To: Dean Van Galen, Chancellor
116 North Hall
University of Wisconsin-River Falls

From: David Rainville, Chair
Faculty Senate
University of Wisconsin-River Falls

July 1, 2010
RE: UW-RF Faculty Senate Motion 2009/2010/64

At the May 5, 2010 meeting of Wisconsin-River Falls Faculty Senate, a motion was passed and is effective immediately. This motion is forwarded for your action.

A motion from AP&P to approve a Master of Science - Communicative Disorders, substantial change in curriculum

☑ Approved

Disapproved

Dean Van Galen, Chancellor

7/9/10
Date
TRANSMITTAL for GRADUATE PROGRAMS: Changes or Proposals

I. INFORMATION:
   
   A. Check all that apply: Existing Program ☑  New Program ☐  
      Name Change ☐  Credits Change ☐  Substantial Change in Curriculum ☑
   
   b. Program Title: Master of Science - Communicative Disorders
   
   C. Department(s) (Originating): Communicative Disorders
   
   D. College(s) (Originating): COEPS
   
   E. Programs / Departments Consulted (Requires letters of support from all Departments or Programs substantially affected):
      
      1) NA  2) NA  3)  4) NA
   
   F. Date of Implementation: Fall Semester Year
   
   G. Have all courses in this program been approved? Yes ☑  No ☐  If “No”, which ones?
   
   H. Attach Request Narrative See attached

II. UNIT APPROVALS: Requires signatures of all Department Chairs and Deans whose programs will be substantially affected by the changes or proposal. Signature lines for the affected Departments and Colleges (noted in “E” above), are on the back of this form. These signatures should be obtained prior to review by all other shared governance levels.

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*NOTE: The master copy of this transmittal & accompanying documents must be filed in the Provost’s office upon final approval. The Provost’s office will notify all appropriate administrative offices [Registrar, Office of Graduate Studies, Dean(s), Department Chair(s)] of approvals & necessary actions to implement changes.
Rationale for COMD Program Change:

At its February 23, 2010 departmental meeting, the COMD faculty voted to offer three of its Special Topics courses as regular required courses as they are being consistently offered and contain learner outcomes required by our accrediting agency (Council for Academic Accreditation in Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology). The Special Topics courses were:

COMD 589: Special Topics: Auditory Processing Disorder
COMD 689: Special Topics: Communicative Replacements for Challenging Behavior
COMD 789: Special Topics: Counseling and Multicultural Issues in Communicative Disorders

The following courses have been approved by the Graduate Council and are being considered for approval by the University Curriculum Committee on April 9, 2010.

COMD 737: Auditory Processing and Auditory Processing Disorder
COMD 767: Communicative Replacements for Challenging Behavior
COMD 787: Counseling and Multicultural Issues in Communicative Disorders

We are proposing that these three courses, as well as COMD 720: Voice and Resonance Disorders be moved from the “Required Elective” category to the “Required Specialization Courses” category on the MS and MSE graduate plans.

This change is reflective of the trend in pre-service training in our profession. As part of the CAA Standard 3.0, graduate students are required to demonstrate knowledge (and skill) in hearing, including how it relates to speech, social aspects of communication, multicultural considerations, and voice and resonance disorders. This curricular revision will ensure that our graduate students are provided this opportunity.

This proposal does not change the number of credits to degree. Rather, it shifts courses from one category to another.
## Master of Science (MS) in Communicative Disorders

### Current MS Curriculum

**Required Specialization Courses (27 credits)**
- COMD 715 Research Methods in COMD
- COMD 716 Anatomy/Physiology of the CNS
- COMD 717 Neuropathologies
- COMD 730 Audiology II
- COMD 750 Dysphagia
- COMD 762 Dev. Lang. Disorders
- COMD 765 Aphasia
- COMD 770 Case Discussions
- COMD 772 Practicum: Audiology

**Required Elective Courses (9 credits)**
- COMD 720 Voice and Resonance Disorders*
- COMD 589 Special Topics*
- COMD 689 Special Topics*
- COMD 789 Special Topics*

**Elective Courses (0 – 8 credits)**
- COMD 798 Independent Research
- COMD 799 Thesis

**Required Clinical Experience (18 credits)**
- COMD 579 Clinical Exp./Internship
- COMD 773 Practicum in Schools
- COMD 774 Practicum in Rehab. Facil.

### Proposed MS Curriculum

**Required Specialization Courses (36 credits)*
- COMD 715 Research Methods in COMD
- COMD 716 Anatomy/Physiology of the CNS
- COMD 717 Neuropathologies
- **COMD 720 Voice and Resonance Dis.**
- COMD 730 Audiology II
- **COMD 737 Aud. Proc. And Aud. Proc. Dis.**
- COMD 750 Dysphagia
- COMD 762 Dev. Lang. Disorders
- **COMD 767 Communicative Repl. For Chall. Beh**
- COMD 765 Aphasia
- COMD 770 Case Discussions
- COMD 772 Practicum: Audiology
- **COMD 787 Couns. And Multicult. Issues in COM**

**Required Elective Courses (0 credits)**

**Elective Courses (0 – 8 credits)**
- COMD 798 Independent Research
- COMD 799 Thesis

**Required Clinical Experience (18 credits)**
- COMD 579 Clinical Exp./Internship
- COMD 773 Practicum in Schools
- COMD 774 Practicum in Rehab. Facil.

*Denotes proposed change