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April 16, 2025

Provost S. Jack Hu  
Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost  
University of Georgia  
203 Administration Building  
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Dear Provost Hu:

The Franklin College of Arts and Sciences Curriculum Committee and Faculty Senate has reviewed and approved the attached from Center for Archaeological Sciences.

If you have any questions or need further information, please feel free to contact my office.

Sincerely,

Dr. Paula P. Lemons  
Senior Associate Dean



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March 20, 2025

Dr. S. Jack Hu  
Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost  
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Dear Provost Hu:

With this letter, we recommend the dissolution of the Center for Archaeological Sciences (CAS), housed within the Franklin College of Arts and Sciences, under the UGA Policy on Centers.

The CAS was founded in 1984, with an original membership of 28 UGA faculty and staff members. A 1988 revision of the bylaws clarified the purposes of the Center as: (1) to facilitate interaction between archaeology and related fields involved in the study of the past and among geographical areas; (2) to serve as a forum through which faculty and students might inform one another about current research; (3) to plan and test approaches to specific problems best handled by interdisciplinary research; (4) to sponsor special programs and symposia; (5) and to coordinate graduate and undergraduate programs of interdisciplinary study in the archaeological sciences. Membership and activities declined over years, but in 2005-06 a new strategic plan was adopted and the bylaws were updated. In 2012, membership had declined but a renewed drive brought it up to 24 faculty members.

The recent history of the CAS has been largely inactive. The reasons for this are generally positive, including that the robust activities of the Archaeology Lab, the Museum of Natural History, the Center for Applied Isotope Studies, academic departments, and other entities are filling the archaeology space at UGA well, rendering the CAS somewhat duplicative. Among its stated goals, we believe #1 and #3 are being handled in intellectual spaces provided by the other entities. With regard to Goal #2, CAS has not been an active organizer or communicator of research meetings; rather, individuals have engaged in active disciplinary and interdisciplinary communication and collaboration through the other entities listed above. Goal #4 (sponsoring special programs and symposia) is being handled by other entities, and we confirm that the CAS has not sponsored any special programs or symposia in multiple years. With regard to goal #5, coordinating graduate and undergraduate programs, there is an undergraduate Certificate in Archaeological Sciences housed in Franklin College, which will continue to be housed in Franklin College or one of its departments.

The current Bylaws of the CAS determine that the four officers and at-large Executive Committee members will be elected in three-year terms. The current officers and board have been in office between 5-12 years. We believe that nobody has expressed interest in taking on a new leadership role during the past 5 years, and can confirm that no elections have been held during that time. Based on the foregoing, we have concluded that the CAS does not provide sufficient added value to justify the administrative burden of its continued existence.

The dissolution of the CAS will not impact the appointment of any UGA employees, academic or educational programming, or any arrangements with external entities.

Thank you for considering this recommendation.

Sincerely,

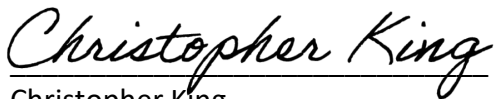


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Sr. Vice President for Academic Affairs  
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4/17/2025