

CALIFORNIA STATE POLYTECHNIC UNIVERSITY, POMONA

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ACADEMIC PROGRAMS COMMITTEE

REPORT TO

THE ACADEMIC SENATE

AP-028-167

M.A. in Education – Teaching and Learning Online - Option

Academic Programs Committee

Date: 11/13/2016

Executive Committee  
Received and Forwarded

Date: 06/07/2017

Academic Senate

Date: Summer Meeting  
First Reading

**BACKGROUND:** The Department of Education has put forward a referral for M.A. in Education – Teaching & Learning Online Option for semesters. This is a new program, offered because online education is widespread, and the growing demand for quality online trainers and educators is only increasing. The Teaching and Learning Online option, the first fully online graduate program at Cal Poly Pomona, prepares students (current and future teachers) to gain ground in the pedagogy of online teaching and learning, becoming effective online educators. While experiencing the fully online environments, students learn how to create teaching materials optimized for virtual classrooms, based on online environments and the needs of the new generation of students in P-12 focusing on learner engagement and authentic learning outcomes.

**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 Education and Integrative Studies as well as the Dean of CEIS 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 M.A. in Education – Teaching & Learning Online Option.