

**AY20 Expedited Program Review – Optional Program Response to the Dean’s Findings Form**

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Re: AY20 Expedited Program Review: Optional Program Response to Dean’s Recommendation

**Program/s in this review:** Special Education GC-MEd

**Program response to dean’s findings:** The following statements were made by Dean Petraitis in his closing comments: “There are many positive things about this program, but there are two significant challenges. First, it is housed in CAS which is faced with steeper budget cuts than any other college at UAA. The budget cuts are particularly problematic for programs – like this one – that do not cover their instructional costs through tuition and rely on state appropriations through CAS.” As noted earlier in the “Program Demand” section of the document, “Student credit hours and class sizes dropped in recent years but the program consistently covers the instructional costs of the courses with the tuition that CAS receives.” Please note that the tuition that CAS receives does cover the instructional costs of the Special Education programs.