MEMORANDUM

DATE: January 16, 2018

TO: Summit Team

FROM: Michelle Rizk, Vice President University Relations

SUBJECT: Follow-Up from January 11 Meeting

Title IX
Michael O'Brien expanded on Mary Gower’s written January Highlights report. Mary Gower and Robbie Graham meet Jan. 22 with communications teams to develop strategy for release of the climate survey. That plan will be shared with Executive Council, and a press release is anticipated at the end of the month.

Congressional, Legislative & Budget Update
Miles Baker reported that preliminary input to Senator Murkowski on the Higher Education Act (HEA) reauthorization was developed through winter break and delivered Jan. 4. Her staff's review of that input has generated additional requests for information, and the ad hoc group will be engaged by Fred Villa and Baker for further assistance in addressing these requests. Villa stressed that the Senate is not looking for recommendations on modification of the PROSPER Act (H.R. 4508), but instead on reauthorization of the HEA. Relative to TRIO, initially the Senate planned to produce a product by the first quarter of 2018. Miles will follow-up with Karen McCarthy for a better sense of the timeline. It was suggested that members of advisory councils, as well as community members, are qualified and interested in providing input on this legislation.
Relative to the federal budget, it is in the university’s interest for non-defense spending to be raised as much as defense spending.

Governor Walker proposed a flat, $317M operating budget for UA. On the capital side, he proposed an employment tax to fund an economic recovery capital budget that includes deferred maintenance. Strategies for engaging constituents is one of the major focuses of the Jan. 18 Leadership Workshop. On the Education Tax Credit issue, if ST members have ideas to share or the names of individuals wanting to be involved or who should be involved (particularly from outside the oil industry), send that information to Miles.

The legislative session begins today. The heads-up meeting with House Finance Co-Chair Rep. Paul Seaton is Jan. 17. UA’s public overview with House Finance is Jan. 29. Seaton is examining what state agencies are doing to contain health care costs and promote wellness. On the Senate side, they are interested in a spending cap and some type of index, rather than pursuing their former plan of a 4% reduction. Myron Dosch and I met Jan. 12 with the vice chancellors for administrative services to plan budget scenarios based on the BOR’s budget and based on the governor’s budget, to include investments, fixed costs allocations, tuition rates, and deferred maintenance. The Executive Council was debriefed at its Jan. 22 meeting.

Senator Natasha von Imhof is chair of the Senate Finance Subcommittee on UA, and has a strong interest in workforce development and how UA is engaging business.

SWHR is monitoring IRS timetables and drafting a message to employees on changes they may see on their paychecks. That communication piece will include contact information in the event employees have questions.
Next ST Meeting February 8, 2018
A draft agenda for ST’s next meeting is attached. (The HRC report will include information on roll out of safety training.) Suggestions for additional topics are due to ua.president@alaska.edu by Feb. 1, as are all intended references for agenda topics, council scorecards, and council reports.
UA Summit Team

February 8, 2018; 1 – 4:30 p.m.¹

1. 1 p.m. Title IX Update: Mary Gower
   Reference: 

2. 1:10 p.m. Tuition and Fees Across Campuses: Paul Layer and Saichi Oba
   Reference: 

3. 1:45 p.m. Tuition Discount Decisions and Implementation: Saichi Oba
   Reference: 

4. 2:15 p.m. Congressional, Legislative and Budget Update: Miles Baker and Michelle Rizk

   Break

5. 3 p.m. Council Scorecards: Council Chairs
   Reference: Reports and Monthly Scorecards
   • Academic: Paul Layer
   • Business: Myron Dosch
   • Community Campus Directors: Gary Turner
   • Development and Alumni: Susan Foley
   • Human Resources: Keli Hite McGee
   • Institutional Research: Gwen Gruenig
   • Information Technology: Karl Kowalski
   • Research: Larry Hinzman
   • Student Services: Saichi Oba
   • Teacher Education: Rick Caulfield
   • University Relations: Michelle Rizk

¹ Video conference sites: Anchorage—UAA Admin Bldg 204 & UA Bragaw 205; Fairbanks—UA Butro 204 & UAF Signers’ 330; Juneau—UAS Hendrickson 204; CCDC Chair via Pexip. (For technical problems, call or text Dianne Milke 907-388-8948 or VCS 800-478-8226.)
6. 4:25 p.m.  Agenda Planning for 3/8/18 Summit Team Meeting: Jim Johnsen
   a. Title IX Update: Mary Gower
   b. Congressional, Legislative & Budget Update: Miles Baker & Michelle Rizk
   c. Council Scorecards: Council Chairs
   d. Other topics?