



**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
For Northern Collaboration**

BETWEEN

UNIVERSITY OF ALASKA SOUTHEAST

AND

YUKON COLLEGE

October 19, 2013

Together, the University of Alaska Southeast, and Yukon College wish to affirm their commitment to the region and the people they collectively represent and to work cooperatively on their behalf.

This agreement is in recognition of the special relationship that has formed between the signatories during the past two decades in northern post-secondary education and research. By signing this agreement both institutions agree to seek further opportunities for academic cooperation that will benefit the institution and the northern constituencies they serve.

As the major post-secondary institutions of Southeast Alaska and Yukon, the two institutions share many common challenges and aspirations. Each is committed to strengthening the economic, environmental and cultural wellbeing of the region and its people. Each is committed to building the region's capacity, especially through the development of a knowledgeable, permanent professional workforce in critical areas like health care, social services, education, public and business administration, resource development, fisheries and environmental management, First Nation governance, and climate change. Each is committed to research that expands knowledge about the region and its people and that applies it to the issues and problems they face. Each is committed to the development of effective partnerships - local, regional, national and circumpolar - to improve student access, programming relevance, instructional quality, and cost efficiency. Each is committed to the use of appropriate information technologies to better meet programming needs. Finally, each is committed to working closely with the other to ensure that these responsibilities are fulfilled.

Given the above, and in alignment with their respective missions, the two institutions agree to work together to:

- improve student mobility and exchange opportunities amongst the two institutions through reciprocal registrarial, transfer, admission and tuition arrangements;

- provide opportunities for faculty collaboration and exchange;
- collaborate with the region's indigenous peoples to build their academic and professional capacity;
- collaborate on the development of programming initiatives, especially where the needs and resources required by these exceed those of individual institutions;
- work together on international initiatives;
- develop cooperative research programs which investigate topics related to the governments, geography, natural resources, and peoples of the region; and
- plan international meetings, seminars, symposia, and conferences.

To further the activities of this agreement, the two institutions agree to form a working committee made up of Registrar, Deans, Vice-President Academic, and Provost to meet at least once a year. Moreover, the two institutions may, from time to time, execute sub-agreements under this MOU specific to certain mutually-beneficial programs and activities.

This agreement will come into effect upon the signature of both the President of Yukon College and the Chancellor of the University of Alaska Southeast.

This agreement will be subject to regular review by both parties.

Signed on behalf of:

YUKON COLLEGE

UNIVERSITY OF ALASKA SOUTHEAST

Karen Barnes, President
Yukon College

John Pugh, Chancellor
University of Alaska Southeast

Date

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