The Accreditation Steering Committee proposed the following themes to the faculty senate; these themes passed the faculty senate unanimously October 12, 2009:

- **Educate:** Undergraduate and Graduate Students
- **Prepare:** Alaska’s Career and Technical Workforce
- **Discover:** Advance Research, Scholarship, and Creative Activity with an emphasis on the North and its peoples
- **Connect:** Alaska Native and Rural Communities and Traditional Knowledge
- **Serve:** Public Service, Lifelong Learning and Outreach Across Alaska