

Date: February 2, 2020

To: John Stalvey, Interim Provost

From: Denise Runge, Dean

Re: AY20 Expedited Program Review Findings

**Program/s in this review:** Aviation Administration (AAS)

**Specialized accrediting agency (if applicable):** none

**Campuses where the program is delivered:** Anchorage

**Members of the program review committee:**

- Paul Herrick, Director
- Ray Weber, Associate Professor
- Brian Keller, Assistant Professor

**Centrality of Program Mission and Supporting Role** The program aligns well with the mission of both the CTC and UAA. The program prepares its graduates to seek employment in a variety of aviation positions that do not require specific FAA certifications. The job demand for general positions in the aviation industry is high both in and outside of the state of Alaska. The program's courses are integral to several other aviation programs, including the bachelor's degree in Aviation Technology (BSAT) and the AAS degrees in Air Traffic Control and Professional Piloting.

**Program Demand (including service to other programs), Efficiency, and Productivity**

Demand for the program has declined from its high point in 2016, although its efficiency and productivity appear high. In 2019 the program served only 29 majors, down from 58 in 2016. The courses associated with the major use the ATA prefix; many of these courses are shared with other majors including the division's largest degree program, the BSAT. In 2019, the ATA tuition dollars per SCH were \$231.0 at a cost of \$128.1 for a ratio of 1.80%.

The average class size was 17.8; but with only 29 majors it would seem much of that enrollment is due to the students who are pursuing the other aviation programs.

**Program Quality, Improvement and Student Success** The program appears to be of high quality, given that many of its graduates do obtain employment within the aviation industry. Several student success measures show cause for concern. Consistently the program has graduated very few students. As far back as 2001, the program has consistently graduated only a small handful of students per year. Only about thirty percent of first year students in the

program are retained, far below the rate for all UAA associate degree programs. The problems are acknowledged by the review committee, which notes the program was recently revised to use fewer general business courses and to better align to the BSAT.

**Program Duplication / Distinctiveness** Duplication: UAA has the only Aviation Administration AAS program in Alaska. Distinctiveness: It is unclear what is distinctive about the program, since it purposefully serves a broad audience.

**Commendations and Recommendations** Commendations: The program is commended for its recent efforts to revise curriculum. Recommendations: The program should review and revise its schedule to minimize the number of duplicated courses. The program should proactively monitor the progress of its remaining students and offer support as needed to ensure they can complete their degrees.

**Decision** *Suspension, with intent to Delete, of the AAS;* While decisions relative to the program are made, admissions to the program are suspended.