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Date: August 26, 2010
To: Members of the University Council
From: Silvia Giraudo
Chair of the Educational Affairs Committee
Subject: Commencement Date Change

At its August 23, 2010 meeting, the Educational Affairs Committee voted and approved to edit the 2010-2011 and 2011-2012 Academic Calendars to change spring Commencement from a Saturday to a Friday. The spring 2011 Commencement would be **Friday, May 13, 2011** and the spring 2012 Commencement would be **Friday, May 11, 2012**.

Thank you for your attention. Please contact me if you need any additional information.

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Office of the Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost

July 15, 2010

Dr. Jeffrey H. Dorfman
Chair, University Council Executive Committee
Department of Agricultural and Applied Economics
312 Conner Hall
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Dear Jeff:

I write to tell you of the need to schedule the University of Georgia's 2011 Spring Commencement Graduate and Undergraduate ceremonies on Friday, May 13, 2011, rather than on Saturday, May 14, as currently listed on the University Academic Calendar.

Staging commencement on May 13 will reduce the number of days between the last day of spring semester exams (Tuesday, May 10) and the commencement ceremonies. This will benefit the degree candidates, hooding faculty, non-hooding faculty who participate, and the members of the Hodgson School of Music who provide live music at the ceremonies.

Also, scheduling commencement on a weekday will significantly reduce the cost of commencement by eliminating the high labor costs associated with staging the ceremonies on a weekend.

In recent years, the University of Georgia has experienced a dramatic increase in the number of eligible degree candidates participating in the institutional commencement ceremonies, particularly the Spring Undergraduate ceremony. To complement the institutional spring commencement ceremonies, many of the University's colleges and schools schedule convocations on the day of or the day following the institutional ceremonies.

Because changing the date of Spring 2011 Commencement will affect many in the University Community, it is important that, if it is to be done, the University Academic Calendar be amended to reflect this requested change with all possible speed.

I would be remiss if I did not tell you how much I appreciate the careful consideration that the Educational Affairs Committee gave to setting the Spring 2011 Academic Calendar, and I am particularly grateful that the committee effectively addressed the difficult issues presented by the January Monday class schedule.

I thank you in advance for your consideration of this change in the Academic Calendar. I look forward to hearing from you soon.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Jere".

Jere W. Morehead
Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost

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Copy: President Michael F. Adams
 Ms. Rebecca Macon, Registrar