

The UAF Faculty Senate passed the following at Meeting #224 on May 1, 2017:

**MOTION:**

**Discontinuation of Cooperative Extension Research**

Faculty Senate observes:

- It would be much clearer if the program recommended for discontinuation was called "Extension Specialists" after the tripartite tenure-line job title which is being discontinued. It was called "Extension Research" because "Extension Agent", the remaining job title, is a bipartite position, typically involving teaching and service.
- Because the Cooperative Extension Service (CES) does not bring in much tuition revenue, and because most of their federal funding requires 1:1 state matching funds, state budget cuts have had more impact on cooperative extension than many other UAF entities.
- The definition of a program purely in order to delete it is highly concerning. However, it is not clear how to define programs for units that do not offer degrees.
- This discontinuation has both strong proponents and opponents within the department.
- Not all faculty in CES appear to feel comfortable publicly expressing their opinions on this issue, which is also concerning.
- Research is integral to the mission of the University of Alaska Fairbanks (UAF) and any unit under the broad umbrella of UAF must comply with the mission. Hence, research in extension and outreach is also critical for the growing needs of the state of Alaska.

Therefore, the UAF Faculty Senate does not agree with the discontinuation of the Cooperative Extension Service program titled Extension Research.

Rationale: Because the perceived ad hoc creation of a program in order to delete it is highly concerning and sets a bad precedent.

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President, UAF Faculty Senate

The Chancellor     Approves     Disapproves

  
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