

# Communication Disorders

A Duty to Dream  
2008-2009



## Strategic Planning

### ➤ Strategic Planning

❖ Began during the Year of the Department activities during 2006-2007 and was completed in Fall 2008

• **Goal 1:** Increase number of freshmen, transfer students, and graduate students from other universities

- Dare to Dream: Commitment to growth

- KBOR: Increase the quantity and quality of K-12 teachers educated

» Department of Labor (Hecker, 2004): estimated to grow by 27% but that will cover only 53% of the openings that are projected by 2012

## Commitment to Growth

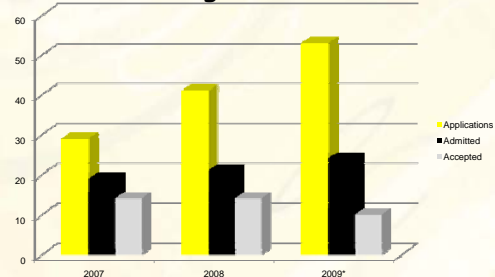
❖ Various objectives under this goal but includes

- Student recruiters/recruiters
  - Presentations at home high schools and/or meetings with counselors
  - Calling admitted students two to three times per semester and answering questions about FHSU
- Alumni recruiters
- Participation in FHSU Student Recognition Programs



## Commitment to Growth

### ➤ Graduate Program

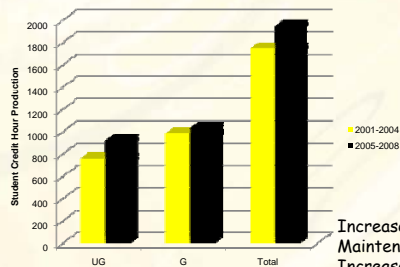


\*Closing date for acceptances: 04-15-09  
3 have declined; 10 have not responded; 8 on wait list

## Commitment to Growth



### ➤ Student Credit Hours



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### • Goal 2: Increase scholarly activity

- » Dare to Dream: Commitment to Social Relevance
- » FHSU Strategic Plan: Improve environment that fosters research, scholarship and creative activity



Celina Konrade and Laci Dearden presented the results of their theses with Dr. Britten at ASHA 2008. Lacey Cleveland also presented on collaborative research with Dr. Britten and Dr. Burnett.

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### • Goal 2: Increase scholarly activity

- Reviewing and sharing information from scholarly journals
- Increasing knowledge and application of evidence-based practice to both academic and clinical education,
- Increasing the number of referred presentations and publications
- Increasing opportunities for faculty and graduate students to disseminate research interests and findings
  - » Research Symposium at the end of the Research Course
  - » Research and Creativity Week
  - » State and National Conferences

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### • Goal 3: Increase doctoral level faculty and increase some 0.5 FTE positions

- Dare to Dream: Commitment to Life Long Learning
- FHSU Strategic Plan: Select instructional or professional programs for distinction
  - »Continued support of faculty working on their Ph.D.

--Phil Sechtem



--Sechtem, P. S., Scherz, J.S., & DiLollo, A. (2009, May). *Recursive frame analysis of physician-patient interactions: A pilot study. Paper to be presented at the Graduate Research and Scholarly Projects Symposium (GRASP), Wichita State University, Wichita, Kansas.*

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--Maeda, M. & Sechtem, P. R. (2009, March). *Peer reviews of teachers: Are they useful?* Poster session presented at the 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Capitol Graduate Research Summit, Topeka, Kansas.

--Sechtem, P. R. (2008, November). *Frame analysis of the physician-patient experience: A pilot study. A research proposal presented at the NIA Technical Assistance Workshop, Washington, D.C.*



The strategic money that purchased the stroboscopy and the computer Speech lab software has been put to great use both in the academic and clinical setting as well as in research

**Thank you for your support!!**

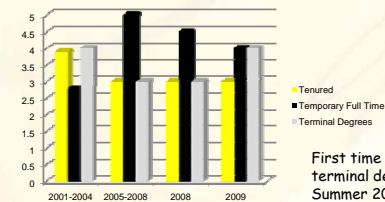
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### »Develop recruitment plan for Ph.D. candidates

-Jayne Brandel accepted the position for an assistant level professor in our department beginning August 2009

--Thank you for supporting this position



First time since 2004 that the faculty holding terminal degrees has increased and hopefully by Summer 2010 that number will be back to 5. 1994 was the last time that we were able to hire a Ph.D. who had the completed degree.

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### • Goal 4: Continue to develop and enhance collaborative partnerships

- » Dare to Dream: Commitment to Intellectual Fusion
- » FHSU Strategic Plan: Improve environment that fosters research, scholarship and creative activity



Phil has established working relationships with a variety of physicians related to stroboscopy services

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The Department has established a "Professional Day" where school districts and hospitals come to campus and present on professional issues as well as recruit students

Many times the speakers are alumni of the program who are working in the school districts or hospitals



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Other collaborative partnerships in Hays includes Holy Family, Head Start, Tiger Tots, Hays High School and the Senior Companion and Foster Grandparent programs.

In addition in the Fall Dr. Britten and Marla Staab met with local pediatricians at HMC to provide information on our services.

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### • Goal 5: Increasing application of technology in academic and clinical settings

- » Dare to Dream: Commitment to Learner Outcomes
- » KBOR: Improve undergraduate's foundational skills
- » FHSU Strategic Plan: To become a unique and eminent university by electrifying the campus



Variety of foundational skills are a focus throughout the program including oral and written communication, use of low and high technology in the assessment and intervention of children and adults with communication disorders

## Internationalization



- » Dare to Dream: Commitment Global Engagement
- » KBOR: Internationalize the curriculum and campus



New program which began Fall 2008 is the conversational group which involves our students conversing and interacting with the international students. We use a graduate student to help organize and run these interactions.



## Internationalization



### Nefferty Li

- Our first student from China
- Attended the American Accent program in the Fall of 2007
- Changed majors in Spring 2008
- Applied to four graduate programs in the U.S. and was accepted by several programs, including FHSU
- Began her clinical practicum experiences in Spring 2008





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## Dare to Dream



Communication across the life span



Low and high tech interventions



Hands on experience