The Staff Council of The University of Mississippi is dismayed and disheartened to learn that
The Mississippi Institutions of Higher Learning Board of Trustees has chosen not to renew the
contract of our extraordinary chancellor, Dr. Dan Jones. We call upon the IHL Board to
immediately reverse its decision and renew the contract of Dr. Jones as Chancellor of The
University of Mississippi.

The Members of The University of Mississippi Staff Council express their steadfast confidence
in Chancellor Jones and his leadership as head of the state’s flagship university. Under the
leadership of Chancellor Jones, The University of Mississippi has seen tremendous growth and
continues to strive in an effort to achieve a campus environment that is open and inclusive to all
of the Ole Miss family.

The merits of Chancellor Jones’ work as the head of The University of Mississippi are
indisputable. During his tenure as chancellor, Dr. Jones has overseen:

- An increase in enrollment totaling over 23,000 students, giving The University of
  Mississippi the highest number of enrolled students out of all eight institutions of higher
  learning in Mississippi.

- A record-breaking freshman class enrollment for the past four years.

- An athletics program that has seen significant improvement and unprecedented success.

- Fundraising efforts that have increased our endowment by $200 million in six years.

- Initiatives to strengthen diversity on campus and to create a culture of inclusivity and
  respect for all members of The University of Mississippi family.

In addition to these accomplishments, Chancellor Jones has offered unwavering support to the
Staff Council and its mission to support The University of Mississippi staff members.
Chancellor Jones has met regularly with members of our Executive Committee and has always
shown his resolute support of our staff members through the expansion of educational benefits
offered to staff and by ensuring that employees of The University of Mississippi are fairly
compensated for their hard work.

During his tenure as chancellor, The University of Mississippi has continually grown its
enrollment, endowment, and campus infrastructures. At a time when institutions of higher
education are continually seeing a decrease in state appropriated funds, The University of
Mississippi has continued to thrive, expand, and cultivate a climate of inclusivity and openness
while ensuring that our students are afforded the best possible education in our state. This is due
in no small part to the leadership of Chancellor Jones and his vision to see The University of
Mississippi as a global educational leader.
We, the staff members of The University of Mississippi, our regional campuses, and The
University of Mississippi Medical Center stand together and offer our unwavering support of Dr.
Jones and his continuation as the Chancellor of our great institution. The Staff Council of The
University of Mississippi calls on the Mississippi Institutions of Higher Learning Board of
Trustees to show their support of our students, faculty, and staff by renewing the contract of
Chancellor Jones and allowing The University of Mississippi to continue moving forward.

The Staff Council of The University of Mississippi

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