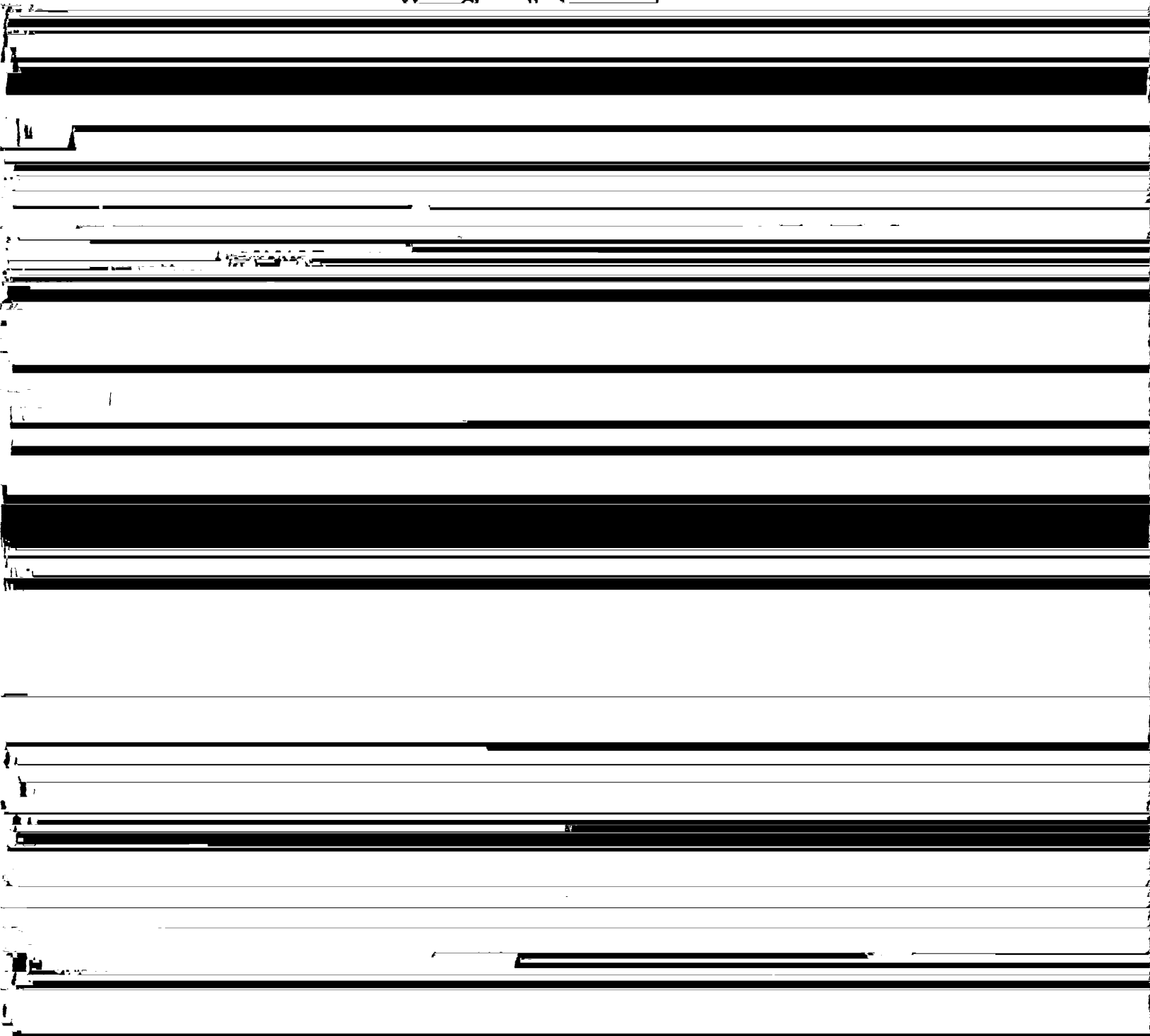


The UAF Faculty Senate passed the following at Meeting #183, May 7, 2012:

**MOTION:**

The UAF Faculty Senate moves to approve a Minor in Paleontology.

EFFECTIVE:            Fall 2012



GEOS F3170--Paleontological Research and Laboratory Methods..... 2 credits  
GEOS 453--Palynology and Paleopalynology ..... 4 credits  
GEOS F486--Vertebrate Paleontology ..... 3 credits  
GEOS F485-Mass Extinctions, Neocatastrophism and the History of Life ..... 3 credits

3. Minimum credits required ..... 16-20 credits

**Relationship to the "Purposes of the University":**

Paleontology is an exciting area of current research in Alaska and an area of growing expertise in the Dept. of Geology and Geophysics. UAF paleontologists Druckenmiller and Fowell receive regular inquiries from students who would like to study paleontology, conduct undergraduate research or volunteer at the VA Museum. Because of the interdisciplinary nature of the field, students often have difficulty figuring out which department offers paleontology courses. Many

students search for a "paleontology department" and are confused not to find one. The proposed paleontology minor will help students to locate paleontology courses, expose students to results from ongoing research projects, connect faculty with interested undergraduate researchers and volunteers, and provide a conduit for disseminating new discoveries in Alaskan paleontology.

The proposed minor highlights the diversity of topics housed beneath the Geoscience umbrella and provides students with a clear path to a concentration in paleontology. Because the minor consists of courses required for all Geoscience students (GEOS 101 and GEOS 112) and elective