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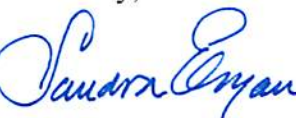
Dr. Steve Jones  
Chancellor  
University of Alaska Fairbanks  
P.O. Box 757580  
Fairbanks, AK 99775

Dear Chancellor <sup>Steve</sup> Jones:

On behalf of the Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities, I am pleased to report that the accreditation of the University of Alaska Fairbanks has been reaffirmed on the basis of the fall 2006 Regular Interim Evaluation Report expanded to include a review of the Associate of Applied Science degree in Educator: Para Professional; a review of the Master of Science degree in Software Engineering; a review of the certificate program in Health Care Reimbursement at the Tanana Valley Campus in Fairbanks; and selected online sites. These matters were the subject of Commission correspondence dated March 10, 12, and 18, 2004 (copies enclosed for your reference).

If you have questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Best wishes for a rewarding year.

Sincerely,  
  
Sandra E. Elman  
President

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Enclosures: Letters dated: March 10, 2004; March 12, 2004; and March 18, 2004

cc: Dr. Paul Reichardt, Provost  
Mr. Mark Hamilton, President, University of Alaska System  
Ms. Mary Hughes, Chair, Board of Regents of the University of Alaska System



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March 10, 2004

Dr. Marshall L. Lind  
Chancellor  
University of Alaska Fairbanks  
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Dear Chancellor Lind: *Marshall -*

This is to inform you of recent action taken by the Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities regarding the University's request for approval to offer a Certificate program and an Associate of Applied Science degree in Educator: Para-Professional effective fall 2003. Inasmuch as the 30 credit-hour Certificate program is intended to be complementary to the 60 credit-hour Associate of Applied Science degree program, the Commission considered the proposals concurrently and has made the following determination.

Inasmuch as the proposals to offer both the certificate and the associate degree program in Educator: Para-Professional represents the University's response to the recent federal *No Child Left Behind Act of 2002* which mandates that classroom aides complete at least two years of college in order to qualify for positions in Title I Schools, and insofar as the proposals document that the institution's Interior-Aleutians Campus supported by the College of Rural Alaska currently has the necessary infrastructure, including funds to support a program director, adequate online learning technology to facilitate the delivery of the programs to remote sites within the Aleutian Campus system, adequate physical facilities to deliver select components of the programs at remote sites, funds to support on-site adjunct faculty who will both teach in the programs and advise students, an existing inventory of courses which comprise the programs, and funds for administrative clerical support, it is my judgment that the Commission would approve these proposals as *no change* under Policy A-2 *Substantive Change*, "establishing a new degree program closely related to well-established fields of study at the institution that have been previously reported and evaluated." Accordingly, the Certificate and the Associate of Applied Science programs in Educator: Para-Professional are included under the accreditation status of the University of Alaska Fairbanks.

In approving these proposals, the Commission requests that the University include a review of these programs in its regular interim report scheduled for fall 2006. Key items to address in the review include: 1) enrollment and enrollment projections; 2) an analysis of the revenues and expenditures associated with the programs insofar as those data are available; 3) adequacy of instructional resources to support the programs including library and other informational resources; 4) adequacy of physical facilities for all centralized on-site course delivery locations; 5) availability of properly credentialed faculty to deliver the programs and to advise students at remote sites; 6) adequacy of on-line learning protocols; 7) adequacy and availability of student services; 8) adequacy and availability of an assessment plan to measure student learning; and 9) student satisfaction with the programs.

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If you have questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Thank you for keeping the Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities apprised of developments and initiatives at the University of Alaska Fairbanks.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Sandra E. Elman". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name and title.

Sandra E. Elman  
Executive Director

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cc: Dr. Paul Reichardt, Provost



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March 12, 2004

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Chancellor  
University of Alaska Fairbanks  
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Fairbanks, AK 99775

Dear Dr. Lind: *Marshall*

This is to inform you of the recent action taken by the Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities regarding the institution's request for approval to offer a Master of Science degree in Software Engineering (M.S.E.) effective fall 2002. The Commission has now reviewed the prospectus and made the following determination.

