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Department of Communication

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TO: Dr. Mark Stephens, Interim Provost *MS*

VIA: Dr. Mike Gotcher, Dean, College of Interdisciplinary Studies *Mike Gotcher*

VIA: Dr. Paul Semmes, Dean, College of Arts and Sciences *Paul Semmes*

VIA: Dr. Brenda Wilson, Interim Chair, Communication Department *Brenda Wilson*



FROM: Communication Department Faculty

DATE: March 23, 2018

RE: Repositioning the Communication Department to the College of Interdisciplinary Studies

In September 2017 the Communication Department faculty began discussing and researching an opportunity to be repositioned from the College of Arts and Sciences to the College of Interdisciplinary Studies. After faculty meetings and discussions with the deans of each college, the Communication Department faculty voted to be repositioned from the College of Arts and Sciences to the College of Interdisciplinary Studies. The details of this move are outlined below.

- All current Communication Department E & G budgets, including the Communication Department (index 210158), Speech/Debate Travel (210156), the student media accounts (Oracle, Eagle and WTTU) will transfer to the College of Interdisciplinary Studies. All current Communication scholarship and endowment accounts (Leo McGee Scholarship; Sidney McGee Scholarship; Hix/Ann Stubblefield scholarship; Pinkerton Speech scholarship; Thomas Weitzel Scholarship; C.D. Norman Scholarship; Speech/Debate Endowment; DeBerry-Vaden endowment; Speech/Debate endowment – see attached list) will also transfer to the College of Interdisciplinary Studies.
- The College of Arts & Sciences will increase the following base budget items in the Communication Department (index 210158): The faculty position 175060 budgeted amount will be increased to \$55,000, the adjunct/overload budget will be increased to \$32,200 (the largest amount used in the last three years), and the departmental travel budget will be set to \$2,500. In Speech/Debate (index 210156) the base travel budget will be increased to \$20,000.
- Scholarship funds totaling \$4,000 will be available to Speech team students in good academic standing and majoring in one of the programs in the College of Arts & Sciences for 2018-2019 and 2019-2020 (awards made in spring 2018 and spring 2019).
- Communication Department faculty will retain their tenure and current rank status.
- Existing classroom, lab, and office space will remain with the Communication Department.
- The College of Arts & Sciences will transfer Professor Graham Kash's current position in the English Department (posn 104180) to the Department of Communication. Professor Kash's tenure and rank will thus transfer to the Department of Communication.
- Upon transitioning from the College of Arts and Sciences to the College of Interdisciplinary Studies the Communication Department would be renamed the School of Communication.

On Thursday, February 22, 2018, the faculty voted overwhelmingly in favor of this move (11-1-0).

**Communication Department
Banner Account Numbers
3/22/2018**

Title	Index	Fund	Org	Account	Prog	Type
Communication Dept.	210158	110001	133003		200	INSTR
Oracle	251606	110001	127902		400	SS
Oracle Revenue	115614	110001	127902	58894	100	REV
Eagle	251601	110001	127900		400	SS
Eagle - Ad Revenue	115613	110001	127900	58894	100	REV
Eagle - Yrbk Sales-Tax	115613	110001	127900	58895	100	REV
Eagle - Yrbk Sales-No Tax	115613	110001	127900	58896	100	REV
WTTU	238010	110001	127904		300	SS
Speech-Debate Travel	210156	110001	133001		200	INSTR
COM/JOUR-SPCM Rest.	537808	260266	133006		350	INSTR
Oracle-Restricted	538811	260217	127913		400	SS
WTTU-Restricted	538505	260190	127913		300	PS
Speech - Travel Rest	538828	260229	133006		200	
SCJ**	080069	810009	127914	29302	999	Holding
**SCJ Expenses (and all 08 Accounts) - Object Code 29302						
DeBerry-Vaden Endowment	096565	216565/619465	133003			ENDOW
Speech/Debate Endowment	096569	216569/619469	133001			ENDOW
Leo McGee JOUR Scholarship	099432	216532/619432	130000		999	SCHOL
Sidney McGee Scholarship	096506	216506/619406	133000		999	SCHOL
Hix/Ann Stubblefield Schol.	096396	216396/619296	133003		999	SCHOL
Pinkerton - Rec.	099262	216362/619262	133000		999	SCHOL
Thomas Weitzel Schol. - Rec	099323	216423/619323	133000		999	SCHOL
C. D. Norman Schol - Rec	099637	216467/619367	133003		999	SCHOL