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APP had its second reading of the Cannabis and Hemp Management BS on Thursday. Our vote was:

- 2/11 voting to recommend the proposal
- 8/11 voting to recommend with reservations
- 1/11 voting not to recommend the proposal

The proposal provides ample evidence that this degree track would be well-received by students and is an area of study being pursued by all of our major competitors for student enrollment and retention. If we want to attract those students to Stockton, a degree path such as this may ultimately prove necessary. Members of APP remain concerned, however, that such a specialized degree narrows future options for students and may be difficult to offer given the early stages of research in the discipline along with legal and regulatory restrictions.

We also remain concerned about the heavy use of General Studies courses as required courses in the degree. We understand that the major grew out of the Cannabis Studies minor and the intent was to continue to support the minor within the new degree path. However, General Studies courses are fundamentally different than business courses and a professional degree that takes much of its core course load from classes intended for a broad audience does not seem to provide the same level of focus as could be gained when courses are taught from a disciplinary lens. We appreciate that this proposed major wants to leave open a pathway for students not in the School of Business to earn a minor in the field but keeping a GENS-based Cannabis Studies minor does not appear to require that such a large portion of the Cannabis and Hemp Management courses be G-courses.

Proposals do not need unqualified approval from APP in order to be reviewed by faculty senate. The proposal writers are welcome to submit their current proposal to the senate for review or modify the proposal in response to the continued concerns expressed by APP members. Proposals must be submitted to the senate executive committee at least 10 days prior to a scheduled faculty senate meeting in order to be considered for that meeting's agenda. The next scheduled meeting of the faculty senate is February 16th.