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Date: September 25, 2024
To: Faculty Alliance, Staff Alliance
From: Paul Layer Vice President for Academics, Students & Research

In consultation with the provosts and accreditation liaison officers, I propose that a regulation be created in support of P10.02.070 Accreditation. Please review this and provide feedback in 30 days by **October 25, 2024** in accordance with governance policies and procedures.

Rationale: Although the policy is explicit in what is required in the annual accreditation report, the Board has requested that the report include programs being considered for accreditation or certification and be notified of upcoming accreditation evaluations or campus visits. This regulation will address these requests. It also meets the requirement of P10.020.070D requiring that regulation be created in support of the policy.

Language (track changes):

P10.02.070. Accreditation.

- A. The University of Alaska Anchorage, the University of Alaska Fairbanks, the University of Alaska Southeast will each, based on its own merits and the quality of its programs, seek and maintain accreditation from the Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities. Chancellors are responsible and accountable for instituting a robust process for maintaining accreditation at their university.
- B. Individual program accreditation by professional accrediting bodies should be sought when meeting such accreditation standards is consistent with the goals of the university.
- C. Annually, the president, in coordination with the chancellor of each university, shall provide a written report to the Board of Regents' Academic and Student Affairs Committee on the status of institutional and specialized accreditation. As necessary, the president will brief the board on emerging issues of concern regarding accreditation status.

1. The report must summarize the university's status within the Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities 7-year review cycle including progress made in addressing any recommendations from the commission.
2. For each program with specialized accreditation, the report must provide the following information: the college or campus in which the program is housed; the specialized accrediting body; the date of initial accreditation, when available; the date of the most recent reaffirmation of accreditation; the next review date, if permissible by the accrediting body; and the current accreditation status, including commendations and recommendations, if permissible by the accrediting body. It must also describe the efforts the university has made to address any outstanding recommendations.

D. The president shall adopt university regulations consistent with this policy.

R10.02.070 Regulation

A. Each university will maintain public facing accreditation information on their websites and will inform the Board on upcoming evaluations and campus visits.

B. A written report to the ASA should include the status of all currently accredited programs and outline, to the extent permissible under the rules of the proposed accrediting body, any programs currently preparing to seek accreditation or certification.

Sincerely,



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cc: UAF Provost Anupma Prakash, UAS Provost Carin Silkaitis, UAA Provost Denise Runge, UAF Accreditation Liaison Officer Trent Sutton, Accreditation Liaison Officer Susan Kalina