

Curricular Affairs Committee of the Faculty Senate

MEMO

To: The UVM Faculty Senate
From: Curricular Affairs Committee of the Faculty Senate, Laura Almstead, Chair
Date: April 1, 2021
Re: Approval of a request for a No-Contest Deactivation of the Consumer Affairs minor by the Department of Community Development and Applied Economics, College of Agriculture and Life Sciences

On April 1, 2021, the Curricular Affairs Committee approved the actions recommended in the following memo.

The Curricular Affairs Committee approved a request from the Community Development and Applied Economics (CDAE) Department in the College of Agricultural Life Sciences for a No-Contest Deactivation of the Consumer Affairs minor. The minor has had five or fewer enrolled students for a number of years and the department feels it has run its natural course. CDAE currently offers sufficient and substantial alternatives to the Consumer Affairs minor including minors in Public Communication, Consumer & Advertising, Community Entrepreneurship, and Applied Design, among others. These minors have been more attractive to students and drawn greater enrollments. There are currently five students in the Consumer Affairs minor. Three of these students are seniors and so will complete the minor in Spring 2021, leaving two remaining students. All courses that are part of the Consumer Affairs minor serve other programs and will continue to be taught allowing the two students to complete their requirements.

The no-contest deactivation of the Consumer Affairs minor was unanimously approved by the CDAE faculty and also approved by the CALS Curriculum Committee, CALS faculty, and Dean of CALS, Leslie Parise.