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Dear Dr. ~~Henrichs~~ *Susan*:

This is in reply to your correspondence dated January 10, 2008, requesting approval for the University of Alaska Fairbanks to offer a Bachelor of Arts in Yup'ik Language and Culture to be housed on the Kuskokwim Campus within the College of Rural and Community Development. The Commission understands that this baccalaureate program is scheduled for implementation in fall 2008.

Inasmuch as the University of Alaska Fairbanks currently offers Certificate and Associate of Applied Science programs in Yup'ik Language proficiency which were reviewed and approved by the Commission in 2005; and insofar as the proposed baccalaureate program can be implemented with the institution's current administrative and instructional resources, the Commission has approved the proposed program as a *minor change* under Policy A-2, *Substantive Change*.

Accordingly, the Bachelor of Arts in Yup'ik Language and Culture is now included in the institution's degree and certificate inventory and will be reviewed during the institution's comprehensive evaluation in 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