Inasmuch as the prospectus documents that the institution currently offers graduate programming in computer science, in computer information systems, as well as in multiple areas of engineering which the Commission has reviewed and approved, and insofar as the proposed degree program has been implemented without the infusion or reallocation of new or existing institutional resources, it is my judgment that the Commission would approve the implementation of this program as *no change* under Policy A-2, *Substantive Change*, "establishing a new degree program closely related to well-established fields of study at the institution that have been previously reported and evaluated." Accordingly, the Master of Science in Software Engineering program is included under the accreditation status of the institution.

In approving this prospectus, the Commission requests that the University of Alaska Fairbanks include a review of this program in its regular fifth-year report scheduled for fall 2006. Key items to be addressed in that review include: 1) enrollments and enrollment projections; 2) an analysis of the revenues and expenditures associated with the program; 3) availability of instructional hardware and software; 4) availability of faculty to deliver the program; 5) availability of a plan to assess student outcomes; and 6) student satisfaction with the program.

In accordance with Policy A-2, *Substantive Change*, the institution is reminded that when considering substantive changes, it should notify the Commission early in its deliberations. Early notification enables Commission staff to provide information and advice regarding the proposed change and to provide direction regarding the timely submission of the prospectus.

If you have questions, please do not hesitate to contact me. Thank you for keeping the Commission apprised of developments and initiatives at the University of Alaska Fairbanks.

Sincerely,

  
Sandra E. Elman  
Executive Director

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cc: Dr. Paul Reichardt, Provost

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March 18, 2004

Dr. Marshall L. Lind  
Chancellor  
University of Alaska Fairbanks  
P.O. Box 75780  
Fairbanks, AK 99775

Dear Chancellor <sup>Marshall</sup> Lind:

This is to inform you of the recent action taken by the Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities regarding the institution's request for approval to offer a 31-credit certificate program in Health Care Reimbursement at the Tanana Valley Campus in Fairbanks and to offer the program online to selected remote sites overseen by the College of Rural Alaska through the University of Alaska Fairbanks Center for Distance Learning.

Inasmuch as the institution currently offers certificate, associate and baccalaureate programs in a number of allied health fields which the Commission has reviewed and approved, and insofar as the prospectus documents that the implementation of this program both on the Tanana Valley Campus and through distance learning can be accomplished with coursework currently available at the institution, existing information and instructional resources, online delivery technology, physical facilities, and grant funding to support the acquisition of 2.0 FTE faculty positions for off-site delivery of the program; it is my judgment that the Commission would approve the implementation of this program as *no change* under Policy A-2, *Substantive Change*, "establishing a new program closely related to well-established fields of study at the institution that have been previously reported and evaluated." Accordingly, the Certificate in Health Care Reimbursement to be delivered at the Tanana Valley campus and at remote sites overseen by the College of Rural Alaska is included under the accreditation status of the institution.

In approving this prospectus, the Commission requests that the University of Alaska Fairbanks include a review of this program in its regular fifth-year interim report scheduled for fall 2006. Key items to be addressed in that review include: 1) enrollment and enrollment projections; 2) an analysis of the revenues and expenditures associated with the program; 3) adequacy of instructional facilities on the Tanana Valley Campus and at the remote sites scheduled for online delivery of the program; 4) availability of faculty to deliver the program; 5) adequacy of information resources to support the program; 6) availability of an assessment plan to measure student learning; and 7) student satisfaction with the program.

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Dr. Marshall L. Lind


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In regard to Policy A-2, *Substantive Change*, the institution is reminded that when considering substantive changes, it should notify the Commission early in its deliberations. Early notification enables Commission staff to provide information and advice regarding the proposed change and to provide direction regarding the timely submission of the prospectus.

If you have questions, please do not hesitate to contact me. Thank you for keeping the Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities apprised of developments and initiatives at the University of Alaska Fairbanks.

Sincerely

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Sandra E. Elman  
Executive Director

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cc: Dr. Paul Reichardt, Provost