# CALIFORNIA STATE POLYTECHNIC UNIVERSITY, POMONA ACADEMIC SENATE

# ACADEMIC PROGRAMS COMMITTEE REPORT TO

THE ACADEMIC SENATE

AP-028-156

BA in English – Applied Language Studies Option FOR SEMESTERS

Academic Programs Committee Date: 05/06/2016

**Executive Committee** 

Received and Forwarded Date: 05/18/2016

Academic Senate Date: 05/25/2016

First Reading

<u>BACKGROUND</u>: The Department of English has put forward a referral for a BA in Applied Language Studies Option for semesters. This is a new program.

#### Rationale:

This option is primarily an aggregate of existing courses. Its purpose would be to prepare students to gain knowledge and skills that allow them to investigate the relationship between language and the everyday world, including language issues in public policy, education, and business.

In the past decade, the need for professionals with training in linguistics has burgeoned. Upon the completion of the degree, graduates will be able to engage in communities, schools, and professional environments in a multicultural, multilingual world. They will be able to enter the work force directly after completing their B.A., or to pursue further professional education in speech and language disorders, foreign language teaching, computational linguistics, language-data management and analysis, or translation and interpretation.

# RESOURCES CONSULTED:

Deans Associate Deans Department Chairs All Faculty

## **DISCUSSION:**

Before reaching the Academic Programs Committee, this program was reviewed by the College Curriculum Committee in the College of CLASS as well as the Dean of CLASS and the Office of Academic Programs. All concerns raised at those levels were addressed. The Academic Programs Committee then conducted campus-wide consultation, as well as its own review of the program. No concerns were raised.

## RECOMMENDATION:

The Academic Programs Committee recommends approval of the semester program BA in Applied Language Studies Option in English.