

Dewar COEHS Meeting Documentation Form

Department of Communication Sciences and Disorders

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Statutory committees are required to maintain formal minutes.

The completed form should be filed according to approved COE policies and procedures.

Committee Name: CSD Advisory Council **Chairperson/Responsible Contact:** Jade Coston

Purpose of the Meeting: Welcome Council Members; discuss the purpose of the Advisory Council; share recent accomplishments of the CSD Department; share information about upcoming events; provide Council Members with the CSD Strategic Plan; hold open discussion regarding the role of Council Members in program improvement

Date: February 24, 2017 **Time:** 3:00 to 5:00 p.m. **Location:** HSBA room 2005

Departments/Participants/Groups/Agencies Represented:

CSD Advisory Council, including Edgar "Vince" Clark, Wayne Neck, Judy Threlkeld, Rebekah Foster (student member), and April Ward (student member)

CSD Faculty, including Melissa Carter, Lorena Cole, Jade Coston, Tanya Enloe, Mary Gorham-Rowan, Renee Hannibal, Katherine Lamb, Susan Miller, Corine Myers-Jennings, Karen Noll, Crystal Randolph, and Katie Walden

Primary Outcomes:

Council Members were greeted and given packets of information about the CSD Department at VSU. The meeting began with a welcome message from Dr. Myers-Jennings, Department Head. Council members and faculty then introduced themselves by sharing information about their professional backgrounds and current interests. Dr. Myers-Jennings shared video presentations of several faculty members demonstrating technology used with students for research purposes and/or with clients in the VSU Speech-Language and Hearing Clinic. The videos served as an introduction to some of the exciting work being done within the Department.

Dr. Myers-Jennings shared the purpose of the Advisory Council, which was also written on the meeting agenda. The Advisory Council is viewed as a part of the Department and will be asked to provide feedback and suggestions for program improvement. Some of the Department's recent successes were shared, including reaccreditation by the Council of Academic Accreditation in Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology (CAA), student and faculty presentations at the Georgia Speech-Language Hearing Association (GSHA) Convention, research awards received by students at the GSHA Convention, students winning an academic bowl (called the Praxis Bowl) at the GSHA Convention, and the fact that our clinical doctorate program is in its third year of existence. Mrs. Lorena Cole, Clinic Director, shared information about the VSU Speech-Language and Hearing Clinic, including the number of clients being served. It was also shared that the clinic is celebrating its 55 year anniversary. Details about celebration activities and events will be shared with council members.

Primary Outcomes, continued:

Dr. Myers-Jennings discussed the CSD Strategic Plan and asked Council Members to reflect on how they might be able to use their knowledge and skills to support our mission in training well-qualified professionals for the future. Some of the issues that came out of the discussion included the recruitment of transfer students and male students and the need to increase publicity efforts (both locally and nationally).

The meeting concluded with a tour of the Clinic and the Health Sciences & Business Administration Building by Mrs. Lorena Cole and a technology demonstration by Mrs. Melissa Carter.

Actionable Items/Planned Follow-up: Jade Coston will send thank you notes to the Council Members in appreciation of their participation; the CSD Department Committee for the Advisory Council will reconvene to discuss the timing and agenda for a future meeting; the CSD Department will inform Council Members about upcoming celebration activities and events related to the Clinic's 55th Anniversary.