MEMO

To: The UVM Faculty Senate
From: Curricular Affairs Committee of the Faculty Senate, Colby Kervick, Co-Chair
Date: 11/3/22
Re: Approval of a proposal from Department of Sociology, College of Arts and Sciences for a no

contest deactivation of the minor in Gerontology

The CAC voted to approve a request from the Department of Sociology for a no-contest deactivation of
the minor in Gerontology. The CAC vote was 16 in favor and 0 opposed.

The rationale for the deactivation provided by the Sociology Department and College of Arts & Sciences
(CAS) is the reality that they don't currently have faculty teaching in this area due to recent retirements. At
this time, there are no courses in the department offered solely to support the Gerontology minor.
Required courses (SOC 120 and SOC 220) will also need to be deactivated. The two students currently
enrolled in the program can substitute SOC 154 for SOC 120 and use the department's internship
seminar (SOC 286) to replace SOC 220.

The Sociology faculty voted unanimously to deactivate the Gerontology minor on August 24, 2022. The
CAS Curriculum Committee voted unanimously to approve the deactivation on September 7, 2022 and
the CAS faculty followed suit on September 13, 2022. CAS Dean Falls concurred. In an email dated
August 24, 2022, faculty in the College of Education and Social Services (CESS) indicated support for
deactivation of the CAS Gerontology minor, anticipating very little effect on CESS students. The email
noted that CESS is exploring the possibility of offering a Gerontology certificate.

If this proposal is approved by the Faculty Senate, the minor in Gerontology would be deactivated
beginning with the 23-24 catalog year.