



Resolution No. 25-33

Approval of Department Name Change: Department of Communication Disorders to Department of Communication Sciences and Disorders

WHEREAS, The Board of Trustees of Governors State University (the “Board” and “University,” respectively) was created on January 1, 1996, by Public Act 89-4 to operate, manage, control, and maintain the University in accordance with the rights, powers, and duties vested by law in the Board;

WHEREAS, The Board is currently comprised of eight members, seven of whom are appointed by the Governor of Illinois with the advice and consent of the Senate, and one of whom is a University student selected by student peers;

WHEREAS, The Board is empowered to operate, manage, control, and maintain the University and prescribe the courses of study to be followed pursuant to Sections 15-10 and 15-45 of the Illinois Governors State University Law, 110 ILCS 670/15-1 *et seq.*;

WHEREAS, the Department of Communication Disorders at Governors State University offers undergraduate and graduate programs in the field of speech-language pathology, including the Bachelor of Health Science and the Master of Health Science degrees;

WHEREAS, The department seeks to change its name to the **Department of Communication Sciences and Disorders** to more accurately reflect the academic, clinical, and research content of the program and to align with national disciplinary norms and peer institutions;

WHEREAS, The proposed name change does not alter degree titles, curriculum requirements, or student learning outcomes and is classified as a Reasonable and Moderate Extension (“RME”) under Illinois Board of Higher Education (“IBHE”) policy;

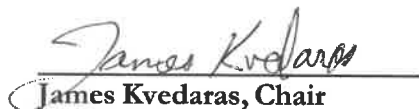
WHEREAS, The faculty of the department voted unanimously in favor of this change during a departmental retreat in Spring 2024; and

WHEREAS, Interim President Bradford recommends approval of this change.

Now, therefore, it is:

Resolved, that the Board approves the renaming of the **Department of Communication Disorders** to the **Department of Communication Sciences and Disorders**, effective Academic Year 2025–2026, and authorizes submission of this change to the Illinois Board of Higher Education.

Approved this 16th day of June 2025


James Kvedaras, Chair


Karen Nunn, Secretary