TO: The Academic Senate
FROM: Committee on Instruction and Curriculum
SUBJECT: Proposed New B.A. Degree in Biochemistry
PURPOSE: For Action by the Senate
ACTION REQUESTED: That the Academic Senate Approve the New B.A. Degree in Biochemistry; effective Fall, 2007

BACKGROUND INFORMATION: This proposed new degree involves no new resources; students will take many of the same courses now required for students in the B.S. in Biochemistry. The proposed B.A. is very similar to the B.S. in Biochemistry but with more flexibility. The proposed B.A. in Biochemistry will replace the current Option in Biochemistry with the B.A. Degree in Chemistry. Students taking the B.A. major will be required to take 94-97 units instead of the 115-120 units in the B.S. If approved, the B.A. in Biochemistry at CSU East Bay will be the first such degree in the CSU system.

The proposal was approved by the Dean and Curriculum Review Committee in the College of Science on December 9, 2005. CIC approved the proposal at its meeting of January 30, 2006 by a vote of 7-0-0. CAPR recommended approval of the B.A. in Biochemistry at its meeting on January 19, 2006.