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

Consistent with the [University of Georgia 4.13 Policy on Centers](#), I formally recommend the dissolution of the Georgia Center for Assessment as proposed by Dean Spangler. I have reviewed their recommendation to dissolve the Center and find it meets the requirements outlined in the Policy on Centers.

Sincerely,

Karen J.L. Burg, Ph.D., FNAI, FBSE, FAIMBE  
Vice President for Research

**Attachments:**

- Letter of Recommendation of Dissolution from Dean Spangler

cc: Denise A. Spangler, Dean of Mary Frances College of Education



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Dr. Karen J.L. Burg

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Dear Vice President Burg,

I request that Georgia Center for Assessment (GCA) be dissolved in accordance with the [Policy on Centers](#). The center was formed over 30 years ago and developed a robust set of initiatives related to state standardized testing and assessment support for P-12 schools as well as running a number of federally funded research projects.

In recent years, reductions in federal requirements and funding for assessment and a restriction in state funding led the center to redirect its work to localized assessment supports for P-12 schools. In 2020, the Director, Associate Director, and subsequent Interim Director retired, eliminating federally funded projects from the center's portfolio. Income for the unit is now generated exclusively from service grants and contracts with local school districts and state education agencies. Thus, we made a decision to deactivate GCA and reorganize it into a unit called K-12 Assessment Solutions.

Employees of the K-12 Assessment Solutions unit carry out the service grants and contracts, but no research is conducted in the unit. All employees are now professional staff; there is no faculty engagement with the program (beyond the administrative oversight of an associate dean). The center has no degree programs nor students. Given this revised direction of the work, I request the Georgia Center for Assessment be dissolved.

I do not anticipate any adverse consequences to the university from the closure of GCA. If you approve, please forward your approval to the Provost for his approval and notification to the Executive Committee of the University Council. Thank you for your consideration of this request; I will be happy to answer any questions you might have.

Sincerely,

Denise A. Spangler  
Dean