

The UAF Faculty Senate passed the following at Meeting #211 on December 7, 2015:

MOTION:

The UAF Faculty Senate agrees to discontinuation of the Master of Electrical Engineering.


EFFECTIVE: Fall 2016

RATIONALE: During the 2014-2015 special academic program review process, the final review by the Chancellor's Cabinet recommended that the Master's in Electrical Engineering be suspended and merged/consolidated with another program to achieve efficiencies or cost savings (category 2). The Engineering Department (which administers this degree) did not appeal that recommendation.

Background and Information:

The MEE program was a non-thesis master's degree program in electrical engineering; the MSEE (Master's of Science in Electrical Engineering) was a thesis-based master's degree program. The two programs share curriculum and students often transfer between the programs based on their desire for research-based thesis work. The deletion of the MEE program required that the options in the MSEE degree program to be expanded to allow non-thesis options, which is the common practice in other UAF engineering master's degree programs (geological, mechanical, mining, and petroleum engineering); this change to the MSEE program has already been approved by the Provost. There are no changes in courses required, and no impacts on personnel, because the MEE and MSEE share curriculum.

The inclusion of a non-thesis option in the MS degree program brings Electrical Engineering in line with other engineering programs (Geological, Mechanical, Mining and Petroleum) in CEM. The change in the minimum degree requirements from 30 to 32 credits was made to unify the requirements for all options under the MSEE degree. An examination of the last 20 masters degrees in EE showed that all students took at least this many credits while earning their master's degree.



President, UAF Faculty Senate

Approved: X Disapproved: _____



Chancellor's Office

Date: 12/8/15