

**SELF-ASSESSMENT - SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES
UGA ENGLISH**

Condition #1: *The right people apply for doctoral study.*

Condition #2: *The right applicants are admitted as doctoral students*

Condition #3: *Students and faculty form productive working relationships*

Condition #4: *Students experience social support from fellow students*

Conditions	Goals /Activities	Timeline
#1	<p><u>Goal:</u> To increase the numbers in, and the strength of the applicant pool.</p> <p><u>Plan:</u> Rebuild the Department Graduate web site to project faculty strengths more effectively and invite more widespread, informed interest in the Department.</p>	In progress
#2	<p><u>Goal:</u> To improve our matriculation rates to ensure that the best students whom we admit accept our\ admission offers.</p> <p><u>Plan:</u> Reduce the teaching load for the maximum assistantship stipend from 2-2 to 2-1, and allow students to teach a 1-1 load in selected years, for a reduced stipend and a tuition waiver. Revitalize the involvement of the faculty in recruiting, using follow up email, as well as an admitted students web-based link among faculty, current graduate students, and newly admitted students.</p>	
#3	<p><u>Goal:</u> To foster the growth of formal and informal working relationships between faculty and graduate students.</p> <p><u>Plan:</u> Initiate a bi-monthly faculty/graduate student research colloquium for the discussion of common interests and problems in the development of independent research programs.</p>	Fall 2006
#4	<p><u>Goal:</u> Establish a physical environment within the building that encourages the growth of a sense of community among graduate students.</p>	

	<p><u>Plan:</u> Secure from the University funds to redesign and rebuild the basement office space in Park Hall, incorporating substantial common areas and lounges where students can congregate. Reduce office density by moving some graduate student office quarters to the upper floors of the building.</p>	
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