

Memorandum

TO: Deans; Department Chairs; Graduate Advisors; Chairs, Graduate Studies Committees

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CC: Keith Maurice, Director, English Language Institute; Graduate School Staff

DATE: December 18, 2002

RE: SPEAK Testing for GTAs

Recently, Assessment Services learned that Educational Testing Service (ETS) has begun selling the SPEAK test to the public. Consequently, we have discontinued using the SPEAK test as a way of evaluating English Language Proficiency for Graduate Teaching Assistants. As an interim measure, GTAs will go through an interview process with the English Language Institute. This process will cost \$125, the same cost as the SPEAK test. **For the time being, please advise students to follow the normal process for SPEAK test registration with Assessment Services located in Davis Hall, Suite 201.**

The Graduate School, Assessment Services, the English Language Institute, and representatives from the academic units will meet in January to determine an appropriate replacement for the SPEAK test. If you have any questions, please contact Assessment Services at x2362.