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William E. Schnabel, PhD, PE  
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Dear Dean Schnabel,  
Regarding the UAF *Geological Engineering Restructure – Summary Report and Initial Program Plan*

UAF Civil and Environmental Engineering (CEE) faculty appointed a committee consisting of Drs. Yuri Shur, Silke Schiewer, and Srijan Aggarwal to review and comment on that *Report and Plan* with respect to CEE, especially the proposal to combine Geological Engineering (GE) into the CEE department. The committee believes the proposal is workable and will not harm the ABET accreditation for Civil Engineering. The *Report and Plan* presented curricula of 126 credits for GE and 128 credits for CE. We believe that the CE credits can be reduced to 128 credits from the current 134, again, without harming our ABET accreditation. CEE sees a benefit for retaining the identity of GE discipline and for GE students and faculty retaining their focus on GE.

The CEE committee noted the curricula in the *Report and Plan* are proposals and we look forward to collaborating with the GE faculty and CEM academic faculty on those curricula.

Very truly yours,



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