# Fine Arts: Communication Studies Instruction

## Vision/Narrative

Communication is a vital part of today's world, whether used professionally or socially. Employers often cite effective oral and written communication skills as the most important skill set when hiring college graduates. We recognize the importance of what we teach and welcome students to explore one of the many areas of Communication Studies by taking a class or classes at Gavilan College. The Communication Studies Faculty at Gavilan are dedicated to providing students with the knowledge and skills of human communication that can be applied to various contexts in ones life. Whether it be improving public speaking skills, working with a culturally diverse group at work or communicating with family and friends, our curriculum is academically structured to meet student needs based on specific courses. Communication scholars and students work in a variety of fields, among them business, journalism, law, education, film and television, non-profit organizations, marketing, theater, human resource management, and public relations just to name a few. Effective communication skills are essential for any career and students will learn how to develop their own communication skill set by taking coursework at Gavilan .

Gavilan offers an ADT in Communication Studies, AA Degree in Communication Studies, Certificate of Achievement in Communication Studies, and a Certificate of Achievement in Interpersonal Communication all recognized and approved by the State Chancellor's office.

# Feedback from Supervisor / Dean

The Communications program is highly successful and should be given additional budget for its activities, which support Communications pathways. The program should be commended on its progress towards meeting its goals and challenged to create some longer term goals that new objectives could support.

Program Objective #2180
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**Program Objective 1:** Expanding program and instructional space into CDC building requires equipping new instructional space to meet the needs of Communication Studies instruction/pedagogy.

## **Strategy and Goal(s):**

Not Applicable: RESUBMITTED: Copied from Academic Year 2016-17

## **IEC Program Review:**

Yes, this Objective is based from the last IEC Program Review.

## **Progress:**

Yes: With continual assessment and reporting of SLOs, our Communication Studies Faculty has found that our curriculum is meeting student needs. When common deficiencies through the review of assessment data are found, necessary curriculum is modified.

There has been some progress in securing a permanent instructional space for the Communication Studies Department. Communication Studies courses occupy CDC 110 M-TH 8 am-9 pm and F 8:30 am-3:30 pm. However, a second smaller classroom space has not be established. Two offices for full time faculty are located in near proximity to CDC 110, allowing for a unified presence of the department, easy accessibility for students to meet with professors, and has helped to foster more interaction between full time and adjunct faculty members.

An urgent instructional need is detailed in the departments budget request to cover installation costs for new instructional equipment that has remained in boxes for a few years simply because there was no budget to cover installation.

A third additional tenure-track Communication Studies Faculty Member will be needed in the future that specializes in Argumentation and Debate, expanding on existing curriculum with additional CI-D general education courses and a future debate club.

Activity 1: SLO and PLO assessment and reporting for all Communication Studies courses.

Personnel Request - *none* Non-Personnel Request - *none* 

Activity 2: While CDC 110 the primary Communication Studies Classroom has been equipped with a grant funded projector, screen, and computer, there is still instructional equipment in original boxes that were purchased with grant monies and have been in storage for a few years since there was no monies earmarked for installation.

Shawn has provided an installation quote from an outside vendor and immediate installation is needed to maximize the performance and capabilities of the equipment that to this day remains in boxes.

A second, smaller classroom will be needed for the expansion and growth of the Communication Studies department. Presently the one classroom is occupied from morning to night, so with the implementation of fast track offerings and co-current class offerings, discipline specific classroom furniture, new computer, software, cart, projector, screen, speakers, instructional equipment and classroom supplies, will provide students with a Ted Talks feel on a smaller more intimate scale. This classroom will be used for FAST TRACK offerings as well as smaller major specific classes such as CMUN 12, Business Communication. We will model this classroom off of corporate boardroom models and professional mediums of pedagogy. Two office spaces have been designated for Full time faculty, however, adjunct faculty presently have no where to meet with students.

## Personnel Request - none

#### **Non-Personnel Request**

Specific Item(s) Needed	Amount Requested (\$)	Fund Source / Type
Installation cost for speakers, video equipment, etc.	\$ 6000.00	Instructional Equipment / One-Time
Total Requested	\$ 6000.00	

Activity 3: Additional Full-Time Tenure-Track Communication Studies Faculty hire to meet growing demands and needs of students. In addition, a faculty specialized in Argumentation and Debate can expand the department into a specialized area including but not limited to the CI-D approved Argumentation and Debate General Education course and a Speech and Debate club that would compete in local and statewide speech and debate competitions.

## **Personnel Request**

Job Classification	Quantity	FTE	Amount (\$)	Fund Source / Type
Faculty	1	100%	\$ 60000.00	General Fund / On-Going

## Non-Personnel Request - none

#### **Rankings:**

Ranker	Comments	Rank
Dean	Equipment installation has taken place; unfortunately, the addition of a second classroom space has to be balanced with all the other facilities needs. Implementation of the Facilities Master Plan, however, may solve some of thees problems.	8
Vice-President		
Budget Committee		
President's Council		

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Program Objective 2: The completion of the ADT, AA, and/or Certificate(s) will inform future employers, college admission offices and professional institutions that students have received specialized training in communication skills. With multiple degree and certificate offerings and a high rate of graduates, the program needs an increased instructional supply budget, outreach and promotion materials, and support for COMMCLUB.

