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University of Mississippi Joins PESC as a Member

November 30, 2005 (*Washington DC*) ~ The Board of Directors of the Postsecondary Electronic Standards Council (PESC) is very pleased to announce that the University of Mississippi (“Ole Miss”) has joined PESC as a Member. On joining PESC, Buster Hale, Associate Vice Chancellor of Information Technology at Ole Miss, states, “The University of Mississippi wishes to be involved in the development of national electronic standards in order to provide more services to the university community.”

As a PESC Member, Ole Miss is entitled to all Member benefits including the right to vote on PESC issues, such as approving community standards; the right to lead or chair a workgroup or committee; and, the right to serve on the PESC Board of Directors.

For more information about Ole Miss, please visit www.OleMiss.edu. For more information on PESC and Member benefits, please visit www.PESC.org.

About the University of Mississippi

Chartered by the Mississippi Legislature in 1844, The University of Mississippi opened its doors to 80 students in 1848. Total enrollment on The University of Mississippi's three campuses and The University of Mississippi Medical Center is almost 16,500. Sixty-seven percent of undergraduates are from Mississippi and 18 percent of all students are minorities. International students come from 66 nations. Ole Miss is located in the rolling hills of North Mississippi about 80 miles south of Memphis, Tennessee. The historic, wooded campus encompasses nearly 1,000 acres and includes 220 major buildings. The Lyceum, opened in 1848, is the institutional landmark and is the theme of the University's logo. The University also operates campuses at the DeSoto Center in Southaven, the Advanced Education Center in Tupelo, and The University of Mississippi Medical Center in Jackson.

About PESC

Established in 1997 and located in Washington, D.C., the Postsecondary Electronic Standards Council (PESC) is a non-profit, community-based, umbrella association of colleges and universities; professional and commercial organizations; data, software and service providers; and state and federal government agencies. PESC's mission is to lead the establishment and adoption of data exchange standards in education. The goals of the mission are to enable the improvement of institutional performance and foster collaboration across educational communities in order to lower costs, improve service, and attain system interoperability.