

## MEMORANDUM

Date: July 8, 2016

To: UA Faculty and Staff

From: Jim Johnsen, UA President

Re: College Readiness

For the past two years the University of Alaska has debated a definition of college readiness. UA Faculty Alliance put a great deal of work into a detailed definition and developed a concise statement for college readiness in March 2015. Unfortunately we did not formalize the definition developed more than a year ago. As such, I am accepting and adopting the following faculty alliance version of college readiness with the addition of the statement "A student who is college ready has the knowledge and skills needed to enroll in and succeed in credit-bearing courses at the University of Alaska". I ask that this version be reviewed by faculty alliance annually beginning in Fall 2016.

Thank you for your commitment to the K-20 continuum and the success of all of our students.

College Readiness definition:

The University of Alaska defines college readiness as a combination of skills and abilities that position students for success. These include strong academic preparation, effective work and learning habits, knowledge of college culture and expectations, well-defined goals, and the ability to engage in independent problem solving. A student who is college ready has the knowledge and skills needed to enroll in and succeed in first-year courses at the University of Alaska.