October 29, 2012

Subject: Signature Authority within Sponsored Programs Administration (SPA)

The President of Mississippi State University has delegated specific signature authority to the individual occupying the position of Director of Sponsored Programs Administration. Effective November 1, 2012 the director will be Jennifer Easley. A copy of the President’s May 10, 2011 letter of delegation is attached.

The delegation also allows further delegation for temporary, time-limited authority of no more than ten (10) consecutive working days during which the Director of SPA is absent from the office or otherwise unable to perform the functions of the office. Any such further delegation must be in writing with copies actually received by the President and the General Counsel before such delegation is effective.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

Ray Vaughn
Associate Vice President for Research

cc: Joan Lucas, General Counsel
Lesia Bryant, Director of Internal Audit
Director of Sponsored Programs Administration
Mississippi State University
Mississippi State, MS 39762

Re: Signature Authority Delegation

Authority to execute agreements emanating from and through the Office of Sponsored Programs Administration with a third party that bind the university to obligations whether monetarily or otherwise (contracts) and to sign other documents emanating from and through the Office of Sponsored Programs Administration for and on behalf of Mississippi State University, including material transfer and non-disclosure agreements entered into for confidential collaborative purposes between the university and third parties, is hereby delegated to the position of Director of Sponsored Programs Administration. This authority specifically excludes authority to sign contracts to transfer, license or otherwise handle intellectual property of the university except that authority is granted to execute agreements concerning ownership of potential intellectual property and background intellectual property.

All actions taken pursuant to this delegation of authority must be in compliance with the policies of the Board of Trustees of State Institutions of Higher Learning and Mississippi State University in addition to all applicable state and federal laws and regulations.

This authority delegated hereby cannot be further delegated except for temporary, time-limited authority of no more than ten (10) consecutive working days during which the above authorized individual is absent from office or otherwise unable to perform the functions of the office. Any such further delegation must be in writing with copies actually received by the President and the General Counsel before such delegation is effective.

All authority delegated by this letter requires the personal attention of and the personal signature of the Director of Sponsored Programs Administration.

Mark E. Keenum
President

Date 5-10-11

cc: General Counsel
    Director of Internal Audit
    Vice President for Research and Economic Development