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Academic Council Minutes

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c. University of Alaska Fairbanks - [Chancellor's Recommendations](#) - [Website](#)

i. Previously Suspended Programs

Any objections: NONE; Paul asked that 12 and 13 be separate from the omnibus approval

1. BA Chemistry - suspended in 2014; able to earn a BS in Chemistry
2. MA Chemistry - suspended in 2015; no students
3. MS Biochemistry and Molecular Biology - suspended in 2015; no students
4. MS Environmental Chemistry - suspended in 2015; no students
5. AAS Construction Trades Technology - ALREADY ASA APPROVED
6. MS Resource and Applied Technology - no new admits since 2018 and those students have graduated; no need for teach out
7. Certificate Mining Applications and Technologies - suspended since 201X; no students
8. MS Computational Physics - suspended 2014; low student demand; no students or faculty affected
9. MS Space Physics - suspended in 2014; specialized program with low student demand
10. Certificate Power Generation - suspended in 2015;
11. AAS Renewable Resources
12. BA Sociology - eliminating faculty; not included in omnibus approval
13. BS Sociology - eliminating faculty; not included in omnibus approval
14. Certificate Veterinary Science

ii. Discontinuation and Suspension Recommendations

1. MS Atmospheric Science & PhD Atmospheric Science
 - a. no undergraduate program; only MS and PhD; low enrollment v. high cost; six faculty between MS and PhD programs (so their academic teaching portion of their contract will be eliminated and they will likely be encouraged to move to all research contracts)
 - b. Any objections: Jak noted opposition (UAF Faculty Senate voted in support to look at alternative options for funding these two programs); no objections from the provosts; Maria abstained

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2. MS Water & Environment Science
 - a. No students, no faculty implications
 - b. Paul suggests including in the omnibus
 - c. Any opposition: Jak noted the department indicated there wouldn't be any cost savings associated with eliminating this program and they would prefer to keep the program as an option for students; however, no objection to the overall proposal
3. AAS Drafting Technology (suspension only)
 - a. students can still get necessary skills without obtaining the certificate; is the plan to eliminate after teach-out or revise the structure? No, it is with the intent to delete because of teach-out
 - b. Any objections: NONE; Jak noted expedited review committee recommended suspension and to develop OEs to support student and industry needs
 - c. BOR notification only
4. MED - three programs grouped together
 - a. People, Place and Pedagogy
 - b. Second Language Acquisition, Bilingual Ed
 - c. Online Innovation and Design
 - i. committee recommended to continue with improvement; chancellor recommended deletion; Paul noted it appears students have shifted to getting professional development in these areas but not for a full master's; Steve noted interest in developing micro-level credential where two or three courses are clustered together
 - d. all three are low enrollment and low student need programs; graduation is also low; non-licensure programs struggle with enrollment; three FTE faculty lines will be affected
 - e. John noted there was a second language program at UAA (although it was also low enrollment)

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- b. Does this need to go to the Board? NO
- 12. MS Geological Engineering
 - a. Any objections: NONE
- 13. Certificate Safety, Health and Environmental Awareness Technology
 - a. Program submitted request for discontinuation - moving in another direction
 - b. No students, no teach out, no impacted faculty
 - c. Add to omnibus
 - d. Any objections: NONE
- d. University of Alaska Anchorage - [Chancellor's Recommendations](#) - [Website](#)
 - i. Discontinuation and Suspension Recommendations
 - 1. AAS Aviation Administration
 - a. Teach out for three students; minimal savings; faculty position eliminated through attrition; feels the AAS is misleading to students because industry requirements are moving away from what the program offers
 - b. Any objections: NONE
 - 2. UC Civic Engagement
 - a. One year teach-out
 - b. Any objections: NONE
 - 3. MFA Creative Writing & Literary Arts
 - a. John noted savings listed include loss of savings
 - b. Any objections: NONE although Maria listed concern that the MA in English is also being eliminated
 - 4. MED Early Childhood Special Education
 - a. Might be one or two students but plan for a two year teach-out
 - b. Students can still get a similar endorsement without the MED program and there is a path for students that is approved by DEED
 - c. Any objections - NONE
 - 5. MA English
 - a. Similar to the MFA - so working to eliminate duplicate programs

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