



To: Provost and Executive Vice Chancellor, Sam Gingerich  
University of Alaska Anchorage

Fr: Monique Marron,  
UAA Governance Office

Re: Disapproval to Delete Graduate Certificate in Marriage and Family Therapy

On November 4, 2016 the Faculty Senate approved a motion of disapproval to delete the Graduate Certificate in Marriage and Family Therapy, brought forth by the Graduate Academic Board (GAB).

Please see the enclosed documents for more information.

If I may be of further assistance, please let me know.

**Provost**

Approved  Disapproved

Comments:

*The Senate's position was noted to the Board as they considered the inclusion. March 17, 2017*

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Sam Gingerich, Provost and Executive Vice Chancellor

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Date

**Chancellor**

Approved  Disapproved

Comments:

*Tom Case 1/6/17*

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Tom Case, Chancellor

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Date

From: Graduate Academic Board of the Faculty Senate

To: David Fitzgerald, Faculty Senate President, and Sam Gingerich, Provost and Executive Vice Chancellor

Date: 28 October 2016

Re: Graduate Certificate in Marriage and Family Therapy

Dear FS President Fitzgerald and Provost Gingerich:

Motion: The Graduate Academic Board has reviewed the request for deletion for the Graduate Certificate in Marriage and Family Therapy and we recommend that the program be suspended rather than deleted. (28 Oct 2016 GAB meeting, Motion to approve, second, and vote unanimous in favor)

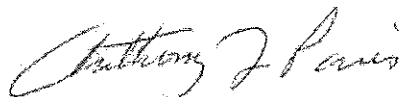
As an urban institution that serves the entire state of Alaska, a state that has nationally recognized issues regarding the support of women and families, it would behoove UAA to make such a program available to Alaskan professionals in the field. While the Board members are aware that budgetary constraints currently prevent UAA from offering such a program, we also appreciate the broad community support and the strong partnership that established the program in the first place, to meet a real need in the state. The Board members noted that the program was approved up to the Board of Regents' level, had strong community support, meets a dire need, yet was never allowed to enroll students to prove itself.

It is the Board's hope that, when the funding climate will be more favorable, UAA will be able to offer a much-needed program in Marriage and Family Therapy. At such a time, having a suspended program that can be quickly reinstated will make it much easier to reactivate this program to support women and families, rather than having to start afresh with a new program proposal.

GAB understands well the financial realities in the state and has recently supported the deletion of other programs that were submitted for review. We are also committed to upholding UAA's mission to train students to address complex social and economic issues in Alaska.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,



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