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November 29, 2005

MEMORANDUM

TO: Jon Sticklen, Chair
ECAC

FROM: Kim A. Wilcox, Provost *KAW*

SUBJECT: Name Change for Department of Audiology and Speech Sciences

As noted in the attached materials, the College of Communication Arts and Sciences, including the College Advisory Council and the faculty of the department propose a name change to "Department of Communicative Sciences and Disorders." A rationale for the change is provided.

I ask that this be placed on the ECAC agenda for its January 2006 meeting to consider referral to UGC and UCAP, plus other standing committees. The dean, department chairperson and relevant faculty members will be present to answer questions.



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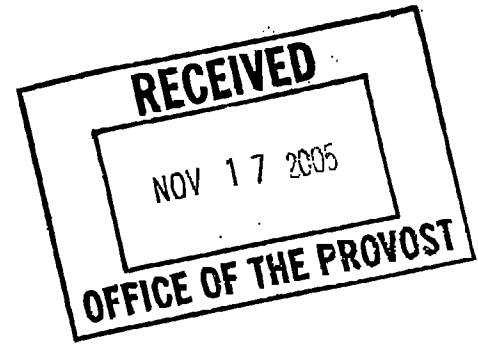
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- c: Charles Salmon, Dean, College of Communication Arts and Sciences
- Michael Casby, Chairperson, Audiology and Speech Sciences

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November 15, 2005



**Dr. Kim Wilcox
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Dear Kim:

I am pleased to endorse a request by the Department of Audiology and Speech Sciences to change its name to the Department of Communicative Sciences and Disorders. The new name is consistent with and supported by professional associations in this field. A copy of the original request and supporting documentation is attached.

The College Advisory Council reviewed and approved this request at its meeting on November 4, 2005.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "C. Salmon".

**Charles T. Salmon
Dean**

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Enclosures



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October 25, 2005

TO: Charles Salmon, Ph.D.
Dean, CCAS

FROM: Michael W. Casby, Ph.D.
Chair, ASC

RE: Proposed unit name change for the present department of
Audiology and Speech Sciences

It is my understanding that to request a name change of an *administrative unit*, departments should send their requests to the appropriate dean's office. Deans, if they approve, should send the request to the Provost. Please consider this memo and the attached such a request. (See <http://www.reg.msu.edu/Read/UCC/namechanges.pdf>)

To request a change in name of an *academic major/program* a "Request for Permanent Changes in an Academic Program" form must be completed and submitted to through the University's curriculum change process. Please be advised that we are also working on this and we will be submitting the appropriate paperwork for the accompanying major/program name change via CCAS CAS, and MSU UCC as well.

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Thank you for your support in these aspects of our unit's progression.

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**Unit and Academic Program Name Change Request
For the Present Department of Audiology & Speech Sciences**

The Department of Audiology and Speech Sciences requests a name change to better reflect the current activities and degree offerings of the unit, and to better align the unit's name with nationally recognized identifiers for the discipline. A recommendation for name change was discussed and passed at a Departmental Faculty Meeting held on October 14, 2005. It was resolved that the name of the Department of Audiology and Speech Sciences should be changed to the *Department of Communicative Sciences and Disorders (CSD)*. This recommendation was presented at the October 18, 2005, Administrators' Group meeting of the College of Communication Arts and Sciences where there were no lack of support remarks. Below, we list several important factors that have motivated the Department to make this recommendation for unit name change at this time.

- The audiology graduate programs in the Department of Audiology and Speech Sciences were eliminated in 2004, which means that the current name of the Department no longer accurately reflects its focal activities or degree programs.
- The nationally recognized and endorsed name for the discipline is Communication Sciences and Disorders (with the professions of speech-language pathology, audiology, speech & hearing sciences). This name is recommended by the primary scholarly-professional association, and national accrediting body – the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association. Many academic programs across the country have some variant of the discipline's name as their departmental name.
- The new departmental name of Communicative Sciences and Disorders, embodies the depth and breadth of the activities of the Department and its constituencies, and serves as an important historical link to the past name of Audiology and Speech Sciences.