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REPORT TO

THE ACADEMIC SENATE

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Discontinuation of the Option in Zoology under the Bachelor of Science in Biology for
Semesters

Academic Programs Committee   Date: 11/02/2016

Executive Committee
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Academic Senate   Date: 11/30/2016
                                                               <u>First Reading</u>
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                                                               <u>Second Reading</u>

BACKGROUND: The Department of Biological Sciences is seeking to discontinue the Option in Zoology under the Bachelor of Science in Biology for Semesters, as they have put forward a revised semester program that combines their previous degree options into a single program in which students can pursue specialized interests via elective courses. This revised and consolidated program will allow students the same academic flexibility that they enjoyed with multiple options under semesters, but will not require the same administrative overhead as maintaining multiple formal options. While there may be some loss of courses that would be of interest to students in other programs, the discontinuation of or consolidation of courses is being handled through the usual curricular process, with appropriate opportunities for input from and consultation with other departments.

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 Science as well as the Dean of Science 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 discontinuation of the Option in Zoology under the Bachelor of Science in Biology for Semesters.