Date: March 9, 2020

To: Cathy Sandeen, Chancellor

From: John Stalvey, Interim Provost

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Re: AY20 Expedited Program Review Findings – Welding & Nondestructive Testing Technology AAS

I have reviewed the dean’s findings and the completed Expedited Program Review Template for the Nondestructive Testing Technology AAS. The Provost’s Office did not receive an Optional Program Response Form from the program.

Recommendations

My recommendation is to accept the decision and recommendations of the dean, with the commentary that the request to the Board of Regents should be to delete after admissions have been suspended and the teach out has been completed. Student demand for the AAS program has declined. There is excess capacity in the courses, and the instructional cost is relatively high. Students prefer the certificate programs and are able to obtain work with those credentials. Deletion of the AAS will allow the program to focus resources on the critical need for certificates. Students will continue to have access to the Welding certificate programs at UAA, UAF, and UAS.

Decision

Recommend Deletion