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Dr. Steven Crow, Executive Director  
North Central Association of Colleges and Schools  
Commission on Institutions of Higher Education  
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Dr. Crow:

As Chief Executive Officers of the following campuses of the North Dakota University System, we are seeking permission to deliver degrees utilizing online technologies. The first online degree proposed for delivery is the Associate in Arts. This degree can be transferred into a four-year program and meets the General Education Requirement of the North Dakota University System.

The coordinating body will be called: **North Dakota University System Online (NDUSO)**. The NDUSO will also serve as the coordinating body for future online degrees and certificates provided by its collaboration members. We have asked that Mr. Robert Larson who is presently Distance Education Coordinator for the North Dakota University System serve as our contact person with NCA for the NDUSO. We are seeking a single site visit and evaluation of our request.

Sincerely,

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Bismarck State College

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Dr. Ellen Chaffee, President  
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