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To the Southern Miss Student Body,

I, Ashley Lankford, along with the Student Government Association have been contacted by Dr. Dee Dee Anderson to review the current Student Activity Fee. The student activity fee is a small fee that Southern Miss students on all campuses, including online, pay each semester to fund various events that are hosted by USM. Several institutions across the state like Mississippi State University and The University of Mississippi have recently increased their Student Activity Fee.

With that being said, Dr. Anderson has tasked us with reviewing the current student activity fee amount and proposing specific areas for these potential funds to be designated.

Our current activity fee is \$20 per term per student and increasing this is an important decision that should not be taken lightly. With this in mind, SGA will be hosting several public forums for students to attend to offer their own opinion about raising the fee, as well as getting information from students about where they would like to see this money allocated. These forums will be held on October 18<sup>th</sup>, October 25<sup>th</sup>, and November 10<sup>th</sup>. In addition to these forums, an online link for students to share their opinions will be available on the SGA website. Finally, the special election for this decision will be held on Tuesday, November 15<sup>th</sup>, 2022.

SGA believes that direct input is the only way to effectively represent the Student Body and we look forward to hearing your opinions regarding this proposal in the coming weeks.

To The Top Together,

Ashley Lankford

SGA President