

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 Programs 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 EV06 and 07 and zero enrollment since then. There have been no graduates