

CALIFORNIA STATE POLYTECHNIC UNIVERSITY, POMONA
ACADEMIC SENATE

ACADEMIC PROGRAMS COMMITTEE
REPORT TO
THE ACADEMIC SENATE
AP-036-156

BACHELOR OF MUSIC FOR SEMESTERS

Academic Programs Committee

Date: 05/14/2016

Executive Committee
Received and Forwarded

Date: 05/18/2016

Academic Senate

Date: 05/25/2016
First Reading

BACKGROUND: The Department of Music has put forward a referral for a Bachelor of Music for semesters. This is a new program.

The Bachelor of Music degree program provides training for gifted students who show promise and capability of becoming professional performers, educators, and composers. Students will gain subject-matter competence in music through a series of courses in music theory and composition, music literature and history, applied music via studio classes and performance ensembles, music technology, conducting, and pedagogy. Options in this degree program include Performance, Music Education and Composition, and will be presented with confidence for accreditation to the National Association of Schools of Music. Our “learn-by-doing” philosophy is distinctive in its pedagogical methods as students get hands-on experience via recording and technology labs, master classes with professional musicians, service learning classes and a variety of performance opportunities. All of these activities are designed to prepare our students for the professional world. The justification for offering the program at this time lies in the growing demand from students and the musical community for this professional degree and the additional opportunities it affords. Cal Poly Pomona will provide a relevant societal need by offering the professional degree (BM) as an affordable option to the geographic region and society.

RESOURCES CONSULTED:

Board of Trustees
Deans
Associate Deans
Department Chairs
All Faculty

DISCUSSION:

Before reaching the Academic Programs Committee, this program was reviewed by the Board of Trustees, who approved adding this program projection to the campus Academic Plan (03-08-2016). It was also 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 Bachelor of Music.