



**Faculty Senate**  
**Motion 2024/2025-288-12**

**MOTION:**

The UAF Faculty Senate moves that the Provost will amend the Office of the Provost Sabbatical Leave Application website (<https://www.uaf.edu/provost/resources/sabbatical-leave.php>) to reflect the type of sabbatical (semester-long or academic year-long) that are not being considered for an award in the particular academic year and state the reason(s) they are not being considered. The Provost will advise all Deans and Directors that their unit is not considering award of (name and which type) of sabbaticals during the particular academic year, and state the reason(s) why. Furthermore, the Provost must provide clear reasons/explanations as to why any application was denied or approved.

EFFECTIVE: Upon Chancellor's approval

RATIONALE: The Office of the Provost has a webpage regarding Sabbatical Leave Applications (<https://www.uaf.edu/provost/resources/sabbatical-leave.php>). Sabbatical Options are shown as Academic Year 9-months or Semester Sabbatical Fall or Spring.

Currently the Provost is not approving Semester Sabbatical requests and her response to one such application this year was 'Semester sabbatical are denied for the unit at this time'. While the Provost is in her right to deny the sabbatical, no reason is given. The Director of a faculty member who applied for a semester sabbatical this year was unaware that her unit was being denied sabbaticals and was unaware of any reason as to why they were being denied.

Given the time and effort faculty need to put into applying for a sabbatical, the time and effort of several others who need to go see the application through the application approval process, and given that faculty and staff are currently juggling several roles and more responsibility, this motion suggests time and resource saving advice to the Provost.

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This action was passed by the Faculty Senate on April 7, 2025.

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The Chancellor:      x   Approves               Vetoes               Defers               Acknowledges

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Daniel M. White, UAF Chancellor

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