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Dear student,

You may have heard that we are going through a process called <u>expedited program review</u>. I'm reaching out to you to provide context, as you may be unfamiliar with the academic review process.

Every academic program at UAF undergoes review at least once every five years. This is a normal activity so we can see what is working and what isn't, and if we are using our resources efficiently and in the best interest of students.

Because of this year's budget situation, we are doing an expedited review for programs with low enrollment and/or high costs. *This does not mean we plan to cancel these programs*. It means that we need to look carefully at how those programs are set up and whether we could do something different to decrease the costs.

After we analyze each program, we may find it best to continue the program as-is or make some changes. We may also find that we cannot continue a program in a financially responsible way. But we are *always* responsible for making sure that students in a discontinued program can complete the degree they enrolled in.

I'll be posting an FAQ on the <u>Announcements page</u> of my website soon. You'll also find links to get more information on the expedited review process as well as a list of the programs under that review. Please check the site from time to time so you can stay informed. I am also working with ASUAF to expand communication with students.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to email me at <u>uaf-provost@alaska.edu</u>.

With best wishes, Anupma Prakash, provost and executive vice chancellor



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