



# UNIVERSITY of ALASKA ANCHORAGE

## University of Alaska Anchorage Report on Academic Program Review *Report to the UA Board of Regents—August 18, 2014*

### **BOR Chapter 10.06 - Academic Program Review**

#### **Academic Program Review at UAA**

Academic Program Review at UAA aligns with NWCCU institutional accreditation standards, which emphasize planning, assessing effectiveness, and making improvements to the institution and its programs and services. The process complies with University Regulation 10.06.010.B. and examines: mission and alignment; centrality of mission and supporting role; coordination across campuses; program demand, efficiency, and productivity; and program quality and improvement. The UAA process includes review at the level of the faculty, individual deans/directors, and the deans/directors as a group. The deans/directors confirm the findings and, as appropriate, recommend a smaller subset of programs for extended review. Extended reviews are completed by the end of the academic year and include specific recommendations to the Provost.

#### **Academic Program Review in AY14**

**Program Prioritization:** Twenty one programs were scheduled to undergo Program Review in AY14. However, due to UAA’s comprehensive Program Prioritization efforts, UA Statewide approved the suspension of UAA’s regular program review process. The Program Prioritization process reviewed, evaluated, and prioritized all UAA academic programs and support functions, with the goal of ensuring strategic investment in the programs and services that most align with UAA’s mission, strategic plan, and the needs of UAA’s students and the state. The findings were released on August 11, 2014 and are under consideration by the Cabinet. The findings are published on the UAA Program Prioritization Web site at <http://www.uaa.alaska.edu/program-prioritization/index.cfm> .

**Annual Program Review:** In AY14 the Dean of the Community and Technical College requested three program reviews. These resulted in the following decisions.

- **Bachelor of Science in Technology (BST)** will be revised to expand program capacity for growth and to increase the value of the program for developing Alaska’s technical-professional workforce. This will entail reallocating and prioritizing existing program resources.
- **Master of Science and Graduate Certificate in Career & Technical Education** were suspended in April 2014, a teach-out plan was implemented, and final recommendations relative to revision or deletion will be made by spring 2016. The programs were suspended, because the number of majors was low and they were not serving their intended audience, i.e. secondary teachers. The suspension and deletion decisions will have minimal impact on other programs and resources, and stakeholders requiring specific professional development courses will continue to be served.
- **Associate of Applied Science and Occupational Endorsement Certificates (2) in Computer Information & Office Systems** will submit recommendations and action plans to the Provost by September 1, 2014.

#### **Summary of AY14 Academic Program Review Outcomes:**

<b>Decision</b>	<b>Number of Programs</b>
Enhancement	0
Continuation	0
Revision	1
Continued Review	3
Suspension	2
Deletion	0

#### **Reviews Scheduled In Current Five-Seven Year Cycle:**

In AY15 UAA will respond to the Program Prioritization results and will not conduct its regular Program Review process. The schedule for future reviews will depend in part on Program Prioritization decisions.

**Detailed Listing of AY14 Academic Program Review Results.** Future schedules are to be determined, depending on Program Prioritization decisions.

<b>College</b>	<b>Program</b>	<b>Program Initiation Year</b>	<b>Grads in Last Five Years (AY09-AY13)</b>	<b>Decision Type</b>	<b>Explanation and Date of Next Review</b>
CTC	Bachelor of Science in Technology (BST)	1989	63	Revision	Reallocation of resources/activities to better meet AK workforce needs (Next review TBD)
CTC	Master of Science in Career & Technical Education	2008	11	Suspension	Low demand and not meeting needs of intended audience (Next review TBD)
CTC	Graduate Certificate in Career & Technical Education	2011	0	Suspension	Low demand and not meeting needs of intended audience (Next review TBD)
CTC	Associate of Applied Science in Computer information & Office Systems	1989	24	Continued Review	Final recommendations and action plan to Provost on 9/1/14 (Next review TBD)
CTC	Occupational Endorsement Certificate in Office Foundations	2009	59	Continued Review	Final recommendations and action plan to Provost on 9/1/14 (Next review TBD)
CTC	Occupational Endorsement Certificate in Office Support	2009	27	Continued Review	Final recommendations and action plan to Provost on 9/1/14 (Next review TBD)