September 15, 2026

Dr. Cheryl Siemers
Chancellor
University of Alaska Anchorage
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Dear Chancellor Siemers:

We are writing to inform you of forthcoming changes to the Peer Evaluation Visit and Reporting calendar that will impact University of Alaska Anchorage.

During its July 2026 Commission Meeting, the Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities (NWCCU) established a new 8-year accreditation cycle to replace the current 7-year cycle. As part of this change, NWCCU staff created a balanced review cycle that included an assessment of the readiness of institutions to undergo their Mid-Cycle or Evaluation of Institutional Effectiveness (EIE) evaluation visit later than planned in their current review cycle. As part of that assessment, University of Alaska Anchorage was identified as an institution that could have an adjusted visit schedule. Accordingly, we have made that change in the revised evaluation schedule below.

To prepare for these visits, please note that institutions with a scheduled report or visit in 2027 have a choice to respond to the 2020 NWCCU Standards or the newly adopted Standards. Institutions with reports and visits in 2028 or later will be required to respond to the new Standards.

The dates in this letter for your visit cycle supersede any previously communicated dates.

The dates of the revised evaluation schedule for University of Alaska Anchorage will be as follows:

- Ad Hoc Report Fall 2027
    - Recommendation 1: Fall 2025 Evaluation of Institutional Effectiveness
- Mid-Cycle Review Fall 2029
- Year 6 - Standard 2 - Policies, Regulations, and Financial Review Fall 2031
- Evaluation of Institutional Effectiveness Fall 2033

NWCCU is committed to an evidence-informed accreditation process that promotes student success while contributing to public accountability; we thank you for your continued support of this process. If you have any questions about the information in this letter, please contact your NWCCU liaison, Dr. Ed Harri, at eharri@nwccu.org.

Sincerely,

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President

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