



Office of the President and Dean

Dear MSM community:

I want to thank you for your time and commitment during my first quarterly Town Hall meeting as your president and dean. I truly appreciated your support and the great questions and comments that were raised. As was said at the Town Hall, Morehouse School of Medicine has officially entered a new era of greatness and – with your support and leadership – we will not be limited to a single story.

In the coming weeks, we will continue to clarify what this invitation to lead means for each of us. In the meantime, below are the action items I discussed at the Town Hall meeting, as well as the links to two of my social media platforms. For your convenience, I have also included the tentative dates of the next three Town Hall meetings. The times of those meetings are still being considered.

- Effective immediately, I will begin having an open-door policy once a week in which anyone who wishes to speak with me can. I want to be able to listen and respond to the suggestions and concerns that you may have. This policy will begin on Thursday, Aug. 21, from 10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. If you wish to meet with me during that time, please contact my office at 404.752.1740 to schedule a 30-minute appointment, which will be handled on a first-come, first serve basis.
- Starting in October, I will begin having monthly faculty dinners in which I will invite faculty from various departments to spend time with me and each other. These dinners are designed to help faculty members get to know each other better and develop ideas for collaboration.
- Also starting in October, I will begin having periodic breakfast meetings with faculty, administration and staff. Like the dinners, these sessions are designed to slowly erode the silos that divide us.
- Please follow me on Twitter by clicking the following URL: [@MSMpres](https://twitter.com/MSMpres) and on Facebook by clicking the following URL: <http://www.facebook.com/MSMpres>.

The tentative dates of the next three Town Hall meetings are: Nov. 4, Feb. 3 and May 5.

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Sincerely,

Valerie Montgomery Rice, M.D.
President and Dean