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Faculty Senate Resolution, in Conjunction with the Associated Student Body, Calling for the Cessation of the Flying of the Current Mississippi State Flag on Campus Grounds

WHEREAS, the state flag of Mississippi is the only state flag in the nation that incorporates the Confederate battle flag in its design;

WHEREAS, the current Mississippi flag's incorporation of the Confederate battle flag divides our campus and state;

WHEREAS, the presence of the symbol in question on UM's campus undermines efforts to promote diversity and create a safe, tolerant academic environment for all students, faculty and staff;

WHEREAS, the symbol in question violates the UM Creed, which calls for "respect for the dignity of each person;"

WHEREAS, the symbol in question ought not be associated with our university;

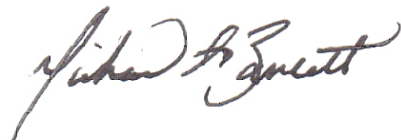
WHEREAS, taking down the current state flag on campus grounds would advance the university's efforts to create an inclusive space for all members of our campus community;

WHEREAS, an additional aspect of this resolution is to encourage the Mississippi legislature to hasten their pursuit of a new state flag.

LET IT BE RESOLVED, that the Senate of the Faculty of the University of Mississippi joins with the Associated Student Body and the Staff Council in calling upon The University of Mississippi to cease flying the current Mississippi state flag on campus grounds.

RESOLVED, this the 22nd day of October 2015.

THE SENATE OF THE FACULTY



Michael Barnett

Chair of the Faculty Senate