



October 10th, 2019

We, as Executive Officers of the Associated Student Body of the University of Mississippi, condemn the actions of the Mississippi Board of Trustees of the State Institutions of Higher Learning (IHL) in relation to the search process for the Chancellor of the University of Mississippi. Specifically, we denounce:

The IHL's lack of transparency and communication with campus constituencies, particularly students, throughout the search process;

The IHL's exclusion and removal of students from the search process and the subsequent announcement; and,

The IHL's lack of accountability, in its general governing practices, to members of our university communities in the state of Mississippi.

We believe these actions stand in contradiction to the values of our University as outlined in the UM Creed. We call on the IHL to establish new policies and practices that will enable students, faculty, staff, alumni, and other stakeholders to participate in decisions that directly affect their respective institutions. We remain committed to engaging the students of the University of Mississippi and will continue to advocate on their behalf.

We are eager to develop a productive relationship with Dr. Boyce. We remain hopeful that he will follow through with his commitment to a student-centered approach.

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