

The UAF Faculty Senate passed the following at Meeting #191, May 6, 2013:

MOTION:

The UAF Faculty Senate agrees to the discontinuation of the Minor in Leadership and Civic Engagement (housed in the College of Liberal Arts, Northern Studies Department).

EFFECTIVE: Fall 2014

RATIONALE: The Northern Studies Department cites lack of student demand and lack of program and faculty resources as reasons they wish to discontinue this program. The School of Management's Northern Leadership Center has been in contact with the Northern Studies Department about this discontinuation, and the Northern Leadership Center will be undertaking development of a new minor in Leadership.



President, UAF Faculty Senate

APPROVAL: 

Chancellor's Office

DATE: 5/7/13

DISAPPROVED: _____
Chancellor's Office

DATE: _____

Background and Information:

The program was built on introductory and capstone courses within Northern Studies and electives taught by the Political Science and History departments and Rural Development Program. Subsequently the Minor was required for the Bachelors in Emergency Management,

but the School of Management no longer requires the Minor in Leadership and Civic Engagement.

Northern Studies has had so few students taking the minor (with none in the past few years) that deleting the program will not affect History, Political Science or Rural Development. It will take a program off the books that has not been in demand for several years.

The last time the introductory course was taught, the instructor was not paid for teaching it. The capstone course was taught five times as an individual study. Deleting the minor recognizes the reality that there is no demand for this program as presently constituted and CLA and Northern Studies do not have the capital or human resources to devote to this program.

The last time a student graduated with this minor was in 2008. While the faculty associated with the program had envisioned the program would grow and they would receive additional funding to deliver it, this never materialized.