Dr. Louis N. Wise  
Vice President for Agriculture and Forestry  
Campus

Dear Dr. Wise:

At its meeting on December 19 the Board of Trustees approved our recommendation concerning the Department of Biochemistry in accordance with the attached excerpt from the Agenda.

Sincerely yours,

William L. Giles  
President

cc  Dr. J. K. Bettersworth, w/enclosure  
Dr. J. C. McKee, w/enclosure

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Enclosure
2. **Department of Biochemistry**: The establishment of a Department of Biochemistry at Mississippi State University has been previously approved by the Board, and the position as Head of that Department was carried in the last two budgets. It was deleted from the current budget in line with the policy of not showing unfilled positions.

After long and careful consideration of the matter it is recommended that the Department of Agricultural Chemistry in the Mississippi Agricultural Experiment Station be redesignated the Department of Biochemistry in the College of Agriculture and Agricultural Experiment Station and that Dr. Ben F. Barrentine, currently Head of the Department of Agricultural Chemistry, be appointed Head of this new Department, effective July 1, 1969.

Dr. Barrentine has a B.S. in Chemistry from Mississippi State University, an M.S. in Nutrition and Biochemistry from Cornell University, and a Ph.D. in Biochemistry and Nutrition also from Cornell. As Head of the Department of Agricultural Chemistry for the past ten years Dr. Barrentine has shown himself to be an outstanding research worker and research group leader in biochemistry as related to agriculture. Future emphasis will be placed on the development of the more basic and interdisciplinary aspects of biochemistry.