The UAF Faculty Senate passed the following motion at Meeting #188 on February 4, 2013:

**MOTION**

The UAF Faculty Senate moves that the UAF Catalog wording in the section relating to Master’s and Ph.D. degrees be changed to include the following language pertaining to graduate degrees: “You must be registered for a minimum of three graduate credits within your discipline and maintain enrollment in the semester that you successfully defend your thesis and you must be registered for a minimum of one graduate credit within your discipline and maintain enrollment during the semester that you graduate.”

**EFFECTIVE: Fall 2013**

**RATIONALE:** Currently, the Catalog states “You must be registered for at least 3 graduate credits in the semester in which you receive your degree” (p. 205). There is no requirement that these credits be within the discipline of study, or that students maintain enrollment during the semester that they graduate, thus it is possible to register and then drop the credits. Making these proposed changes to the catalog will eliminate these possibilities, but will allow students who have defended their thesis or project but not officially completed degree requirements to register for a minimum of credits in their last semester.

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CAPS = Addition
[[ ]] = Deletion

GRADUATION [as currently in the UAF Catalog, page 205]

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- Application for Graduation

You must be registered for [[at least 3]] A **MINIMUM OF THREE** graduate credits **WITHIN YOUR DISCIPLINE AND MAINTAIN ENROLLMENT** in the semester [[in which you receive your degree]] **THAT YOU SUCCESSFULLY DEFEND YOUR THESIS AND YOU MUST BE REGISTERED FOR A MINIMUM OF ONE GRADUATE CREDIT WITHIN YOUR DISCIPLINE AND MAINTAIN ENROLLMENT DURING THE SEMESTER THAT YOU GRADUATE.** You must file an application for graduation and a non-refundable fee with the Registrar's Office. We encourage you to apply for graduation in the semester prior to the semester you plan to graduate. Applications for graduation filed after the published deadline
will be processed for graduation the following semester. You need not have all requirements met before you apply for graduation. The application is an indication that you are planning to finish all degree requirements during the intended graduation semester. Students who apply for graduation and who do not complete degree requirements by the end of the semester must reapply for graduation and pay the fee again.

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President, UAF Faculty Senate

APPROVAL: [Signature]       DATE: 2/5/13
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