

DATE: October 30, 2020

TO: LeMoyne-Owen College Community

FROM: Johnny Pitts, Chair  
Presidential Search Chair

RE: Search Update

Last week, the Search Committee conducted confidential interviews with a remarkable field of six semi-finalists. Following these interviews, the Committee selected four candidates as finalists. I am pleased to report that these candidates have been invited, and have accepted, our invitation to move to the final stage of the process. We have created an opportunity for you to meet these candidates.

The finalists' interviews will be held on November 5, November 6, November 9, and November 10. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, all interviews will be held virtually. Members of the LeMoyne-Owen College constituency, including students, faculty, staff, alumni, and community partners, are invited to engage in a moderated question and answer session with each candidate. Participants will have the opportunity to complete an online survey immediately following the interviews. Information regarding the candidates will be made available on the LOC website prior to the interviews.

Thursday, November 5<sup>th</sup> – Dr. Robert Carr  
Friday, November 6<sup>th</sup> – Dr. Vernell Bennett-Fairs  
Monday, November 9<sup>th</sup> – Dr. Wendy Wilson  
Tuesday, November 10<sup>th</sup> – Dr. Braque Talley

Throughout the search, the deliberations of the Committee have been guided by the [Presidential Search Profile](#) which was prepared in advance of the search with input from constituency groups – that profile describes the leadership opportunity awaiting the next president of LeMoyne-Owen College, as well as the desired attributes of leadership being sought. Given the breadth and depth of our candidate pool, the Committee has worked diligently to identify those candidates best prepared to serve LeMoyne-Owen as the next president. As you are aware, the final decision for the selection of the next president is the responsibility of the LeMoyne-Owen College Board of Trustees.

Finally, your [Search Committee](#), composed of constituency group representatives, is pleased to endorse the field of finalists who will be presented to the campus community. It is, simply put, an outstanding group of candidates who each, in their own way, are fully prepared to lead. We are excited to introduce them to the campus.

Thank you for your support throughout the search process.

Johnny Pitts, Chairperson  
LOC Presidential Search Advisory Committee