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Date: April 28, 2017  
To: James R. Johnsen, President, University of Alaska  
From: Tara Smith, Chair, Faculty Alliance  
Re: UA Enrollment Planning Report

The Faculty Alliance would like to address the “UA Enrollment Planning Report” by Saichi Oba dated Fall 2016.

Faculty Alliance finds that the potential pitfalls of dual enrollment have not been addressed in the report. Dual enrollment brings at least as many cons as it does pros. Some high school students are ready for university classrooms and allowing them to take these classes may be a valuable tool for recruitment. However, it must be recognized that not all high school students are ready for the university classroom, pace, or general expectations. Further, if dual enrollment is widely implemented (perhaps as a cost-saving measure for various school districts), it is important for the UA System to acknowledge that these high school students would be entering an environment for adults; the universities should not change to become a substitute or extension of high school.

As well, Alaska's high schools are having trouble with low enrollment and their own struggles with students being passed through coursework without the skills needed to be successful in the next course. University-level courses assume a base level of knowledge and ability gained from high school. Passing up some of those high school courses to get to and through college faster often add to the "holes" in a student's learning rather than filling them.

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