

CALIFORNIA STATE POLYTECHNIC UNIVERSITY, POMONA

ACADEMIC SENATE

ACADEMIC PROGRAMS COMMITTEE

REPORT TO

THE ACADEMIC SENATE

AP-006-167

Name change for Chemistry Option (quarter name) to American Chemical Society  
Option (semester name)

Academic Programs Committee

Date: 11/02/2016

Executive Committee  
Received and Forwarded

Date: 11/16/2016

Academic Senate

Date: 11/30/2016  
First Reading

**BACKGROUND:** The Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry has put forward a proposal to change the name of the Chemistry Option. The new name of this option will be “American Chemical Society Option”.

The Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry has three options under the Bachelor of Science in Chemistry: The Chemistry Option, the Industrial Chemistry Option, and the Biochemistry Option. The Department is proposing that the Chemistry Option, being accredited by the American Chemical Society, have its name changed to “ACS Option” to reflect that accreditation. In tandem with this, the Department is proposing that the Industrial Chemistry Option, being designed for students interested in a wide range of career paths, have its name changed to “General Option” to reflect its flexibility.

**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 approval of the proposal to change the name of the Chemistry Option to American Chemical Society Option under semesters.