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Dear Colleagues,

In May I commissioned a review of the university's current accreditation system by former Vice President Dana Thomas. The review is meant to explore the range of options around single or multiple accreditation, including what the university can and cannot do organizationally under our current system of three separately accredited Universities. In addition to the review work being conducted by Dr. Thomas, I have been working closely with the Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities in this exploratory process. Although we had anticipated the work being done by Dr. Thomas to be completed by July 15th, it will take another two weeks or so. Please be assured that once the report is done it will be posted and I will seek your thoughts and counsel. Thank you for your commitment to the University of Alaska and to meeting the education and research needs of the State.

Jim Johnsen