

## OHLONE COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT

## MEMORANDUM

TO: Board of Trustees  
FROM: Douglas Treadway  
DATE: June 11, 2008  
SUBJECT: Organizational Change

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Faculty from the Speech & Communication Studies, Broadcasting, Journalism and Multimedia Studies Departments have proposed a merger of their departments into one department called Communication Studies. This will involve moving the Speech and Communication Studies Department from the Division of Humanities, Social Science and Mathematics to the Division of Fine Arts, Business and Broadcasting. The division housing the new department will be renamed the Division of Fine Arts, Business and Communication Studies. The new department arrangement will facilitate the development, implementation, and assessment of programs that reflect the convergence among these disciplines. Preliminary work toward a certificate and a transfer degree in mass communications is underway.

The proposal has been endorsed by Mikelyn Stacey, Division of Humanities, Social Science and Mathematics; Walt Birkedahl, Division of Fine Arts, Business and Broadcasting; and Jim Wright, Vice President of Academic Affairs. There will be no budgetary impact caused by this change.

RECOMMENDATION

The President/Superintendent recommends approval of this proposed organizational change.