Provost’s Report to the Cabinet 4/26/12

Here are some academic highlights since the Cabinet last met in February 2012.

Awards/honors
Last week was Honors Week at UGA, when the university celebrated outstanding accomplishments by students, faculty and alumni. Notable recent external awards include the following:

- **Four undergraduates were among a select group of sophomores and juniors nationwide to receive Goldwater Scholarships** to pursue studies in engineering, mathematics and the natural sciences.
- **Three Honors students were among 80 nationally awarded Udall Scholarships** to continue their environmental studies. Theresa Stratmann, a junior majoring in ecology, received both awards.
- **Loch Johnson was named one of the 12 inaugural winners of the SEC Faculty Award** given to one outstanding professor at each SEC institution. He is a finalist for the SEC Professor of the Year Award to be announced in May.
- **Sybilla Beckmann Kazez, Meigs Distinguished Teaching Professor of Mathematics, received a Teaching Excellence Award** from the University System of Georgia Board of Regents, and **UGA’s First-Year Composition Program received a program award**.

Appointments/searches
Recent appointments and current searches include the following:

- A key administrative post was filled when **Alan Dorsey was named dean of the Franklin College of Arts and Sciences**, effective July 1. He comes to UGA from the University of Florida’s College of Liberal Arts & Sciences.
- The last of four candidates for **director of the UGA Press** visited campus this week.
- The search committee for **dean of the College of Education** will be announced shortly. Dean Andy Horne has indicated his intention to retire at the end of fall semester 2012.

Other news/events
With the academic year drawing to a close, plans are under way for **Commencement on May 11**. A new web site developed by the Office of the Registrar and Public Affairs provides information for students, faculty and visitors. A link can be found on the homepage of the Office of the Provost web site.

To keep up with news of academic affairs at UGA visit the **Office of the Provost Facebook page** launched this semester.