2 May 2012

TO: Martin Cadwallader, Dean, Graduate School
FROM: Gary Sandefur, Dean
RE: Proposal to create named options in the Doctor of Audiology Program
CC: Eric M. Wilcots, Associate Dean for the Natural Sciences
     Jan Edwards, Chair, Communicative Disorders
     Elaine M. Klein, Assistant Dean for Academic Planning (L&S)

We understand that, to implement the desired transfer of certain administrative responsibilities (e.g. admissions, student academic services, etc.) for the Doctor of Audiology program from the L&S Department of Communicative Disorders to the UW-Madison Graduate School, it is necessary to create two new named options in the program. These options will serve the purpose of tracking applicants who identify UW-Madison or UW-Stevens Point as their preferred “home institution”. This change will facilitate student services by ensuring we can identify and track applications, conduct our institutional data analyses, and maintain accurate student records.

I note that this change is purely for an administrative purpose. The faculty who currently collaborate together so well to offer this program will continue to do so; requirements for both options will be identical, regardless of the option selected. This change is intended simply to provide an efficient mechanism, using an existing tool, for dealing with student data.

Because this is a technical solution that serves an important administrative purpose, I agree that these options can be created.
April 11, 2012

TO: Gary Sandefur, Dean, Letters and Science

FROM: Wendy Crone
Associate Dean of Graduate Education

RE: Creation of Named Options for Audiology

CC: Jan Edwards, Department of Communicative Disorders
Ruth Litovsky, Department of Communicative Disorders
Amy Hartman, Department of Communicative Disorders
Elaine Klein, Assistant Dean, Letters and Science
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In anticipation of the Doctor of Audiology (Au.D.) moving from the College of Letters and Science to the Graduate School, we have begun planning for a transition effective Fall 2012. As you know, the Audiology program is a collaborative program with UW-Stevens Point. In the months prior to formal approval of the transition, planning began around allowing UW-Stevens Point applicants use the UW-Madison online application. As these plans have become finalized we have identified the need to create named options to distinguish UW-Stevens Point applicants from UW-Madison applicants. This would offer the ability to filter out UW-Stevens Point application data for the Graduate School statistical program profiles and other data analyses. This will also facilitate the exception-handling by Graduate School staff and the export of data to UW-Stevens Point and to the Registrar’s Office (for the spec-authorization).

Thus, we would like to propose two named options for these purposes:

- Audiology (Doctor of Audiology)
  - Option: Collaborative Program at UW-Madison
  - Option: Collaborative Program at UW-Stevens Point

The Graduate School has discussed this arrangement with the Department of Communicative Disorders and how best to make it work within the structure of their Audiology program. Nevertheless, we wanted to also inform the College and seek its endorsement of the proposal.