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Mr. Thomas R. Case
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Dear Chancellor Case: *Tom*

On behalf of the Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities, I am pleased to inform you that at its January 7-8, 2015, meeting, the Board of Commissioners accepted the University of Alaska Anchorage's Fall 2014 Mid-Cycle Report which was expanded to address Recommendation 1 of the Fall 2011 Year One Peer-Evaluation Report and to also address Eligibility Requirement 3, *Mission and Core Themes*, specifically regarding board approval of the institution's core themes.

In accepting the report, the Commission determined that its expectations have been met in regard to Eligibility Requirement 3, *Mission and Core Themes*. However, the Commission determined that its expectations regarding Recommendation 1 of the Fall 2011 Year One Peer-Evaluation Report still have not been met and therefore the Commission requests that the University again address Recommendation 1 of the Fall 2011 Year One Peer-Evaluation Report in its Fall 2017 Year Seven *Mission Fulfillment and Sustainability* Report.

Further, the Commission added a Recommendation to the Fall 2014 Mid-Cycle Peer-Evaluation Report which is also to be addressed in the institution's Fall 2017 Year Seven *Mission Fulfillment and Sustainability* Report. The newly added Recommendation 1 is as follows:

1. The Commission recommends that the University of Alaska Anchorage define mission fulfillment in the context of its purpose, characteristics, and expectations (Standard 1.A.2).

In taking these actions, the Commission finds that Recommendation 1 of the Fall 2014 Mid-Cycle Peer-Evaluation Report is an area where the University is substantially in compliance with Commission criteria for accreditation, but in need of improvement.

Moreover, the Commission encourages the institution to build upon its Mid-Cycle Evaluation efforts and to utilize its assessment strategies toward producing data-driven student learning outcomes that inform mission fulfillment and sustainability.

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

Best wishes for a peaceful and fulfilling New Year.

Sincerely,

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

Sandra E. Elman
President

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✓ cc: Ms. Megan Carlson, Assistant Vice Provost