

Report from the FS Planning & Budget Committee (P&BC)

FS Meeting on March 6, 2024

A. P&BC received a proposal for a new BS in Communication Sciences and Disorders from the School of Medicine on February 5, 2024. P&BC provided an initial preliminary budget review to the Program Proposer on February 12 and the Committee Chair met with the Proposer on Feb 20 to clarify and assist the Proposer on budget spreadsheet revisions. The Proposer submitted a revised budget spreadsheet on February 22, and this was reviewed by P&BC with the Proposer in a Teams meeting on February 29. P&BC reported P&BC Budget approval to the FS Academic Program Committee on March 5, 2024.

B. Summary of proposed BS in Communication Sciences and Disorders

The Bachelor of Science (BS) degree in communication sciences and disorders at the University of Louisville (UofL) is a four-year program (minimum 120 credit hours) that seeks to attract top students whose interests center on the biological, physical, sociocultural, and linguistic aspects of human communication and its disorders and differences. This program will be housed in the School of Medicine, within the Department of Otolaryngology—Head/Neck Surgery and Communicative Disorders. There are very few programs, nationally, that can make that claim and none in Kentucky.

UofL is home to Kentucky's only Doctor of Audiology (AuD) program. There are currently only 75 accredited programs nationwide. The BS in Communication Sciences and Disorders is designed as a standalone program for students to enter the job market but will also allow its students to pursue graduate training in either speech-language pathology or audiology.

The Budget includes a Dean commitment of \$250,000 per year over 5 years and Budget expenses project addition of 2 new faculty. The Program projects 10 starting students (growing to 25 new students in year 4) who will take Gen Ed requirements on the Belknap campus with unit tuition-share going to the Belknap teaching units for year 1 of each class. Projected "new tuition-share" projects a 2-student loss in the first year of each new cohort class, with first graduating class of 8 students at end of year 4.

The Projected Budget expects to be profitable by end of year 4 (graduation of first class) with reasonable projections of student enrollment at levels below the clinical capacity of the existing Speech Pathology MS and Doctor of Audiology programs in the same SOM department.

P&BC finds the financial proposal to be reasonable and viable to become a self-sustaining profitable program and recommends approval of the proposal budget to the APC.

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