

**College of Public Health and Health Professions
Request for Departmental Name Change**

Specific Request: Approval of Name Change from the Department of Communicative Disorders to the Department of Speech, Language, and Hearing Sciences.

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Background: As a result of recent university budgetary decisions, the Department of Communication Sciences and Disorders in CLAS was merged into the Department of Communicative Disorders in PHHP. The merger has resulted in a need to create a unified identity. At this time we are requesting approval of a new department name reflecting the unification of the two departments.

Name Selection Process: In order to create a unified identity, we initiated a process to select a new department name reflecting the merged status of the two previously independent groups. Faculty and staff were given the opportunity to suggest potential names and to vote on their choice for a new name based on the suggestions received. Forty-six out of 55 faculty and staff voted in the final selection. Thirty of the 46 people selected the name: Department of Speech, Language, & Hearing Sciences. We are requesting approval at this time to change the department name from Communicative Disorders to Speech, Language, and Hearing Sciences.

