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MEMORANDUM

TO: Educational Policies and Planning Committee

FROM: Phyllis N. Horns, RN, DSN, FAAN *PN Horns*
Interim Vice Chancellor for Health Sciences

SUBJ: Degree name change in Communication Sciences & Disorders

DATE: September 15, 2008

This memo is in support of changing the master's degree offered in the Department of Communication Sciences & Disorders in the College of Allied Health Sciences from a master's degree in Speech Language Pathology (SLAP) to Communication Sciences and Disorders (CSDI). I concur that the change in the degree name better identifies the degree content and more appropriately represents the master's degree offered in the department. As I understand, the content of the degree remains unchanged; only a name change. I fully concur with the request to change the degree name.

Cc: Dr. Stephen Thomas, Dean, College of Allied Health Sciences
Dr. Greg Givens, Chair, Department of CSDI
Dr. Kathleen Cox, Chair, CAHS Graduate Curriculum Committee,
Department of CSDI



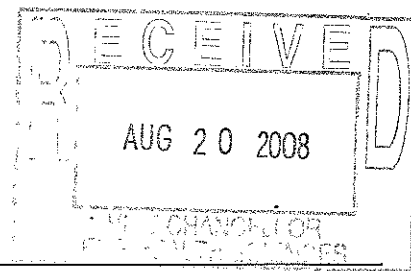
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Date: August 19, 2008

Memo to: Phyllis Horns, Interim Vice-Chancellor, Division of Health Sciences

From: Kathleen T. Cox, PhD, *Kathleen T. Cox*
Chair, College of Allied Health Sciences Graduate Curriculum
Committee, Department of CSDI, HSB, Suite 3310

Re: *Degree name change in Communication Sciences & Disorders*

Enclosed please find several documents relative to the request for changing the name of the master's degree offered in the Department of Communication Sciences & Disorders, College of Allied Health Sciences.

On June 10, 2008 the graduate faculty in the Department of Communication Sciences and Disorders met and approved a name change for the master's degree in this department. Currently, the master's degree is in Speech Language and Auditory Pathology (SLAP). The graduate faculty voted to change it to Communication Sciences and Disorders (CSDI). As Dr. Givens' memo indicates, this degree name better identifies the degree content and more appropriately represents the master's degrees offered in the department. The content of the degree remains unchanged; this is only a name change.

This name change is necessitated by the change in required degree for the profession of audiology. In the past both speech-language pathology and audiology required a master's degree and thus, the SLAP name was appropriate. However, audiology now requires a doctorate and the master's degree for speech-language pathology is no longer appropriately represented by SLAP. The CSDI name more closely reflects the content of both the clinical speech-language pathology track and the communication sciences track. There is no CIP code change requested as the focus of the degree is not changing.

Dr. Horns, we appreciate your review of these documents and await your approval memo to be submitted with our package to the Educational Policies and Planning Committee (EPPC). If you have any questions, I am available at 744-6085 or via email at coxka@ecu.edu.



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MEMORANDUM

To: Phyllis Horns, Interim Vice Chancellor
Division of Health Sciences

From: Stephen W. Thomas, Dean 
College of Allied Health Sciences

Date: August 19, 2008

Re: Degree name change in Communication Sciences and Disorders

This is to express my full support for the name change of the master's degree in the Department of Communication Sciences and Disorders from Speech Language and Auditory Pathology (SLAP), to Communication Sciences and Disorders (CSDI). As stated in other attached memorandums of support, with the movement of the audiology degree to the doctoral level, SLAP no longer represents the current master's degree as well as CSDI, which is a more accepted term in the field.

Please let me know if you have any questions regarding my memorandum of support. Thank you for your thoughtful assistance with this matter.



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Date: August 18, 2008

Memo to: Monica Hough, Director of Graduate Studies, CSDI

From: Kathleen T. Cox, PhD, *Kathleen T. Cox*
Chair, College of Allied Health Sciences Graduate Curriculum Committee

Re: *Degree name change in Communication Sciences & Disorders*

Monica,

The CAHS GCC has approved the documents for the degree name change for the Master's Degree in CSDI from Speech Language and Auditory Pathology to Communication Sciences and Disorders.

The request is now forwarded to Dean Thomas for his approval; once he provides us with an approval memo, the package is then forwarded to Dr. Horns. With her approval letter as well, the package is then submitted to the Educational Policies and Planning Committee (EPPC).

I have submitted the package to Dr. Thomas and am awaiting his approval memo. I will then assist your department in getting the package sent to Dr. Horns.

I will keep you apprised of this proposal's progress.



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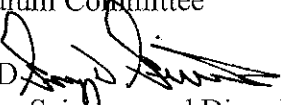
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TO: Kathleen Cox, Ph.D.
Chair, CAHS Curriculum Committee

FROM: Gregg D. Givens, PhD 
Chair, Communication Sciences and Disorders

DATE: July 21, 2008

RE: Request to change degree program name to Communication Sciences and Disorders (CSDI)

This is a request from the Department of Communication Sciences and Disorders to change a graduate degree program name from Speech, Language and Auditory Pathology (SLAP) to Communication Sciences and Disorders (CSDI).

This degree name change would better reflect the overall content of the degree and be more effective for marketing the degree. We are not changing the content or the focus of the degree.

In the past, students earning an MS degree in audiology or speech-language pathology earned the SLAP degree. The audiology profession now requires a doctorate as the entry level degree, and there are no longer any accredited MS programs. Recently, CSDI established a Clinical PhD in Audiology to adhere to accreditation standards and replace the MS audiology concentration.

The Department of Communication Sciences and Disorders Graduate Studies Committee met on June 10, 2008 and voted to approve the new degree program name.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.



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June 10, 2008

TO: Gregg D. Givens, Chairperson
Communication Sciences & Disorders

FROM: Monica S. Hough, ^{NSA}Director of Graduate Studies
Communication Sciences & Disorders

RE: Change of name of Master of Science degree offered through
the Department of Communication Sciences & Disorders

The CSDI Graduate Studies Committee met on Monday, June 9, 2008 and unanimously voted to change the current name of Master of Science in Speech-Language & Auditory Pathology to Master of Science in Communication Sciences & Disorders.