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TO: Department Chairs and Program Heads, UAF Academic Programs

THROUGH: UAF School and College Deans

FROM: Alexandra Fitts, Vice Provost and Accreditation Liaison Officer

DATE: March 31, 2020

RE: Student Learning Outcomes Assessment Reporting

In order to continually assess and improve student learning, NWCCU (Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities) requires that UAF publish intended student learning outcomes assessment plans for all academic degree and certificate programs, conduct annual information gathering in accordance with those plans, and report on the results regularly. As a reminder, UAF will be undergoing a review and site visit for the renewal of our accreditation in fall 2020. Our compliance in the area of outcomes assessment will be critical to our success.

May 2020 would have been the required time to submit your Student Learning Outcomes report. However, we understand that you are facing unprecedented challenges in moving to distance delivery and that some of these changes may mean that you have not been able to collect your assessment data as planned.

For this reason, we have decided to extend the reporting timeline until Spring 2021.

If you have already collected data and feel that you are in position to submit the report this Spring, please do. The report should address data collection and evaluation for both years in the two-year cycle (AY18-19 and AY19-20). Departments are to use the template provided on the Provost's Office website (<https://www.uaf.edu/assessment-review/sloa/>), and refer to instructions and examples available there.

You will receive a separate communication from Sarah Stanley, Assessment and Accreditation Faculty Fellow, with a reflective or strength-based survey that we would like you to fill out at the end of this semester that reflects on how your program has been able to meet student learning outcomes during the switch to distance education and what lessons your program learned from this experience. Thank you in advance for participating.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

