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Dr. Brian Rogers
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Dear Chancellor Rogers:

This is in reply to correspondence dated June 15, 2009, received from Sarah Lewis, requesting approval from the Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities to implement six new academic programs: 1) a Graduate Certificate in Statistics program; 2) a Post-Baccalaureate K-12 Special Education Licensure Program Certificate of Completion; 3) a Master of Education in Special Education program; 4) a PhD program in Indigenous Studies; 5) a Certificate program in Pre-Nursing Qualifications; and 6) a "fast-track" joint Bachelor of Science-Master program of Science in Mechanical Engineering.

The University also requested approval to implement a new Occupational Endorsement in Law Enforcement to be housed in the Tanana Valley Campus of the University of Alaska Fairbanks (UAF) College of Rural and Community Development.

Additionally, the University requested approval to implement four Tech Prep Agreements established between UAF and local school districts: 1) the Yukon Flats School District; 2) the Unalaska School District; 3) the Galena City School District; and 4) the Iditarod School District.

Finally, the University requested approval to change the name of the Wildlife Biology program to Wildlife Biology and Conservation program for its Bachelor of Science, Master of Science, and PhD degrees.

The Commission has approved these new academic programs, Tech Prep Agreements, and name change as *minor changes* under Commission Policy A-2, *Substantive Change*.

Thank you for keeping the Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities apprised of developments and initiatives at University of Alaska Fairbanks. If you have questions, please let me know.

Sincerely,

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Executive Vice President

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cc: Dr. Susan Henrichs, Provost
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Dr. Sandra E. Elman, President, NWCCU