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Honor Code

I. The Code Itself: "As a student of Ole Miss, I pledge to uphold the honesty and integrity of myself, my peers, and my university."

II. Display: The Honor Code will be put on display in all of the lecture halls on campus, as well as the library and the McDonnell-Barksdale Honors College. The manner in which it will be displayed is on declaration paper within a glass casing at the entrance to each of the buildings. This will aid in keeping the code fresh in all students' minds.

III. Introduction: The Honor Code will be introduced on Honors Day with a presentation at the awards' ceremony that night. The presentation will be made with all members of the Student Leaders' Council present, as well as the members of the ASB Academic Affairs Committee

IV. Enactment: The Honor Code will be enacted with each individual student upon their attendance at Orientation. We will begin with the freshman class of 1998-99 and the new transfer students this summer. The Honor Code will also become a part of the mandatory University Studies class (or whatever the name of the mandatory freshman class is in the future).

V. Enforcement: The enforcement of the Honor Code will be primarily in the hands of the students, who are responsible for reporting any violations of the code.

VI. Adjudication: The ruling body on all cases of violation of the Honor Code will be the Honor Council. This proposed body will consist of 12 members - 8 students and 4 faculty - who will serve from August to the following August. Each of the 8 students will be representatives of their schools within the university - Accountancy, Business, Education, Engineering, Graduate, Law, Liberal Arts, and Pharmacy. The students will be selected by the deans of the respective schools after consideration of submissions by department chairs. An alternate's name will be submitted by each dean in the case that a student cannot fulfill his or her term. The 4 faculty members will be jointly appointed by the Chancellor and the Provost.

VII. Guidelines: The guidelines for the actual hearing of cases and appeals will be formulated from procedures used by the Academic Discipline university standing committee that is currently in place and from the procedures outlined in the Mbook.

VIII Effects: This Honor Code is created with the intention that it will replace all pre-existing honor codes within the university system at Oxford, due to the fact that representation on the Honor Council consists of members from all 8 schools within the Oxford Campus. The last thing we want is conflicting or overlapping honor codes, creating confusion over something that could be simple. The Honor Council will eliminate the need for an Academic Discipline standing committee due to overlap of functions.

IX. Student Feeling: The creation of the Honor Code is a student driven project. The Honor Code will encourage students to take pride in their academics and in Ole Miss for having confidence in the students' ability to handle responsibility and to act as mature adults. It is our hope that the ideas on these pages, which were developed strictly by the students, will remain intact as they get approval from administrators, faculty, and the Chancellor. That will be what makes the difference in the effectiveness of the Honor Code.

