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**MEMORANDUM NO. GEC-OVCAA-NAKG 22-025**

**TO** : ALL DEANS, COLLEGE SECRETARIES, DEPARTMENT CHAIRS, INSTITUTE DIRECTORS, and GE COORDINATORS

**THROUGH** :   
**MA. THERESA T. PAYONGAYONG, Ph.D.**  
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**FROM** : **NANCY A. KIMUELL-GABRIEL, Ph.D.**  
Director and Member-Secretary, UPD GE Committee

**SUBJECT** : Decision on DSCTA Certifications for Comm 10 and Speech 30 Equivalency

**DATE** : 28 October 2022

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On April 4 and October 3, the Department of Speech Communication and Theater Arts (DSCTA) issued certifications stating that COMM 10 *Critical Perspectives in Communication* and Speech 30 *Public Speaking and Persuasion* are equivalent GE courses. (Please see attached.) These certifications were issued directly to offices without going through the GEC, thus prompting several personnel and students to clarify their equivalence. The GEC deemed it proper to investigate and convene the UPD GE Committee to discuss the issue. On its October 21 meeting, the UPD GE Committee requested the DSCTA to narrate the process which led to the issuance of the certifications. Upon receipt of DSCTA's letter, the UPD GE Committee met on October 28 to resolve the matter. The results of our discussion are the following resolutions:

1. That the UPD GE Committee upholds DSCTA's decision in its October 25 letter that **COMM 10 and Speech 30 are two different courses**, reversing its earlier certifications (dated April 4 and October 3).
2. That the DSCTA admits that the issuance of the two earlier certifications dated April 4 and October 3, which state that "Comm 3, Comm 10, and other similar courses may be credited as Speech 30 under the new curriculum," is a result of human error. Upon thorough discussion, the DSCTA concluded that "there are more differences than similarities between Comm 10 and Speech 30."
3. That we maintain the status quo of Speech 30 as a required GE course and COMM 10 as another GE course that may be taken by students.
4. That the students affected by the April 4 and October 3 certifications until the current semester (1<sup>st</sup> semester, AY 2022-2023) will not be made to bear the burden of the error; graduating students in the current semester (1<sup>st</sup> semester, AY 2022-2023) are advised to reach out to their respective SREs for prompt evaluation.
5. That these certifications **cannot and shall not be applied starting** next semester (2<sup>nd</sup> semester, AY 2022-2023). Students who are not yet graduating in the 1<sup>st</sup> semester, AY 2022-2023 must still take Speech 30 as a required GE course in UPD, even if they have taken COMM 10 in other CUs.



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The DSCTA expresses its profuse apologies for any inconvenience that the certifications have caused. The UPD GE Committee accepts the apology.

Since some procedural lapses in course evaluation and in course equivalency certification were committed in the process, we would like to take this opportunity to remind the Departments/Units/Colleges to observe the proper process in course evaluation, and in certifying equivalencies between two GE courses.

Thank you.

cc: OUR



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### CERTIFICATION

This is to certify that **Comm 10** courses taken at the University of the Philippines, Los Baños may be credited as **Speech 30** under the GE program of the University of the Philippines, Diliman.

Comm 10 has been credited as Comm 3 prior to the revision of courses for the K-12 program. Due to the said revisions, Comm 3 has now been reinstated as Speech 30. As such, Comm 3, Comm 10, and other similar courses may be credited as Speech 30 under the new curriculum.

Issued on 04 April 2022.

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### CERTIFICATION

This is to certify that the course **Comm 10** taken at other University of the Philippines Systems may be credited as **Speech 30** under the GE program of the University of the Philippines, Diliman.

Comm 10 is similar to the course Comm 3, a GE course offered by the department prior to the revision of courses for the K-12 program. Due to the said revisions, Comm 3 has now been reinstated as Speech 30. As such, Comm 3, Comm 10, and other similar courses may be credited as Speech 30 under the new curriculum.

Issued on 03 October 2022.

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