



Dear Morehouse College Community,

As you well know, Morehouse is in a state of confusion. Questions of shared governance and Board leadership are straining the school's ability to be all that it should be in a time of great national and international need. This by in large has begun to distract us from more pressing institutional priorities and student centered discussions that would move the college forward.

I write this note having collaborated with concerned students and faculty in an effort to provide students and those who care for us important information in preparation for a our April Board meeting this coming Friday and Saturday.

Dr. Belle Wheelan, the president of SACS, the college's accrediting authority, met with a small team of faculty last week and explained that recent media attention is a "significant event" that will trigger a SACS investigation. Therefore, the College should receive a letter shortly, and will then have 30 days to respond.

Attachments, the below email thread further explaining the meeting with Dr. Wheelan, and links are provided so that our college community is fully aware of what's going on. They are offered as an overview so that we can be clear in what it is that we must demand of Morehouse in order to stand boldly for another 150 years.

Because of student and faculty activism thus far, student and faculty trustees will participate fully in the coming board meeting, even in executive sessions as outlined in the final schedule forwarded to all trustees on this past Friday. Furthermore, in response to a formal faculty trustee request, the Board is providing time on the schedule for us to "discuss the current status of the Board and its relationship to Faculty and Student interests and persons."

With this in mind, this email is also a solicitation of ideas, wants, and needs that we should present to the Board for consideration.

Please share and respond to this email if you are able to help.

We need you. But more importantly, Morehouse needs you.

- 1) Open Letter from Morehouse Faculty (attached); and
- 2) One recently published article:
  - a. The War at Morehouse (Michael Harriott, 3/30/3017) <http://www.theroot.com/the-war-at-morehouse-1793541413>)