

MPB Online: “Dr. Rodney Bennett.... was the right man for the job the moment he read his resume.”

Consider the following quote reported on mpbonline.org > [News. Feb 7, 2013](#) by MPB 's Lawayne Childrey:

“Ed Blakeslee, President of the Board of Trustees [IHL] for the State College Board says he knew Bennett was the right man for the job the moment he read his resume.”

This is a peculiar statement: “...he knew Bennett was the right man for the job the moment he [Blakeslee] read his [Bennett's] resume.”

Why? Have you ever read Rodney Bennett's resume (CV)? Here's why the statement is peculiar:

After many requests and delays, we, at usmnews, finally got Mr. Rodney Bennett's CV, i.e., Bennett's resume.

Here's Mr. Bennett's research as reported in his current resume.

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 reported in his current resume and nothing was found in an internet search. 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.

Mr. Bennett's record with regard to courses taught is sparse, too. It includes, however, a doctoral level course. Mr. Bennett's discipline—Educational Administration—seems to warrant a faculty member without any peer-reviewed published research to teach a doctoral level course.

Furthermore, Mr. Bennett was a tenured Associate Professor without any peer reviewed published research. His service and experience lack important university functions. Rather than detail them here, see usmnews. Mr. Bennett's resume is also provided at usmnews.

IHL Commissioner Hank Bounds is reported by several news organization as saying that "The fact of the matter is he [Rodney Bennett] was the very most qualified person for the job."

Assume Mr. Bounds is telling us the truth, that Mr. Bennett is the “very most

qualified person for the job,” USM has serious problems attracting highly qualified leadership.

I presented my comment on mpbonline.org.

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