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MEMORANDUM

Date: February 13, 2018

To: IT Council  
Coalition of Student Leaders  
Faculty Alliance  
Staff Alliance  
Summit Team

From: Jim Johnsen, UA President *James R. Johnsen*

Re: IT Review

Please find the recently completed report of an external review of UA's Information Technology organization at the following URL: <http://www.alaska.edu/pathways/phase-1/information-technology/UA-System-IT-Assessment-January-2018.pdf>

The report includes an assessment of our current UA Information Technology methodology and structure, its attributes and challenges, as well as a set of options and recommendations for our consideration. It is an important assessment because IT is such a critical component of our university's plan to strengthen the culture of education in Alaska. Progress toward all five major goals established by the Board of Regents will require a robust IT organization, methodology and infrastructure providing highly effective support to virtually everything we do at UA.

Please note that while you are reviewing the report, a more detailed analysis of certain options is underway. Most notably, we need to understand more about the structure, functions, and supporting budget of Statewide OIT in terms of its statewide versus UAF responsibilities.

As decisions regarding any major administrative changes are implemented, you will be consulted in order to ensure that implementation plans and processes are as efficient and as free of disruption as possible.

Thank you.

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cc: Karl Kowalski, UA CITO  
Executive Council