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ACADEMIC SENATE

ACADEMIC PROGRAMS COMMITTEE  
REPORT TO  
THE ACADEMIC SENATE

AP-032-156

Physics, B.S. – Biophysics Option

Academic Programs Committee

Date: 04/03/2016

Executive Committee  
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Date: 05/18/2016

Academic Senate

Date: 05/25/2016  
First Reading

**BACKGROUND:** The Department of Physics and Astronomy is proposing a new Option in Biophysics under its Bachelor of Science in Physics, to be offered under semesters. The rationale for this program is to provide more opportunities for physics majors to engage in interdisciplinary learning, focused on the application of physics to problems in biology. Since this is an increasingly important area of research in the 21<sup>st</sup> century, it is expected that this program will be quite useful for students.

**RESOURCES CONSULTED:**

Faculty  
Department Chairs  
Associate Deans  
Deans  
Office of Academic Programs

**DISCUSSION:**

Before reaching the Academic Programs Committee, this program was reviewed by the College Curriculum Committee in the College of Science as well as the Dean of Science and the Office of Academic Programs. The Academic Programs Committee then conducted campus-wide consultation, as well as its own review of the program. No comments were received by the Academic Programs Committee.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

The Academic Programs Committee recommends approval of the Option in Biophysics.