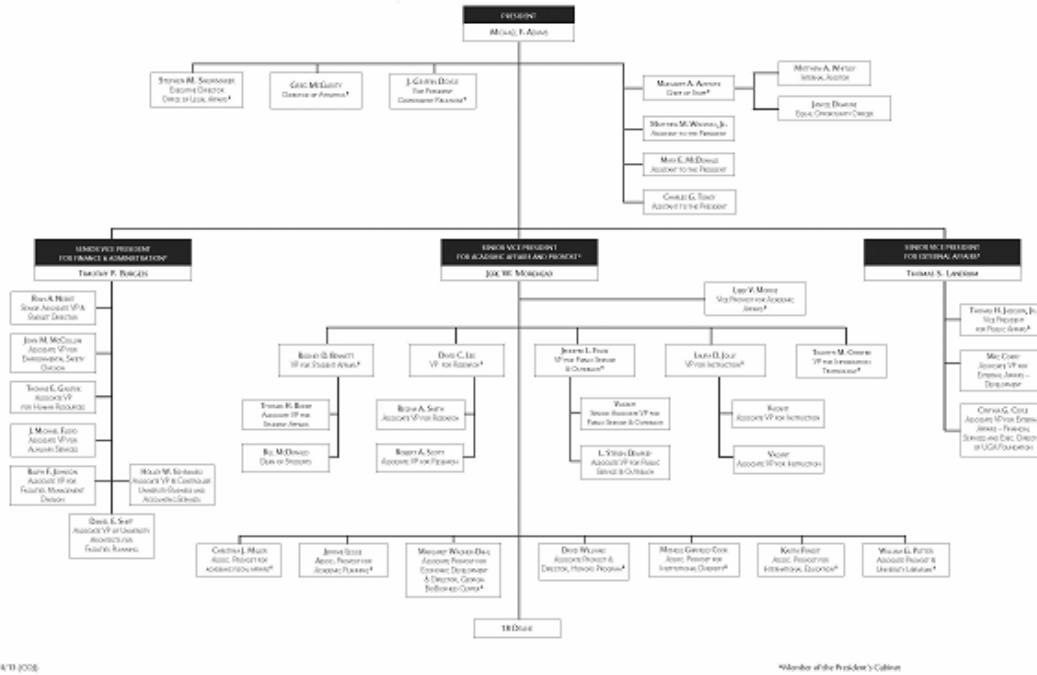
Let's begin with USM's organization chart which was recently downloaded from USM's website:



[Click here](#) to view the USM organization chart in full size. The chart is self explanatory.

Next look at UGA's organization chart which was also recently downloaded from UGA's website.

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[Click here](#) to view UGA’s organization chart in full size. Note that UGA’s organization chart includes only “Senior Administration.” Dr. Bennett was not among the Senior Vice Presidents. Also note that significant positions subordinate to the president include important organizational units of UGA (which have their counterparts at USM) that Dr. Bennett also did not lead. He was in charge of “Student Affairs.”

The organizational units Dr. Bennett has not led include “Senior VP of Finance and Administration” composed of “Budget Director,” “Environmental Safety,” “Human Resources,” “Auxiliary Services,” “Facilities Management,” “Architects for Facilities Planning,” and “Business and Accounting Services;” “Academic Affairs and Provost” which is composed of “VP for Research,” “VP for Public Service and Outreach,” “VP for Instruction,” and “VP for Information and Technology;” and “Senior Vice President for External Affairs.”

Given the organization charts, Dr. Bennett appears to have serious gaps in his experience and qualifications. The gaps should have been the subject of serious questions during his interview process.

In our next few reports, we’ll review President Bennett’s curriculum vita to see what it tells about his qualifications.