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Via Electronic Communication: uaf.chancellor@alaska.edu

Dan White, Chancellor
University of Alaska Fairbanks
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Dear Chancellor White:

I am in receipt of your request for a one-year extension for good cause of accreditation of the University of Alaska Fairbanks and delay of the institution's Mission Fulfillment site visit until Fall 2020, owing to the actions of the Alaska Board of Regents and the planned September 12-13, 2019 Board actions related to potential consolidation of the public institutions in the state.

In light of the potential changes driven by the financial exigency, NWCCU grants the one-year extension for good cause and accepts the request to reschedule the Mission Fulfillment site visit until Fall 2020.

NWCCU remains concerned with the ongoing funding challenges for the state's institutions of higher learning and is apprehensive that significant additional cuts, reductions, and program closures could pose a material and significant risk to the quality of education provided to the students within those institutions.

NWCCU will continue to engage with the faculty, staff, and administrative leadership, will monitor decisions of the University of Alaska system, and may call for additional reporting to support any potential changes in structure to the system. In addition, we have requested the system leadership to provide us updates during weekly calls and to regularly communicate regarding actions and decisions to all stakeholders and constituents.

We encourage you and your colleagues to continue to find ways to meet the obligations to students, and to engage in a collaborative, transparent, and inclusive process of decision-making that honors higher education's traditions of shared governance.

We look forward to our continued regular and proactive communication.

Sincerely,

Sonny Ramaswamy
President

cc: James R. Johnsen, UA President
Paul W. Layer, UA VP-ASR