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Date: March 9, 2020  
To: Cathy Sandeen  
From: John Stavby  
Cc: John Pott, Zeynep Kilic, Karl Pfeiffer, Professor, Clara Beach, Professor, Nelta Edwards, Susan Kahna, Vice Provost, Claudia Lempp, Vice Provost for Student  
Re: Expedited Program Review: Sociology BA/BS

I have reviewed the Expedited Program Review Template for the Sociology BA/BS.

**Recommendations**

My recommendation is to discontinue the program and request to delete the program and its information. It has been suspended and the program is inactive. Despite the program's high quality, the institution cannot support the program. Students interested in the field of study will seek general education and for requirements in Political Science and International concentration within the institution.

**Decision**

Recommend E

**Date:** February 28, 2020

**To:** John Stalvey, Interim Provost

The UAA Diversity Action Council, which exists to, “to nurture an environment where the diverse cultures and bel





Date: February 21, 2020

To: John Stalvey, Interim Provost

From: John Petraitis, Interim Dean, College of Arts and Sciences

Cc: Zeynep Kilic, Professor; Chair, Department of Sociology  
Karl Pfeiffer, Professor  
Chad Farrell, Professor  
Nelta Edwards, Professor

Re: AY20 Expedited Program Review Findings

Program/s in this review: Sociology BA-BS

Specialized accrediting agency (if applicable): None

Campuses where the program is delivered: Anchorage

Members of the program review committee:

Zeynep Kilic, Professor and Department Chair  
Karl Pfeiffer, Professor  
Chad Farrell, Professor  
Nelta Edwards, Professor

Centrality of Program Mission and Supporting Role

1. general education courses for undergraduates in CAS and other Colleges,

Deletion of the BA/BS major but retain a smaller set of faculty for continued contributions of general education courses and courses for Political Science and International Studies majors. This recommendation is particularly difficult because the faculty do so many things right. Exhibit A could be that 3-4 incoming students declare Sociology as their major but 10-12 graduate with degrees in Sociology. However, budget cuts are forcing CAS to offer fewer programs to students in the future. Despite all that this program does well, deleting the Sociology BA/BS will likely have relatively modest impact on the number of students who come to UAA in the future. Unfortunately, fewer future students will discover this vibrant program and its strong faculty in the future, and fewer will switch their major to Sociology. Fortunately, keeping at least one Sociologist will ensure that future students have the opportunity to experience the value that this discipline has and experience a core of International Studies. Program deletion requires approval by BOR and NWCCU.





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