

September 1, 2005

Dr. Sandra Elman, Executive Director  
Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities  
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Dear Dr. Elman:

We are pleased to present for the review of the Commission the 2005 Regular Interim Report for the University of Alaska Anchorage. The report has been prepared with input from all elements of the university. It points out the substantial changes and growth that UAA has experienced in the past five years and indicates our commitment to quality in our academic programs and in our service to students and the community.

The report is composed of four parts:

- Part A addresses the seven general recommendations from the last full-scale evaluation and visit that occurred in the fall of 2000. These recommendations were taken very seriously by the institution so you will find that significant activity has occurred and considerable progress has been made in all areas.
- Part B adds supplemental and clarifying information regarding recent UAA activities relating to the standards of the Commission. The most significant of these are structural and organizational changes that allow us to evaluate and manage our academic and student services programs and to grow in response to state and community needs.
- Part C contains the focused interim reports that were requested by the Commission on a number (22) of new programs that were initiated at UAA in the past several years.
- Part D contains responses to comments or recommendations from the full-scale report that referred to individual academic or administrative units. Deans and directors provided this input, but only for those areas that are not addressed in other parts of this report.

We are providing paper and electronic copies of this report to the commission and to the visiting evaluators, Drs. Olswang and Duvall. A considerable amount of supporting material will be provided on a CD and more is available on the website listed at the end of this letter. Additional copies of all materials, including historical documents, assessment plans and reports, important correspondence, and examples of processes and results described in the report will be available on site for the visiting evaluators.

We are working directly with Dr. Olswang to set an itinerary for the approaching visit and are prepared to supply any additional information that our visitors or the Commission may request. Thank you for your assistance and the help of your staff in the preparations for this report and the visit. Please let us know of any additional requests that you may have.

Sincerely,



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Chancellor

cc: Dr. Steven Olswang  
Dr. Betty Duvall  
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