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Mayor Mark Begich

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President Mark R. Hamilton
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Chancellor Fran Ulmer
University of Alaska Anchorage
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Provost Mike Driscoll
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University of Alaska Anchorage
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Re: Support for Doctor of Program Management

Dear President Hamilton, Chancellor Ulmer and Provost Driscoll:

I would like to lend my support to efforts by Dr. Jang Ra to expand the Project Management program at the University of Alaska Anchorage and establish a Doctor of Program Management. I have worked closely with Dr. Ra as mayor and have been impressed by his ability to bring large international conferences to Anchorage to help put our community and state on the world map. I know Dr. Ra has a strong commitment to excellence and innovation and the students he is educating are meeting Alaska's needs as well trained project engineers and managers.

As you know, the future prospects for science, engineering, design and construction with use of this degree will ensure success in many fields. Our Municipality of Anchorage departments are finding this program critical in completing successful projects in program management.

Thank you for considering this important addition to UAA's course offerings.

Sincerely,

Mark Begich
Mayor

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