Staff Council:

The accreditation themes have continued to develop based on feedback from the steering committee, faculty senate, Provost Council and Chancellor's Cabinet. The Chancellor's cabinet proposes the following themes (one still under development):

**Educate:** Undergraduate and Graduate Students

**Discover:** Through Research with an Emphasis on the North and its Peoples

**NEW ONE UNDER DEVELOPMENT = Enrich or Inspire:** Through Scholarship and Creative Activity

**Prepare:** Alaska’s Career, Technical, and Professional Workforce

**Connect:** Alaska Native, Rural and Urban Communities through Contemporary and Traditional Knowledge

**Engage:** Alaskans via Lifelong Learning, Outreach, and Community and Economic Development

The key issues are whether as follows:

1) should research, scholarship and creative activity be one theme or two - the steering committee, provost's council and the chancellor's cabinet have voted in favor of two separate themes.
2) Should the engage theme include economic development or not - the steering committee, Provost's council and chancellor's cabinet have voted in favor of including economic development. The faculty senate added the word "sustainable" prior to economic development but the other groups do not feel this is needed because it is presumed.

Please share your perspectives on these issues with Dana Thomas and the steering committee; we welcome your involvement in this process.

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