



To: Provost Michael Driscoll,  
University of Alaska Anchorage

Fr: Kimberly Swiantek,  
UAA Governance Office

Re: Listening Sessions

On May 4<sup>th</sup>, 2012 the Faculty Senate approved the following motion on Listening Sessions:

**The UAA Faculty Senate believes that the Listening Sessions process is a positive step towards ongoing dialogue with the community about the University of Alaska system. However, the Senate resolves that these Listening Sessions as conducted and analyzed suffer from major methodological issues which compromise the scientific validity of the conclusions. The major methodological issues are: non-representative samples of participant groups, the inducement of responses by the facilitator, and the failure to apply standard qualitative analysis procedures that ensure reliable and unbiased identification of narrative themes. As such, the Senate recommends that no major actionable plan be formulated based on the outcome of these Listening Sessions.**

If I may be of further assistance, please let me know.

**Provost**

Approved  Disapproved

Comments:

*See attached memo*  
*[Signature]*

*June 1, 2012*

Michael Driscoll, Provost

Date

**Chancellor**

Approved  Disapproved

Comments:

*Tom Case*

*5 Jun 2012*

Tom Case, Chancellor

Date