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REPORT TO

THE ACADEMIC SENATE

AP-087-167

Discontinuation of Biotechnology M.Bt – Program for Applied Biotechnology Studies
(PABS)

Academic Programs Committee

Date: 05/19/2017

Executive Committee
Received and Forwarded

Date: 05/24/2017

Academic Senate

Date: 05/31/2017
First Reading

BACKGROUND: The Department of Biological Sciences has proposed to discontinue the M.Bt – Program for Applied Biotechnology Studies (PABS).

The department has proposed to discontinue this program because it began as a partnership with two other campuses, and those campuses are no longer able to continue contributing to the program. Without these collaborative resources it is impossible for Cal Poly Pomona to sustain the program alone. The program stopped admitting students in 2015, and all students who began the program have since completed it. The Chair of Biological Sciences expressed strong support for discontinuing the program.

RESOURCES CONSULTED:

Deans

Associate Deans

Department Chairs

All Faculty

DISCUSSION:

Before reaching the Academic Programs Committee, this proposal 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 approval the discontinuation of M.Bt – Program for Applied Biotechnology Studies (PABS) under the semester system.