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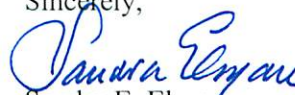
Dear Dr. ~~Henrichs~~ ^{Susim}:

This is in reply to your correspondence dated January 10, 2008, requesting Commission approval for the University of Alaska Fairbanks to offer a 37-38 credit hour certificate in Veterinary Science (VTS) effective spring 2008. The Commission has approved this program as a *minor change* under Policy A-2, *Substantive Change*.

In approving this certificate, the Commission notes that implementing the program is consistent with the University's mission and goals and with several elements of the institution's current strategic plan. In addition, the Commission notes that this program is designed to offer blended delivery methodologies throughout Alaska including the Interior-Aleutians Campus and the Chukchi Campus supported by the College of Rural and Community Development. The Commission also notes that funding to support the delivery of this program is being made available through enrollees' tuition and fees, anticipated intra-institutional reallocations and grants funded by the United States Department of Agriculture Alaska Native/Native Hawaiian Educational programs. Finally, the Commission notes that the University of Alaska Fairbanks and its branch campuses continue to offer a portfolio of distance learning certificate programs which have been previously reviewed and approved by the Commission.

Accordingly, the Certificate in Veterinary Science is now included in the accreditation of the University of Alaska Fairbanks and will be reviewed during the institution's comprehensive evaluation scheduled fall 2011.

Thank you for keeping the Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities apprised of developments and initiatives at the University of Alaska Fairbanks. If you have questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Sandra E. Elman
President

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cc: Dr. Steve Jones, Chancellor