Name: ________________________________  Student ID#________________________

I accept the invitation for membership and extend my pledge of commitment and allegiance to:

(Fraternity/Sorority)

NONHAZING POLICY
The University of Southern Mississippi unconditionally opposes any situation created intentionally or unintentionally to produce mental, physical, psychological or emotional discomfort, embarrassment, harassment or ridicule. Hazing is interpreted in a manner consistent with the Association of Fraternity Insurance Purchasing Group (FIPG), state and federal guidelines. In essence, hazing shall include any of the following: any willful act or practice by a member or new member directed against a member or new member that, with or without intent is likely, with reasonable possibility, to cause bodily harm or danger, offensive physical punishment or disturbing pain; is likely to (a) compromise the dignity of a member or new member, (b) cause embarrassment or shame to a member or new member in public, (c) cause a member or new member to be an object of malicious amusement or ridicule, or (d) cause psychological harm or substantial emotional strain; or (e) will unreasonably or unusually, impair a member’s or new member’s academic efforts. By signing the card below, I AGREE AS A NEW MEMBER/MEMBER TO NOT PARTICIPATE IN ANY SUCH ACTIVITIES.

HOUSING POLICY
I understand by virtue of my membership in a fraternity/sorority, I am required to reside in fraternity/sorority housing and comply with the following:
• Each fraternity member will be required to live a minimum of four (4) semesters (not including summers) in fraternity housing. The live-in requirement must begin the immediate fall semester following the signing of this membership card for four consecutive semesters, excluding summers.
• Each sorority member will be required to live four (4) to five (5) semesters, depending upon the sorority, in sorority housing which includes The Village as well as Hillcrest.

NOTE: Some fraternity/sorority chapters may require additional semesters in residence. This decision is left with the chapter and subject to their amendment. You should be aware of your specific chapter’s requirements for living in the house at the time you sign your Membership Card.
• All fraternity/sorority members (USM and transfers) are responsible to be familiar with the handbooks, policies and procedures outlined by the Office of Greek Life, Office of Conference and Fraternity Housing Operations, Residence Life and the University.
• The Office of Greek Life and the Office of Conference and Fraternity Housing Operations share a copy of signed documents and relevant membership information with families, member families and the community via newsletters and press releases.

I understand in the event my respective fraternity/sorority house (including Hillcrest) is at maximum occupancy, I can reside elsewhere, but in the event the house is below maximum occupancy, each organization will require its members to move into their respective fraternity/sorority house. In accordance with this policy, I will not enter into any other housing contract (i.e. signing an off-campus apartment or rental house lease) without first verifying my draft status with my fraternity/sorority by speaking with my organization’s president, house manager or other chapter leader responsible for coordinating draft selection. This draft-selection process is determined by each individual organization. I understand this policy applies regardless of my permanent address. If I do not move into the fraternity/sorority house and am drafted by my respective fraternity/sorority, I understand I am responsible for paying the housing fee, regardless of my actual physical residence. The fraternity/sorority housing fee is subject to annual review or changes.

COMMITMENT AND GRADE RELEASE
As a member of the Southern Miss Greek Life Community, I understand that it is my responsibility to uphold and promote high academic standards for myself and my peers. Academic integrity and success is a fundamental measure of my commitment to the Greek Life community. Southern Miss expects that all members demonstrate the highest standards within the community to promote academic success on personal, chapter, council and community levels. I understand that if I drop my membership, it will be one semester from my commitment date for fraternity membership before I may pledge another fraternity (one full year for sorority members before they may pledge another sorority). I also agree for the Office of Greek Life to release my grades to my fraternity/sorority executive board, fraternity housing, chapter advisor(s) and national organization personnel for as long as I retain membership in the organization. I furthermore give the Greek Life Office, its affiliated chapters and councils consent to use my grades in community reporting and report my name to various media for honors or awards.

Signed: ________________________________  Date Pledged: ___________________________

Cell Phone: _______________________________________________________________________

Fraternity/Sorority Representative: __________________________________________________

Greek Life/Council Official: ________________________________________________________