

May 8, 2023

Dr. Ben Vinson III  
2400 Sixth St. NW  
Washington, DC 20059

Dear Dr. Vinson:

I'm Dr. Marcus Alfred, an Associate Professor in the Department of Physics and Astronomy at Howard University. I'm an HU alum and the Chair of the Faculty Senate. I would like to congratulate you for being named the 18th President of Howard University. The Faculty Senate of Howard University is made up of all full-time faculty. The Faculty are the guardians of the institution and share governance with the Board of Trustees, the President, and designated Administrators. The Senate has over 900 members.

The Faculty Senate was not given the opportunity to name representatives in the Presidential Search Committee in variance with the traditional procedures regarding the search and selection of candidates for President of Howard University. As such, the Faculty Senate, as one of the three pillars of shared governance representing the Faculty in our academy, did not have the opportunity to learn your views on import matters such as shared governance, evaluation and accountability of administrators, unionization of faculty, real estate development, and mission of Howard University.

The Faculty Senate is committed to working with you in an atmosphere of cooperation and shared governance that will create trust amongst key stakeholders for advancing our beloved institution and providing an exceptional experience for our students. The Faculty Senate Officers and the Senate Council will be delighted to meet with you to discuss these important matters.

Sincerely,



Marcus Alfred  
Chair, HU Faculty Senate

CC: Laurence Morse, Chair HU Board of Trustees