

VSU Communication Sciences & Disorders

Meeting Notes

January 13, 2023

Attending

Wayne Neck
Vincent Clark
Harry Hamm

*Call to meeting: 1:00 pm

*Meeting adjourned: 1:38 pm

Summary

- Council members were given updates regarding the department:
 - CSD Resource Center opening and purposes
 - Comprehensive Examination progress
 - CSD Blazing Alumni Award
 - Alumni newsletter
 - Updated Strategic plan
 - Current IPE and IPP practices
 - Exposure to teletherapy and ethics
- Mr. Neck provided feedback about the students' experiences with teletherapy and commented about the importance of instruction related to ethics in telepractice.
 - Most clinicians in the program have experience with telepractice. Mr. Neck provided a resource to further support ethics training in teletherapy. He developed a course that is available on the ASHA Learning Center website.
- Mr. Clark queried current IPE and IPP practices implemented in the program. The department is currently increasing IPE and IPP opportunities based on the current Strategic Plan Goals.
- A discussion ensued about the divisiveness in policies and procedures regarding licensing and certification with the GA PSC and State Board of Licensing and best practices supported by ASHA. Currently, ASHA certified SLPAs are required to have an associate or bachelor's level degree. It is believed the GA Department of Education currently allows untrained paraprofessionals to provide intervention to students with speech/language impairments.
- Mr. Clark discussed the importance of training in instrumentation for dysphagia.

- All council members volunteered time and efforts to assist the department in continually improving the program and curriculum.

Actionable Items

- Provide continuous feedback as needed
- Contact program directors and department heads of Communication Sciences and Disorders programs to address licensing and certification requirements regarding the SLPA degree requirements for the state of GA
- Attend the public meeting for the CAA reaccreditation visit on February 13th at 4:30 pm at the Health Sciences and Business Administration Building, room 1002