February 27, 2009

Erroll B. Davis, Jr., Chancellor
Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia
270 Washington Street, S.W.
Atlanta, Georgia 30334

Dear Chancellor Davis:

Attached for consideration by the Board of Regents is a proposal from the College of Education to terminate the major in Language Education under the Doctor of Philosophy degree (Ph.D.).

Sincerely,

Michael F. Adams
President

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Enclosure

cc:  Dr. Marci Middleton
     Dr. Arnett C. Mace, Jr.
     Professor Jere W. Morehead
     Dr. Arthur M. Horne, Jr.
Request for the Termination of the Doctor of Philosophy Graduate Degree (PhD) in Language Education

I. Basic Information

   1. Institution: University of Georgia           Date: February 25, 2008

   2. School/College: College of Education

   3. Department: Language and Literacy Education

   4. Program Degree: Doctor of Philosophy Graduate Degree (PhD)

      Major: Language Education

   5. Termination

   6. Last date students have been admitted to the program: May 1, 2007

   7. Last date students will graduate from the program: all students currently enrolled in the ELAN PhD will change their degree objective to LLED

   8. Abstract of the Deactivated Program:

      This Doctor of Philosophy program prepares graduates to construct knowledge that leads and advances the field of language and literacy education. Students may specialize in areas including Children's Literature & Language Arts, Secondary English Education, Foreign Language Education, Reading Education, and Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages (TESOL).

      The University established this degree for the purpose of providing properly qualified students with the opportunity to pursue research and other scholarly activities beyond the point that is possible in programs for the master's degree. This degree will be granted in recognition of proficiency in research, breadth and soundness of scholarship, and thorough acquaintance with a specific field of knowledge, not upon completion of any definite amount of work prescribed in advance. Evidence of such attainment must be provided through the presentation of an acceptable dissertation based upon independent research and the passing of such written and oral examinations as may be prescribed.

      This program is being terminated because a new doctoral program in Language and Literacy Education has been approved. Students currently enrolled in the Language Education PhD will change their degree objective to Language and Literacy Education.
II. Conditions for Terminating Program

1. Students currently enrolled in the Language Education PhD program will change their degree objective to the Language and Literacy Education PhD program.

2. We are requesting termination and have no plans for reactivation.