



COMMITTEE ON ACADEMIC PLANNING AND REVIEW

16-17 CAPR 9
March 2, 2017

TO: The Academic Senate

FROM: The Committee on Academic Planning Review (CAPR)

SUBJECT: 16-17 CAPR 9: Name change request from Department of Communicative Sciences and Disorders; new proposed name to be Department of Speech, Language, and Hearing Sciences

PURPOSE: For Action by the Senate

ACTION REQUESTED: CAPR accepted the Communicative Sciences and Disorders request and asks that the Academic Senate recommend the approval of the department name change; with the President's approval, effective Fall 2018

BACKGROUND:

At CAPR's March 2, 2017 meeting, the committee reviewed Communicative Sciences and Disorders request to change the name of their department to Department of Speech, Language, and Hearing Sciences. There were no questions from CAPR; request approved unanimously. Request information from Communicative Sciences and Disorders available in [Curriculog](#). This name change was accepted by CIC at their March 27 meeting.

Department of Speech, Language, and Hearing Sciences - Name Change

oA. Request for Approval of Formation, Dissolution, Name Change or Merger of Academic Units

General Catalog Information

***READ BEFORE YOU BEGIN**

Use this form to request the formation of a new unit (i.e. school, college, or department), the dissolution or merger of a unit, or the name change of a current unit.

STEP ONE: Please see the [Formation, Dissolution, Name Change or Merger of Academic Units Policy](#) for more details.

STEP TWO: Please turn on Help Text for this form by selecting the Show Help Text icon  above this section of the form then complete the following fields.

Current Department/Unit Name*	Department of Communicative Sciences and Disorders
Type of Change Requested:*	Name Change
If Merger, please indicate units being merged:	
New Unit Name (or current name if not changing unit name):*	Department of Speech, Language, and Hearing Sciences
Proposed Effective Date of the Change:*	06/01/18

CRITERIA OR REASON FOR THIS ACTION

A. Mission of the Academic Unit:

How does the proposed name/unit more	The CSD department currently offers a rigorous curriculum at the undergraduate and graduate levels that covers the anatomy, physiology,
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clearly fit the mission of the academic unit?*

and neuroanatomy of speech and hearing, as well as language, hearing and other speech disorders. Our students utilize their knowledge of basic principles of biological and physical sciences, integrate it with their knowledge of human communication processes and disorders and principles of cultural and linguistic diversity in order to provide evidence-based interventions for individuals with communication impairments. As such, the principles of scientific thinking underlie everything we do-and so the proposed name change more clearly denotes our mission and training program.

Does the change reflect a change in the unit's mission?*

No, this does not reflect a change in the mission of the unit, but clarifies the nature of our professional bent and educational training.

B. Curricular Implications:

Does the new name/unit reflect past changes in curriculum?*

No major curricular implications exist based on the name change.

Does it reflect plans for future curriculum changes?*

This new name will emphasize the STEM focus of our discipline which sometimes is not as clear with our current name. We don't anticipate any other curriculum change.

Do any planned changes impinge

NO

**on other
academic units?***

**Which other
units have been
consulted?***

None-as this does not affect any other unit.

**What are the
plans for
avoiding
unnecessary
duplication?***

There is no duplication with this name change. It is primarily a choice to enhance the immediate visibility and connection of our discipline as a STEM focused discipline.

C. Effect on the University:

**How will the
new name/unit
assist students
in finding the
program they
need?***

The name change will more clearly capture the complete nature of our training programs and the scope of the profession which will make it easier for students to understand what the nature of this program is all about.

How does the new name/unit make clear the differences between the academic unit and others in the University?*

In the past, some students have assumed our department has more to do with mass communication as we have the word Communication in our current departmental name. Changing it to Speech Language and Hearing Sciences will make the mission and nature of our discipline clearer to all.

What are the resource/cost implications of the change?*

With the name change, we will need to update our website, letterhead, and business cards of faculty/staff. No onther cost implications exist.

Will there be any effect on retention, promotion, and tenure policies?*

None.

For formation/merger how will the unit head be determined?*

Not applicable.

D. Comparisons:

What names are used for comparable academic units in other Universities in the CSU System and nationwide?
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Speech Language Hearing Sciences

Speech Language Pathology

Communicative Sciences and Disorders