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Dear Colleagues –

This has been a benchmark week for the University of Alaska. We kicked off the first round of Strategic Pathways (SP) reviews, introduced the UAF interim chancellor candidate to the community, prepared a proposal for the Board of Regents meeting on Monday to complete the UAF engineering building, and we celebrated the summer solstice!

S a P a a The first sessions of our SP review teams were held in Fairbanks this week to review three academic and four administrative programs. I believe all teams had good, thoughtful, and often spirited discussions that were frank but respectful in nature. The teams will meet again in July, to assess the pros and cons of the most creative and viable options for each program. Final options will be presented to me in August and I will advance my recommendations to the Board of Regents in September. I want to thank you all who participated for the time, energy, perspective, and commitment to the university. We made a great start on identifying problems and brainstorming options for the future. This is a critical step in working toward building an even greater university, ever more capable of meeting the state's many needs — access to opportunity, workforce development, research, and economic development and diversification – in the years ahead. Ongoing updates can be found at www.alaska.edu/pathways

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