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SCBC seeks 'explanation of actions taken' by North Greenville University trustees

Re: Dr. Jimmy Epting, former President of North Greenville University (NGU);
NGU is affiliated with the SC Baptist Convention

North Greenville University responds to video of Jimmy Epting

<<http://www.greenvilleonline.com/story/news/2015/08/28/north-greenville-university-responds-video-jimmy-epting/71299192/>>

August 28, 2015

VIDEO

Dr. Epting Exposed

<<https://www.youtube.com/watch?t=1&v=y9XSrYEP12E>>

Views - 74,237

Video – 2:35

Baptist university responds to video of former President

<<https://baptistnews.com/ministry/organizations/item/30423-baptist-university-responds-to-video-of-former-president>>

Friday, August 28, 2015

A video just posted online is raising questions about how transparent North Greenville University was about the reasons for President Jimmy Epting's surprise retirement announcement earlier this year.

A Christian College President Falls

<<http://www.christianitytoday.com/ct/2015/august-web-only/christian-college-president-falls-jimmy-epting-ngu.html>>

Video of apparent affair surfaces as Christian higher education leaders are

debating sexual ethics standards.

AUGUST 31, 2015

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<<https://baptistcourier.com/2015/09/scbc-seeks-explanation-of-actions-taken-by-north-greenville-university-trustees/>>

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**Updated Sept. 9 to provide correct date for Oct. 13 meeting of the Executive Board of the South Carolina Baptist Convention.*

North Greenville University officials have been asked to appear before the South Carolina Baptist Convention Executive Board Oct. 13 to explain the university's actions surrounding the departure of former president Jimmy Epting in January 2015.

Dwight Easler, SCBC Executive Board chairman, asked the university's board chairperson and vice chairperson, along with the school's interim president, to attend the fall meeting of the Executive Board in order to "give explanation of actions taken, and future actions to be taken to improve accountability and processes."

Easler said he and Richard Harris, interim SCBC executive director-

treasurer, met for two hours with NGU leaders Aug. 31 and asked them to “address ... the many rumors about what has transpired at NGU.”

The university announced in January that Epting would take a sabbatical for the remainder of the school year and would retire at the end of the semester. Last week, a video titled “Epting Exposed” surfaced on Youtube, raising questions about the circumstances that led to Epting’s departure.

On Aug. 27, the same day the video became public, NGU’s board of trustees issued a statement that said school leaders “are expected to lead Christ-centered lives” and that current administrative staff and faculty members reflect the Baptist university’s “legal, moral and ethical expectations” and are held to “the highest of standards.”

“We are engaged and very concerned about this situation,” Easler said in a Sept. 3 letter to executive board members. “We want to assure you that we desire godly integrity, appropriate accountability, cooperation and healthy collaboration with our universities.”

Easler said the Executive Board will “delay” payment of Cooperative Program funds to North Greenville until the board’s budget and finance committee can determine an “appropriate recommendation” to the Executive Board.

Easler said Executive Board leaders will have “other dialogues and meetings” with NGU until the full Executive Board meets.

Easler’s letter to the SCBC Executive Board:

Dear Friends,

Many of you have contacted me about the ongoing situation at North Greenville University. We are engaged and very concerned about this situation. We are in discussions with the leadership of North Greenville University in regards to the departure of Dr. Epting, especially in light of the recent video that was placed by someone on YouTube. As your Executive Board chairman, I want to update you on some actions we are taking;

1. On Monday, August 31, Dr. Richard Harris and I met for over two hours with the interim president, the NGU Trustee Chairman and Vice Chairman. We asked them to address actions they have taken, actions they plan to take and the many rumors about what has transpired at NGU.