

September 26, 2022

Dear Southern Miss Family:

Good morning. As Co-Chairs of the Board Search Committee for The University of Southern Mississippi President Search, we extend a personal invitation to you to attend the upcoming Listening Sessions, to be held on the Hattiesburg Campus on Monday, October 3, and the Gulf Park Campus on Tuesday, October 4.

We hope each of you will take time to attend the Listening Sessions and let us know the qualities and qualifications you would like to see in the university's 11<sup>th</sup> President. Good leaders are an essential ingredient for any organization to grow, thrive and fulfill its mission.

The University of Southern Mississippi has a rich history with strong traditions, but its brightest days and even greater achievements are ahead. I hope you will think about those potential achievements and the kind of leader who can help accomplish them. Please share your thoughts and ideas at the Listening Sessions.

The Hattiesburg Campus Listening Sessions will begin at 10:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. on Monday, October 3, 2022, on the campus located at 118 College Drive, Hattiesburg, Miss., 39406. The sessions will be held in the Joe Paul Theater on the second floor of the Thad Cochran Center and last for 90 minutes each. Visitors should park in the Thad Cochran Center parking lot. [An interactive map of the campus is available online.](#)

The Gulf Park Campus Listening Sessions will begin at 10:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. on Tuesday, October 4, 2022, on the campus located at 730 East Beach Boulevard, Long Beach, Miss., 39560. The sessions will be held in Fleming Auditorium inside the Fleming Education Center, first floor, and last for 90 minutes each. Visitors should park in the Fleming Education Center parking lot. [A map of the Gulf Park Campus is available online.](#)

For those members of the Southern Miss family who are unable to attend, who do not comment during the Listening Sessions or who wish to make additional comments, there will be an online portal where you will be able to share your thoughts through an online survey format. A link to the survey will be posted on USM President Search page on the [Mississippi Institutions of Higher Learning's Web site](#). For more information and to track progress on the search for the 11th President of The University of Southern Mississippi, [visit the Web site](#) and follow the search on Twitter [@MSPublicUniv](#) and [@USM\\_Search](#).

We look forward to seeing you then!

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