

The following was passed, as amended, at UAF Faculty Senate Meeting #216 on Sept. 12, 2016:

**RESOLUTION:**

Regarding the recent Thomas report analyzing single accreditation [1], we agree that "Single accreditation is neither necessary nor sufficient to achieve cost savings, enhance the student experience, or improve state higher education performance measures."

We agree that the transition to single accreditation would be extremely complex and time-consuming, and the disruption due to this transition would not help the university serve its mission.

We agree that under separate accreditation, faculty at each institution can currently tailor their courses and curriculum to better meet the diverse needs of their students, rather than needing to obtain statewide approval for each new course. This sort of specialization is key to attracting potential students, who may be difficult to reach with a single "one size fits all" solution.

We support the recommendation to develop efficient organizational structures to facilitate cooperation among campuses.

*We recommend the Board of Regents use the report to inform the legislature of the negative consequences of single accreditation. The UAF Faculty Senate does not support single accreditation.*



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UAF Faculty Senate President

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[1] Dr. Dana Thomas, "An Assessment of Single Accreditation versus Three Separate Accreditations for the University of Alaska's Three Universities," July 26, 2016.

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