

STATUS REPORT MARCH, 2001

The Council of Academic Programs in Communication Sciences and Disorders (CAPCSD) has had a full agenda this academic year. There are many important issues impacting academic programs that the CAPCSD is addressing both independently and in collaboration with other groups. Listed below are some of the Council's activities since we last met in November:

- **Executive Board and Council Restructuring .** The implementation of the new Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws has progressed very smoothly this year. The members of the Executive Board have been cooperative as we worked through the new system. We have developed procedures for Board decisions between meetings. Still unresolved at this time is whether the resolutions process which is needed for the formal adoption of Council policies will meet our needs. The Board has decided that we should make no changes until we give the new system an appropriate trial period. At the end of our Board meetings, we take a few minutes to share our thinking about future directions for the Council. These brief discussions provide an opportunity for your elected and appointed leaders to look beyond the day-to-day operations of the Council and think about future directions.
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- **Budget and Treasurer's Report.** Treasurer MICK McNEIL reported that the overall budget situation of the Council continues to be very good. Mick is developing a budget monitoring and reporting system that will keep the Board updated on the budget. As in the past, all action of the Board which has a fiscal impact requires Board approval. The contract with EAS was discussed and approved at the meeting.
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- **Diversity Task Force Recommendation.** ELAINE McNIECE reported that the Honors and Awards Committee developed a description and procedures for the Diversity Incentive Award as described in the recommendations of the Task Force on Diversity. This information will be distributed at the Conference.
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- **Political Advocacy.** RICK TALBOTT requested input from the Board about the Council assuming a more active in political advocacy in higher education. The Board asked Rick to share his ideas with the membership at the next meeting of the Council to obtain their input especially on the implementation of his proposal.
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- **Standards.** JOHN SAXMAN provided the Board with a description of the changes in the ASHA standards programs. John also provided additional information about ASHA's efforts to obtain more information about subject matter area for university programs.

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- **April Conference.** Although we had to make major changes in the location and dates of our conference, the Conference Committee has done an excellent job of insuring that the 2001 Conference was consistent with the high quality of our previous conferences. Special THANKS to Chair, JANE LIEBERMAN; Assistant Chair, JIM MAHSHIE; Clinic Director Representatives VICKI McCREADY AND SUSAN BARTLETT; and national office staff MARY AMBROE and FRANCES LAVEN, for their flexibility in planning an exciting meeting during this unusual year.
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- **Second Singular Scholarship Awarded in Sarasota.** As you recall, last year was the first year that we awarded the Singular Scholarship. This year we presented the second Singular Scholarship at the Opening Session of our 2001 Conference. The scholarship is intended to recognize excellence by doctoral students in development of an innovative instructional technology project. The second recipient of the Singular Scholarship is YASER NATOUR, a doctoral student at the University of Florida for his research proposal, *Digital Image Analyses of the Larynx*. Attending the presentation was DR. CHRISTINE SAPIENZA, Associate Professor in the Department of Communication Sciences and Disorders at the University of Florida, and the following representatives from Singular-Thomson Publishing Company: Mr. BILL BROTTMILLER, Publisher; Ms CANDICE JANCO, Acquisitions Editor; Ms MARIA D'ANGELICA, Editorial Assistant; and Dr. SADANAND SINGH who made the presentation to Dr. Natour

- **Council Survey.** You should have received the 2001-2002 *CAPCSD Survey of Undergraduate and Graduate Programs*. Given the current shortages in entry-level doctoral candidates, the information obtained in the *Survey* is critical to the development of strategies for both long term and short term survival of the discipline and the professions. None of us has the time it takes to complete the survey, but you are the most accurate source of information which is desperately needed by all of us. Please take the extra time necessary to complete and return the survey **today**. If you have misplaced the survey either intentionally or un-intentionally and need another copy, email me at jcarney@utk.edu and I will send you another.

