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Dr. Bruce Hollett, Chair  
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Dear Dr. Hollett,

On March 23, 2009, the Educational Affairs Committee reviewed the attached 2010-2011 Academic Calendar and Compact for Responsible Scholarship: A Joint Resolution for Academic Excellence created by the Student Government Association and Teaching Academy. The members voted to approve the Calendar and endorse the Compact. Both of these items are being forwarded to the Executive Committee of University Council for consideration and placement on the April 23, 2009 University Council agenda

If you have questions concerning these items, please feel free to call (706) 248-7461 or contact me by email at [gandrews@uga.edu](mailto:gandrews@uga.edu).

Sincerely,

P. Gayle Andrews, Chair  
Educational Affairs Committee

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Attachment

C: Ms. Rebecca Macon, Registrar

February 18, 2009

Dr. Susan Quinlan, Chair  
Educational Affairs Committee  
University Council  
University of Georgia

Re: Compact for Responsible Scholarship

Dear Dr. Quinlan,

The Student Government Association and Teaching Academy submit for adoption by the university council a Compact for Responsible Scholarship. This initiative was conceived in the SGA, and brought to the Teaching Academy Executive Committee for discussion by Katy Bowers in early 2007. A joint SGA/TA Workshop was organized on this topic in spring 2007. Multiple concurrent small group discussions of faculty and students were very productive, and generated many ideas for mutual expectations of faculty and students. Subsequent meetings with Teaching Academy members allowed us to identify the most important ideas, and to begin to fashion the document. Numerous revisions followed in Fall 2007 through summer 2008, and led to the present version which has been adopted by the Executive Committees of both SGA and the Teaching Academy. We seek your endorsement of this document, and hope to send it on the University Council for adoption later this spring. We thank you in advance for your attention to this matter, and for any assistance that you may be able to provide.

With best regards,

Joe Broder, Chair,  
Teaching Academy Executive Committee

Connor McCarthy, President  
Student Government Association

**The University of Georgia**  
**Compact for Responsible Scholarship: A Joint Resolution for Academic Excellence**

Our University was founded with the motto, “to teach, to serve, and to inquire into the nature of things,” and a mission that includes “a commitment to excellence in the teaching/learning environment dedicated to serve a diverse and well-prepared student body, to promote high levels of student achievement and to provide appropriate academic support services.” Students and faculty at the University of Georgia today strive to achieve this level of excellence and have collaborated on defining both a set of values and of expectations for one another to ensure that this level of excellence in education is maintained through a concentrated effort to perform at the highest levels in the classroom on the part of both parties.

These are guidelines, prepared collaboratively by faculty and students, that we hope will be taken to heart by all of those on the UGA campus and discussed and defined further in each classroom. If these basics are taken as a starting point, with the intent of surpassing them, then we can continue to excel in academia at the University of Georgia.

<b>Faculty</b>	<b>Students</b>
<p><b>COMMUNICATION</b>            Provide Clarity of Course Policies            (ex. Withdrawals, Academic Honesty)            Clearly Define Grading Criteria            Make Syllabi Available by First Class Meeting            Post and Keep Office Hours and Appointments            Solicit Formative Feedback From Students            Clearly Communicate Expectations of Students</p>	<p><b>COMMUNICATION</b>            Be Informed (Read Syllabi, and Check Email            and Online Course Resources Regularly)            Be Honest with Professors and Other Students            Respond to Communications in Timely Way            Use Office Hours to Interact with Professors            Give Constructive Feedback on How Faculty            Can Better Engage You in the Classroom</p>
<p><b>RESPECT</b>            Abide by the Time Constraints of the Course            Protect Student Privacy            Maintain a Respectful Learning Environment            Understand and Respect Student Diversity            Return Work in a Timely Manner            Respond Professionally to Student Concerns            Provide Consistency Between Course Sections</p>	<p><b>RESPECT</b>            Abide by the Academic Honesty Policy            Attend Every Class and Be on Time            Keep Appointments with Faculty            Understand and Respect Faculty Diversity            Complete Assignments and Tests on Time            Express Classroom Concerns through            Appropriate Channels (Faculty, Dept. Head)</p>
<p><b>ENGAGEMENT</b>            Be Dedicated to Excellence in Teaching            Come to Class Prepared and Ready to Teach            Facilitate Classroom Discussions            Provide Applications for Classroom Learning            Use Technology to Enhance Learning            Promote an Academic Atmosphere on Campus</p>	<p><b>ENGAGEMENT</b>            Be Dedicated to Excellence in Learning            Come to Class Prepared and Ready to Learn            Participate in Discussions and Activities            Think Critically and Explore Classroom Issues            Use Technology Only to Enhance Learning            Promote an Academic Atmosphere on Campus</p>

*Endorsed and recommended by the UGA Student Government Association and UGA Teaching Academy Executive Committee, February 20, 2009.  
 Endorsed by Educational Affairs Committee with friendly amendments to title, March 23, 2009.*