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and Chancellor Jones*

Whereas the University community of students, faculty and staff have agreed to uphold personally and encourage in others the values explicitly stated in The Creed, which include respect for the dignity of others; and

Whereas the Associated Student Body (ASB) Senate, in an attempt to eliminate a divisive and hurtful chant recently added to the musical arrangement *From Dixie with Love*, passed a resolution requesting that students refrain from chanting "The South Will Rise Again" during its playing; and

Whereas Chancellor Jones recognizes that, while many students may not understand the significance of their words and intend no harm, chanting "The South Will Rise Again" hurts and offends many alumni and visitors, and in support of the ASB resolution, and he requested that the UM band director modify the score of *From Dixie with Love*; and

Whereas the ASB resolution and the marching band's change of the score of *From Dixie with Love* failed to produce their intended result, and many students continue to chant "The South Will Rise Again" during *From Dixie with Love*; and

Whereas the use of this chant tarnishes the national and international image of the University and its students, alumni, faculty and staff, and threatens the great strides the university has made towards academic excellence and racial reconciliation; and

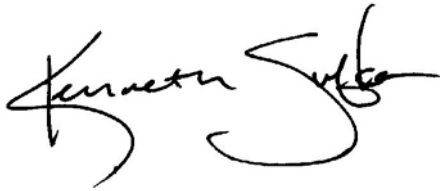
Whereas the elected members of ASB and Chancellor Jones have been criticized by individuals for their stance on this issue.

Therefore be it resolved:

That the Senate of the Faculty 1) supports and applauds the efforts of the ASB in its opposition to the inclusion of the inflammatory language "The South Will Rise Again" in *From Dixie with Love*, 2) affirms the efforts of Chancellor Jones to support the ASB's endeavors in implementing their resolution, 3) admonishes students who persist in engaging in activities that run counter to our stated values as articulated in the University Creed, and 4) encourages the ASB and the Chancellor to continue to find effective means to discourage such divisive and hurtful actions during any and all University of Mississippi events.

RESOLVED, this 23th day of October 2009.

THE SENATE OF THE FACULTY

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kenneth J. Sufka". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large, sweeping flourish at the end.

Kenneth J. Sufka
Chair of Faculty Senate