

Fall Semester 2012  
Highlights from UAF Faculty Senate

This is a summary of selected Faculty Senate actions and discussions that are relevant to most UAF faculty. For details, click the hot links to information on the Faculty Senate web site.

ACTIONS

- Motions agreeing to discontinuation of programs (September 10, 2012 and November 5, 2012):

[M.A.T. in Biology](#), [M.A.T. in Physics](#), [M.A.T. in Mathematics](#)

[M.S in General Science](#)

[Motion to Discontinue Ph.D. in D.](#)

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[Minor in Interdisciplinary Studies](#)

[Minor in Emergency Management \(SOM\)](#)

- Academic policy for

- Examining alternatives to Blackboard:  
The UAF Faculty Senate is collaborating with UAF e-Learning & Distance Education to evaluate the course management systems Moodle, Desire2Learn and Canvas as possible alternatives to Blackboard. UAF e-Learning is running trials during spring semester 2013.
- Examining options for electronic student course evaluations:  
The Faculty Development, Assessment & Improvement Committee, with assistance from the Provost's Office, is considering options to replace hand-written course evaluations with an electronic system. [A dozen software packages](#) are under consideration. The committee might choose several, one or none.
- Discussing a central online repository for syllabi or expanded course descriptions:  
The purpose is to improve student advising and course selection by providing more information on individual courses. This discussion began in November. In February the Faculty Senate requested input from all UAF faculty through an [online survey](#).
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