## **Strategy and Goal(s):**

Not Applicable: RESUBMITTED: Copied from Academic Year 2016-17

## **IEC Program Review:**

Yes, this Objective is based from the last IEC Program Review.

## **Progress:**

Yes: Please see "activities"

There has been no progress on securing Work Studies Communication Students/Teaching Assistants to help with various Departmental needs.

Activity 1: We serve over 1500 students in an academic year, our Major is the highest enrolled within the Fine Arts Department, and our Major graduation rate ranks fifth highest campus wide, however we continue to work off of \$500 budget a year. This barely allows for purchase of instructional supplies such as markers, flip charts, paper, and basic office supplies. We are requesting that our department budget increase to assist in purchasing supplies for 2 full time and 8-10 adjunct faculty a semester.

#### Personnel Request - none

#### **Non-Personnel Request**

Specific Item(s) Needed	Amount Requested (\$)	Fund Source / Type
Instructional supplies to support collaborative learning	\$ 1000.00	Instructional Equipment / On-Going
Total Requested	\$ 1000.00	

Activity 2: Outreach and promotion of communication studies offerings in Gilroy, Hollister, and Morgan Hill locations are paid for out of our whopping \$500 annual instructional supplies budget. For 1,000 rack cards, the cost is \$225.00, that's nearly half of our overall budget. We simply don't have money to cover the cost without compromising and losing out on necessities like printer ink cartridges and classroom supplies. The department is in need of a specific budget designated for outreach and promotion. This would allow us to have professional signage and additional outreach materials for our Alumni event, Fast Track promotion, and Major and Minor options for Gavilan students printed and distributed.

## Personnel Request - none

## **Non-Personnel Request**

Specific Item(s) Needed	Amount Requested (\$)	Fund Source / Type
Outreach and Promotional materials copying funds	\$ 500.00	Instructional Equipment / On-Going
Total Requested	\$ 500.00	

Activity 3: One of the draws for COMMCLUB membership is that it offers scholarships to majors and minors through its fundraising. Additionally, COMM CLUB offers tutoring for students, outreach, hosts fundraising events, workshops, and last semester offered FIVE scholarships. Additional financial support is needed to support the club and advisor Kelly Glass.

## Personnel Request - none

#### **Non-Personnel Request**

Specific Item(s) Needed	Amount Requested (\$)	Fund Source / Type
Funding to support CommClub scholarships and fundraising events	\$ 500.00	Categorical / On-Going
Total Requested	\$ 500.00	

Activity 4: The Communication Studies department is located in the CDC building. The Child Development faculty has offered to share the student workroom open to both Communication and Child Development students if Communication Studies can contribute in purchasing paper, supplies, and maintenance of instructional equipment such as copier, printers, computers for student use. This is an opportunity for both programs to work cooperatively in the space as well as an opportunity for students to have a resource and shared space to further assist in their academic success. The CMUN department would need additional external funding to join CD in making this space a reality for all.

## Personnel Request - none

## **Non-Personnel Request**

Specific Item(s) Needed	Amount Requested (\$)	Fund Source / Type
Collaborative CD and CMUN student workroom funding	\$ 1000.00	Instructional Equipment / On-Going
Total Requested	\$ 1000.00	

## **Rankings:**

Ranker	Comments	Rank

Dean	We now in the process of streamlining degrees and certificates. Budget resources might be garnered from other sources, such a fundraisers for the Club and the PIO office for promotional materials. Happily printing costs have been centralized.	8
Vice-President		
Budget Committee		
President's Council		

Program Objective #2182
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Program Objective 3: Scheduling, Curriculum Updates, Cross Program Collaborations, Community Outreach, COMMCLUB, Alumni database and Communication Studies Alumni Annual Speaker's Panel, Communication Studies Webpage

**Strategy and Goal(s):** 

Not Applicable: RESUBMITTED: Copied from Academic Year 2016-17

**IEC Program Review:** 

Yes, this Objective is based from the last IEC Program Review.

**Progress:** 

Yes: See "activities"

Activity 1: With only two full time faculty and 8-10 adjunct Communication Studies Faculty teaching every semester, the insurmountable additional duties beyond teaching have become overwhelming to the full time faculty to adequately keep up and ensuring everything is up-to-date, especially the Comm Studies Webpage, Alumni database, and arranging all CommClub and Community Outreach/Cross Program Collaborations and Activities.

Personnel Request - *none* Non-Personnel Request - *none* 

**Activity 2: Contact/lead faculty member for each objective:** 

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Scheduling, Curriculum Updates, Community Outreach, Cross Program Collaborations, Alumni database and Alumni Speaker's Panel,

**Communication Studies Webpage** 

Glass Cross Program Collaborations Community Outreach CommClub

> Personnel Request - *none* Non-Personnel Request - *none*

Activity 3: Communication Faculty were recipients of the Model Communication Program Award at the Western State Communication Association Conference in Reno, NV February 2013.

Personnel Request - *none* Non-Personnel Request - *none* 

## **Rankings:**

Ranker	Comments	Rank
Dean	I am not quite clear about what is being requested here.	4
Vice-President		
Budget Committee		
President's Council		