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June 6, 2011

#### **MEMORANDUM**

TO:

Alan Yang

Associate Vice Chancellor for Enrollment Management

FROM:

Reed Dasenbrock

Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs

SUBJECT: Degree Name Changes

This is to inform you that the President has approved the attached request from Interim Dean Bingham of the College of Arts and Humanities to change the names of the Bachelor of Arts and the Master of Arts degree programs in Speech to Bachelor of Arts and Master of Arts in Communicology, effective Fall 2011.

If you have further questions about these changes, please contact me at 956-8447.

#### Attachment

c: Executive Vice President Linda Johnsrud
Vice Chancellor Gary Ostrander
Vice Chancellor Francisco Hernandez
Interim Dean Pat Cooper
Interim Dean Thomas Bingham
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TO:

M.R.C. Greenwood UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII PRESIDENT'S OFFICE

President

VIA:

Virginia S. Hinshaw

Chancellor

VIA:

Reed Dasenbrock

Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs

FROM:

Thomas R. Bingham

Dean, College of Arts and Humanities

SUBJECT:

Request to Change Degree Name, Bachelor of Arts and Master of Arts

in Speech to Bachelor of Arts and Master of Arts in Communicology.

### **SPECIFIC ACTION REQUESTED:**

We are requesting to change the Bachelor of Arts and Master of Arts degrees in Speech to the Bachelor of Arts and Master of Arts in Communicology respectively.

## RECOMMENDED EFFECTIVE DATE:

Fall 2011.

#### **ADDITIONAL COST:**

There will be no additional cost for this action.

#### **PURPOSE:**

To change the degree name to correspond with the approved departmental name change from Speech to Communicology effective Fall 2011.

### **BACKGROUND INFORMATION:**

Pursuant to Board of Regents Policy 5-1.h (1) Instructional Programs, Naming of Programs, the President may approve changes in the functional names of academic programs and credentials as may become necessary to remain current with the terminology and focus of their fields and involve no significant change in the program requirements.

President M.R.C. Greenwood May 6, 2011 Page 2

Though the discipline of communication has roots in studying speech and rhetoric, with the arrival of various new communication technologies and scientific research methodology, the discipline has expanded to include much wider variety of communication phenomena. As such, the name 'Speech' neither reflects the departmental focus and curriculum, nor is viewed as a serious or valuable major. For example, Department of Speech has disappeared from virtually all of the RU/VH universities. None of the UHM's 12 peer institutions have a department of speech. The misrepresentation of departmental focus and curriculum with an outdated misnomer created serious problems in various areas including student and faculty recruitment, job prospect for graduates, and department stature.

The department has established itself as the department whose primary teaching and research mission is the study of the process of Communication. The name Communicology is unmistakably associated with the study of communication, allowing the department to assert its functional role as the center of theory and research on human communication process at UHM, and allows the department to differentiate itself from the School of Communication while serving to reflect the continuity of interests the department shares with each department at UHM that contributes to the larger field of Communication.

The Chancellor approved the departmental name change from Speech to the Department of Communicology effective Fall 2011. A copy of the memo from the VCAA dated February 25, 2011 approving the departmental name change is attached.

Thus, to accurately reflect the nature of the departmental focus and curriculum and to correspond to the new departmental name, we request that the Bachelor's and Master's degrees offered by the Department changed to Bachelor of Arts and Master of Arts in Communicology respectively.

## **ACTION RECOMMENDED:**

We recommend that you approve the proposed change of Bachelor of Arts and Master of Arts degrees in Speech to the Bachelor of Arts and Master of Arts in Communicology, effective: Fall 2011.

Attachment Attachment

APPROVED/DISAPPROVED

M.R.C. Greenwood

Date

**President** 

 Linda Johnsrud, Executive VP for Academic Affairs & Provost Gary Ostrander, VC for Research & Graduate Education Pat Cooper, Dean, Graduate Division Stuart Lau, Registrar Kelly Aune, Chair, Dept of Communicology



February 25, 2011

### **MEMORANDUM**

TO:

Thomas R. Bingham, Interim Dean

College of Arts and Humanities

FROM:

Reed Dasenbrock

Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs

SUBJECT:

Approval of Department Name Change - Department of Communicology

I am writing to inform you that in accordance with Administrative Procedure A3.101, the Chancellor has approved your request to change the name of the Department of Speech to the **Department of Communicology**. This name change will be effective Fall 2011. The purpose of the change is to more accurately reflect the purpose and mission of the department.

Please ensure that revised organizational charts and functional statements are forwarded to the Office of Human Resources and the University Budget Office. Note that it may take more than a year for the telephone listings, schedule of courses, catalog, and other campus listings and publications to incorporate these changes.

c: Executive Vice President Linda Johnsrud
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