- **February Board Meeting.** The Executive Board met at the Belleview Biltmore in St. Petersburg, Florida, on February 2-3. This hotel was being considered as a possible conference meeting site. The meeting agenda was full with work on many of the routine tasks of the Board (e.g., renewing the management association contract, committee updates, etc.) and acting on recommendations from the Nominations Committee (Chair ELAINE McNIECE, MAURICE MENDEL and ANN SMIT), the Honors and Awards Committee (Chair ROSALIND SCUDDER, STEPHEN OSHRIN and LINDA PETROSINO), Committee for the Study of Demographics (Chair, ROY SHINN, DON GOLDBERG, MIKAEL D.Z. KIMELMAN and CHERYL MESSICK), Publications Committee (Chair, TRISH HARGROVE, RICHARD McGUIRE, COLLEEN O'ROURKE, and WAYNE SWISHER), and the Research and Academic Development Committee (Chair, KIM OLLER, RAY KENT, YVONNE SININGER, and ANNE VANKLEECK). A draft of the meeting minutes should appear on the Web site soon.

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- **Reminder Regarding Admission Acceptance Deadlines.** Spring semester means application and admissions deadlines. Upon written ballot from CAPCSD member programs in 1998, the Council approved Resolution 98-4 which states:

- **Resolved,** That the Council recommend that graduate programs allow applicants until April 15 to make final decisions regarding acceptance of offers of admission and financial aid for the following summer or fall semester.

While this is now the stated policy of the Council, I would also direct your attention to the Council of Graduate Schools (CGS) *Resolution Regarding Graduate Scholars, Fellows, Trainees and Assistants*. That resolution states that students are in fact, under no obligation to accept offers of financial assistance until April 15. While not all CAPCSD institutions are signatories to the CGS Resolution, the vast majority of us have agreed to abide by its guidelines. See resolution

and supporting institutions at <http://www.cgsnet.org/publications/resolut.htm>.

- **Archives.** A reminder again that the Council gratefully accepts donations of any of our publications including the *Directory* and the *Proceedings* published before 1984. Council Archivist BARBARA SHADDEN requests that if you or anyone you know has directories from years prior to 1984 and would be willing to part with them, please consider donating them for the archives. Items can be sent directly to the CAPCSD office in Minneapolis.

- **Related Professional Organizations.** The Council has been proactive in seeking positive working relationships with all related professional organizations involved with the discipline and the professions of Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology. In the past, we have cooperated primarily with ASHA and ASHA-related organizations. This year the Board decided to expand the number of organizations. Listed below is a brief review of activities with these groups.

- - (3) **Mini EB/EB Meeting with ASHA.** A meeting was held January 28-29 at the ASHA National Office in Rockville, MD. Council representatives were CARNEY, HANLEY, TALBOTT and OLLER. ASHA representatives were BERNTHAL, CREAGHEAD, MASTERSON, SCOTT and OCHSNER. Issues discussed included: (1) updates by each group on current activities of interest, (2) research and publication issues and recruitment of teacher-scholars in CSD, (3) status of ASHA/CAPCSD Joint Committee on Clinical Doctoral Education, (4) proposed Joint Committee on Outcomes Assessment, (5) update on Medicare Part B coverage of student services: development of a strategic plan for academic programs, (6) overview of ASHA's focused initiative on school-based programs and services, (7) updates on a variety of topics, e.g., Educational Testing Service, ASHA's Academic Affairs Board, etc. and (8) possible collaborative projects for 2001. With the exceptional cooperation of the ASHA leadership, I believe that we have reached a new level of cooperation with ASHA. Those attending the meeting agreed that it had been a very positive and productive dialogue. Special thanks to DEBRA BUSACCO, Director of ASHA's Academic Affairs unit for making arrangements for the meeting and for her leadership in seeking ways to improve the communication between ASHA and the Council.

