April 9, 2015

Dear University of Mississippi Student/Parent,

For many years the University has accepted credit and debit cards for payment of tuition, fees and other charges on student bursar accounts and paid the processing charges imposed by the credit card companies on those transactions. As the use of credit and debit cards has increased, these charges have become prohibitively expensive for the University.

As a service to our students and parents, we will continue to accept credit and debit cards for payment of student account balances. However, the University can no longer afford to absorb the additional costs associated with these transactions. The University has contracted with TouchNet PayPath, a third party company, to provide credit and debit card processing services for student accounts. The third party processor will charge a convenience fee when you make a payment using a credit or debit card.

Beginning June 8, 2015, all credit and debit card payments will be assessed a non-refundable 2.75% (minimum $3.00) convenience fee charged by TouchNet PayPath. The University does not receive any benefit or revenue from this third party convenience fee. The 2.75% convenience fee will show up as a separate charge on the cardholder’s billing statement.

Credit and debit card payments will still be accepted online, but they will no longer be accepted over the phone or in person.

It is important to note that student account payments made by paper check or electronic check (eCheck) will not incur this convenience fee.

- **eChecks** – An ACH transfer from your bank account can be processed online through a student’s myOleMiss account.
- **Paper checks** – Paper checks may be mailed to University of Mississippi, Office of the Bursar, P.O. Box 1848, University, MS 38677. Please be sure to include the student’s ID number on the check.
- **We will continue to accept cash, checks, money orders, and cashier’s checks in person at the Office of the Bursar located at 202 Martindale Student Services Center.**

The savings realized from the convenience fee program will be used to support the academic mission of the University and help ensure the quality of the educational experience for our students. If you have questions about this convenience fee program or any of the payment options available, please visit our website at http://www.olemiss.edu/depts/bursar/ or call 800-891-4596.

Sincerely,

Cavett Ratliff
Bursar