

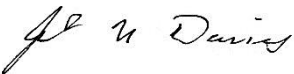
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TO: Faculty Alliance

FROM: John Davies, Vice Chair, University of Alaska Board of Regents


RE: Alaska College of Education

Thank you for your letter expressing concerns regarding the Board of Regents' decision to consolidate administrative leadership of our teacher education programs at the University of Alaska Southeast.

I shared your letter with President Johnsen and, in response, he informed me that progress is being made on the consolidation work, that faculty elected by their colleagues are members of the Steering Committee and numerous working groups, and as a matter of sound practice, he and the chancellors have been doing what the president refers to as a "mid-stream check." President Johnsen explained this as a way to assess whether the current course toward our goal remains the right one, or whether adapting the course somewhat--by angling upstream or downstream a bit--might actually help us arrive at our goals faster and in better condition. I discussed the issue with him just this week and anticipate this review to be done very shortly. President Johnsen said he would then share the results widely and invite comments from faculty, staff, and the Board of Regents in the event any modifications to our current direction are suggested.

Again, thanks for your note and I look forward to discussing this with you again soon.