

The UAF Faculty Senate tabled the following motion at Meeting #186 on November 5, 2012:

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, and the

outcomes, e.g., employment in their field, publication in peer-reviewed journals, etc.? Negative answers to most of these questions will probably result in termination of the program, or at least, suspension of admissions until a more favorable climate exists.”

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.