

CALIFORNIA STATE POLYTECHNIC UNIVERSITY, POMONA

**ACADEMIC SENATE**

**ACADEMIC PROGRAMS COMMITTEE**

**REPORT TO**

**THE ACADEMIC SENATE**

**AP-010-212**

**Communication, B.S. – Interpersonal Communication Option Discontinuation**

**Academic Programs Committee**

**Date: 02/09/2022**

**Executive Committee  
Received and Forwarded**

**Date: 03/23/2022**

**Academic Senate**

**Date: 04/13/2022  
First Reading**

**BACKGROUND:**

The Communication Department proposed to discontinue the Interpersonal Communication Option for the B.S. in Communication. This Option will merge with the Organizational Communication Subplan/Option together into one Communication Studies Subplan/Option to enhance student success and efficiency and to be consistent with other programs in the field. This merger will in no way affect the quality of the program. Instead, this merger may increase demand for the program since they will be exposed to both the interpersonal and organizational communication fields.

**RESOURCES CONSULTED:**

Associate Deans

Department Chairs

Dr. Nell Huang Horowitz, Chair of Communication Department

**DISCUSSION and RECOMMENDATION:**

The Communication department proposed this discontinuation of the Interpersonal Communication Option (B.S. in Communication). The department has decided they can meet the needs of students with just one option and indicated that all students in the discontinued options will have ways to finish their degrees with the courses being offered.

Before reaching the Academic Programs Committee, this program was reviewed by the College Curriculum Committee in the College of Letters, Arts, and Social Sciences (CLASS), the College Dean of CLASS, the Office of Academic Programs and the University Faculty. Dr. Nell Huang Horowitz, Chair of the department of Communication, was consulted. The AP committee confirmed with Dr. Horowitz that this change will not affect students' progress to degrees but will benefit them via greater flexibility. Students have more course choices for their optional elective courses and have the full support of their assigned advisors and the Department. The AP committee received no additional comments from the department chairs or associate deans.

The Academic Programs Committee recommends approval of the Interpersonal Communication Option Discontinuation.