

The UAF Faculty Senate passed the following motion at Meeting #186 on November 5, 2012:

MOTION:

The UAF Faculty Senate agrees to discontinuation of the M.S. degree in General Science.

EFFECTIVE: Fall 2013

RATIONALE: During the 2010-2011 program review process, the Faculty Program Review Committee, the Administration Program Review Committee and the Chancellor's Cabinet recommended the General Science M.S. program be discontinued. The Physics Department (which administers this degree) did not appeal that recommendation.

Background and Information:

According to the UAF Catalog the general science program "offers MS degrees in the biological sciences, chemistry, the geosciences and physics. The M.S. degree may be described as a breadth degree rather than a depth degree, so the candidate normally pursues a course of study in one of these disciplines and is cooperating with at least one other discipline." A similar course of study could be followed through the Interdisciplinary Program, and there has been no demand for the M.S. in General Science recently. The M.S. in General Science had only one student in each of FY06 and 07, and zero enrollment since then. There have been no graduates since at least FY06.

Discontinuation of this program will have no effect on other programs, personnel, students, or budget, except that the department will be freed from administrative requirements of student learning outcomes assessment and program review. There are currently no students enrolled in this program, and admissions have been suspended pending Faculty Senate action. Therefore, the program can be discontinued immediately and does not require a teach out period.



President, UAF Faculty Senate

APPROVAL: 

Chancellor's Office

DATE: 6 Nov 12

DISAPPROVED: _____
Chancellor's Office

DATE: _____