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- (1) **Mini EB/EB Meeting with NAPP.** A meeting was held at the ASHA Convention in Washington between the President and President-elects of the Council and the National Association of Pre-Professional Programs (NAPP). The primary topic was to seek ways to increase the participation of members of NAPP in Council activities. The Board agreed to provide NAPP with meeting facilities at our annual Conference and we agreed to ask ASHA to schedule the meetings of both groups at a different time during the ASHA convention. In response to a request to provide NAPP representation on the Council's Conference Committee, the Board decided to continue to insure that all perspectives would be included but opposed the policy of specific identification of Conference Committee membership. That is, the Board feels that all subgroups of the Council's constituency should have input in our conference planning and agenda.

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- (3) **Mini EB/EB Meeting with AAA.** In accord with our policy of cooperation with related organizations, Carney, Hanley and Talbott had a preliminary meeting with DAVID FABRY, President of the American Academy of Audiology during the ASHA Convention about the feasibility of holding Mini EB/EB meetings with AAA similar to those we hold with ASHA. The Executive Board of AAA approved our proposal and the first meeting will be held in the near future. As noted below, AAA has appointed members to two joint committees. A full report of our initial meeting will be available in the next *Status Report*.

- (4) **Special Interest Division 10.** We met last year with the officers of SID 10 to seek ways to work

cooperatively with them. That meeting resulted in some joint efforts and appointments to joint committees. Mick and I will meet again at our conference with them again this year.

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- **Update on Council's (Joint) Committees and Working Groups.**

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Working Group on Projected Personnel Needs. The members of the Working Group are: Chair, BOB TURNER, GEORGE OSBORN (AAA representative), SARAH SLATER (ASHA NO staff), NANCY SWIGERT (slp). The Working Group has been charged with recommending long term plans for obtaining valid and current data on current workforce status and future projections in both speech-language pathology and audiology.

Joint Committee on Academic Assessment. The members of the Joint Committee are: Chair, BROOKE HALLOWELL, DAVID FABRY (AAA), ROY SHINN (ASHA, SID 10), DAN TULLOS (NAPP) and an unnamed representative of ASHA Academic Affairs. The Committee has been charged to develop a number of models of formative assessment and student evaluation, to develop an action plan to educate program directors and faculty members in academe about formative assessment, and to establish an agreement of specific terminology which will be used by accrediting bodies and the organizations represented by the members.

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Ad Hoc Joint Committee on Doctoral Education. The members of the Joint Committee are: Chair, RICK TALBOTT, FRED BESS and JAN INGHAM -- the Council's representatives and JACK ROUSH, JIM MAHSHIE, and JOHN FERRARO -- the ASHA representatives. With the approval of David Fabry of AAA, Fred Bess has agreed to serve as their representative also. The Committee has been charged with examining all aspects of clinical doctoral education and to consider the feasibility of establishing guidelines or other mechanisms to ensure quality of all types of clinical doctoral education.

- **Educational Testing Service (ETS) Response. GOOD NEWS.** ASHA staff members (VIC GLADSTONE, DEBBIE BUSACCO, and SHARON GOLDSMITH,) have held several meetings with ETS to convince them that we need additional data about student performance on the NESPA. As you are aware, this has been a major concern for the Council for a number of years. I wrote to ETS in response to the resolution passed at last year's meeting. Debbie Busacco informed me that beginning in Fall, 2001, ETS has agreed to provide us with diagnostic test information about our students' performances on the exam. Special thanks to VIC and DEBBIE!

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- **Proposed On-line Journal of Scholarship and Research in Teaching in CSD.** The Board discussed a proposal from TRISH HARGROVE for establishing a new on-line journal and asked Trish to obtain additional information about costs and membership interest for the next meeting.

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- **Member Benefits.** The Board discussed the feasibility of providing the *Conference Proceedings* on-line rather than in hard copy. The Board agreed that we need membership input before taking any action on the proposal and requested that the topic be discussed at the membership meeting in Sarasota.

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- **THANK YOU!** Thanks to each of you – for the privilege of serving as your President this year and

thanks for your continuing support of the Council. Please continue to keep the Board members informed about your questions, opinions, or concerns about our work for the Council.

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Jerry Carney
President