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To: Dan White, Chair, UA Statewide Academic Council

From: Lisa Hoferkamp, Chair, University of Alaska Faculty Alliance

RE: Education Advisory Board

The Faculty Alliance at their May 12, 2017, meeting reviewed and discussed the services offered by the EAB. The conclusion that was reached regarding the use of the EAB Student Success Management System is that sufficient opportunity for input by the principal users, i.e., the faculty, has not been provided and that committing the sizeable amount of resources associated with this product is not advised prior to receiving this feedback. The Faculty Alliance respectfully requests that the discussion of this investment be tabled until ample feedback from faculty has been collected and carefully considered.

In particular, faculty will need to be convinced of the utility of the system before we will spend the time needed to provide useful data to the system—without useful data, the system will not help students.

Faculty Alliance values the opportunity to contribute to viable and long-term solutions to the challenges faced by the University and looks forward to working together to provide the educational opportunities that will help build the future of the State of Alaska.