February 9, 2011

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Dear Colleagues:

The request to terminate the Academic Affairs Policy Statement No. 12, Competence in Oral Communication and Basic Use of Computers, will be an agenda item for the February 16, 2011, Full University Curriculum Committee meeting. Demonstrating competence in oral communication and basic use of computers is no longer a University-wide requirement.

Sincerely,

David Shipley

David E. Shipley, Chair
University Curriculum Committee

cc: Provost Jere W. Morehead
        Dr. Laura D. Jolly

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COMPETENCE IN ORAL COMMUNICATION AND THE BASIC USE OF COMPUTERS POLICY

Academic Affairs Policy Statement No. 12

1. Reference

Section 4.2.2, 1998 *Criteria for Accreditation*, SACS Commission on Colleges.

2. Background

Referring to undergraduate programs, the *Criteria for Accreditation* states:
The institution must demonstrate that its graduates of degree programs are competent in reading, writing, oral communication, fundamental mathematical skills and the basic use of computers.

3. Purpose

This policy requires undergraduate students to demonstrate competence in oral communication and basic use of computers.

4. Responsibilities

The faculty of each major are responsible to determine the means by which their students demonstrate competence in oral communication and basic use of computers.

5. Procedures

a. It is presumed that the specific oral communication and basic computer skills for a major are dependent on the work required of its graduates. Accordingly, the faculty of each major will:
   (1) Determine the specific oral communication and basic computer competencies required of its graduates.
   (2) Determine and publish to its students the requirements by which to acquire and demonstrate these competencies.

b. *The Undergraduate Bulletin* will include the following statement under Degree Requirements:
   "Each undergraduate major at the University of Georgia will require students to demonstrate oral communication and basic computer skills appropriate for a graduate in that major."