

RESOLUTION
Franklin College Faculty Senate, The University of Georgia (UGA)

**To voice our concerns over the dismissals
of the Georgia State Climatologist and the Georgia Assistant State Climatologist**

WHEREAS, State Climatologist David Stooksbury and Assistant State Climatologist Pamela Knox were abruptly dismissed on September 6, 2011 and learned about their dismissal from the media the day after the Governor signed the order; AND

WHEREAS, there was an apparent lack of public university response to the dismissal process; AND

WHEREAS, we question what effect this dismissal has on others at UGA whose main role is data analysis and dissemination, which was a major role of the State Climatology Office,

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Franklin College Faculty Senate:

- 1. disagrees with the process of the dismissals and the lack of direct notification of the dismissals to the individuals holding these offices;**
- 2. regrets the apparent lack of public response to the dismissals by the University of Georgia; and**
- 3. maintains UGA researchers must be guaranteed academic freedom to analyze and disseminate data without fear of job security.**