

The UAF Faculty Senate took the following action at Special Meeting #223 on April 24, 2017:

MOTION:

Discontinuation of the BA in Geography

The UAF Faculty Senate observes:

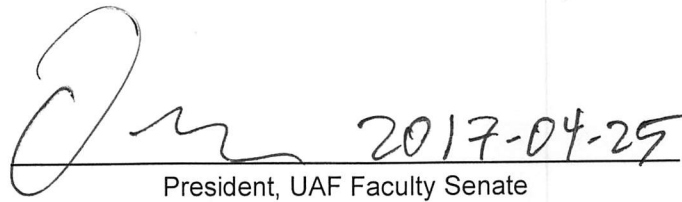
- The Geography BS degree will remain even if the BA is discontinued.
- The majority of the Faculty and Administrative review committee members voted to discontinue the Geography BA, although at the Faculty review level, there was significant support for the program.

Faculty Senate recommends:

- Geography might consider establishing collaborations with other social science programs on campus, such as through cross-listed courses, to increase the number of faculty to teach courses, attract new students, and fulfill GER requirements.

Therefore, the UAF Faculty Senate does not agree with the discontinuation of the BA in Geography.

Rationale: The savings from eliminating the BA while retaining the BS is minimal, because all of the classes in the discipline will still be taught by the faculty. Yet for many UAF students, the BA is achievable but earning a BS is not feasible, for example due to the BS degree requirement for calculus. BA degrees also allow students to have a broad experience in their major, while having a minor in a different subject.



 President, UAF Faculty Senate

The Chancellor Approves Disapproves



 Chancellor

Date: 5/4/2017