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REPORT TO

THE ACADEMIC SENATE

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Program Review – BS Agribusiness and Food Industry Management

Academic Programs Committee

Date: xx/xx/2020

Executive Committee
Received and Forwarded

Date: 03/11/2020

Academic Senate

Date: 03/18/2020
First Reading

BACKGROUND:

As part of the university's five-year planning cycle for all programs, a self-study was prepared by the Department of Agribusiness and Food Industry Management/Agricultural Science, covering the academic years 2015/16 through 2018/19. An external review team, consisting of Dr. Lynn L. Hamilton from CalPoly San Luis Obispo and Dr. Rachael E. Goodhue from UC Davis, visited the Nutrition and Food Science Department on March 18, 2019. After their visit, a report was prepared and submitted by the external reviewers, after which both the Department and Dean prepared responses. The AP Committee has reviewed these responses.

RESOURCES CONSULTED:

Dr. Jon C. Phillips, Chair of the Agribusiness and Food Industry Management/Agricultural Science Department
Dr. Peter Kilduff, Associate Dean of the College of Agriculture
Dr. Lisa Kessler, Dean of the College of Agriculture

DISCUSSION and RECOMMENDATION:

The external reviewers were outstandingly positive in their appraisal of the Department's faculty and efforts. They emphasized the tremendous workload of the Department's faculty. They strongly advised working towards hiring of a tenure-track faculty as soon as possible. Both the Department and the Dean agreed that this should be prioritized. The reviewers also recommended hiring a Visiting Professor, which is under review by the Department.

Additionally, the reviewers recommend the Department should offer additional opportunities for service learning, increase student participation in intercollegiate competitions, and reestablish the Industry Advisory Board. Both the Department and The Dean have agreed in general terms with these recommendations. The Department has pointed out that completing these tasks would be hard without additional faculty.

The Department indicated that they took the program review process very seriously despite the substantial time and resources to the process; they found the program review process to be very enlightening and beneficial. Overall, the review is positive, pointing to a Department with sound fundamentals and a real commitment to working with students. Most areas of concern are resource concerns shared by all programs on campus. The Academic Programs Committee commends the Department of Agribusiness and Food Industry Management/Agricultural Science on their work, both in the operation of their programs and in the preparation of a thorough and thoughtful review that highlights important issues.