

The UAF Faculty Senate did NOT pass the following motion at Meeting #191 on May 6, 2013:

MOTION:

The UAF Faculty Senate agrees to discontinuation of the PhD Degree in Mathematics.

EFFECTIVE: Fall 2013

RATIONALE: During the 2010-2011 program review process, the Faculty Program Review Committee recommended that the Ph.D. in Mathematics be continued, but stated “DMS should investigate ways to increase this number [of students] or make clear the reasons for the continuation of this program.” The Administration Program Review Committee and the Chancellor's Cabinet recommended the Ph.D. in Mathematics program be discontinued. The Mathematics Department (which administers this degree) appealed that recommendation, but the appeal was denied by the Chancellor’s Cabinet on the grounds that there was no evidence that enrollment would increase or other compelling reasons for continuation.

Background and Information:

There was total of only two Ph.D. in Mathematics graduates during the period from FY06 to present. Enrollment was 7 in FY06, but since then has ranged between 0 and 3 students. As shown below, there has been zero enrollment for a year. Of the students enrolled in 2009-10, two graduated and the other student is not expected to return.

Program Review Enrollment Data

Degree and major sought:	FY06	FY07	FY08	FY09	FY10

Discontinuation of this program will have little effect on other programs, personnel, students, or budget. The department will be freed from administrative requirements of student learning outcomes assessment and program review. The vacant faculty position can be refilled to focus on other department needs. 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.
