Meeting Notes
Research Council
Monday, February 18, 2019

Attendees: Anupma Prakash, Cheryl Wilga, George Kamberov, Myron Dosch, Paul Layer, Thomas Thornton, Eran Hood, John Stalvey, Andrew Gray, Dustin Bryant, John Wanamaker and Kelly James (scribe)

1. Safety Minute
   a. Fairbanks roads are slippery. Be careful driving.
   b. Snow on roofs – watch for falling snow as it warms up over the next couple of weeks.

2. Update on Grants and Contracts Prioritization Plan FY19 (Madnick)
   a. Routing form is in progress
   b. Match/Cost Share form is in progress
   c. Ellucian - Vetting process underway – Consultant coming up on the 6th and 7th.
      Will go through the functionality in Banner vs customization. Will videoconference these meetings.

   a. Look at the bylaws.
      i. Anupma feels the bylaws look good
   b. Has invited Lt. Governor to co-chair SCoR
   c. How does economic development and research work together – Will be a different agenda than the previous administration
   d. Looking for other members of the administration to participate
   e. Inducting Innovators Hall of Fame on Wednesday
i. Would like innovators outside of UA next year – start thinking of people for next year

ii. Larry will attend following Senate Hearings

iii. Joel Girschnefield will be presenting at JEDC

f. Will be going to Washington DC for EPSCoR next week

4. Federal Priorities (Bryant) – Has requested all chancellors to provide their priorities. Dustin has been working with Miles Baker and Paul on the process and creating a prioritization sheet.

   a. Looking forward to FY20 – Will develop a first glance of prioritization, then to the chancellors and finally the president for final approval

   b. Existing programs, EPSCoR, Center of Excellence, etc

   c. Individual program accounts that would directly benefit, including large scale projects identified by the campuses

   d. Goal is to have a memo complete prior to President Johnsen going to DC the first week in March, where he will present them to the delegation. Congress is already working toward identifying their priorities (March 12th deadline).

   e. Dustin will rely heavily on Paul and this council to create a process for identifying the priorities

      i. If you have people who will be going to DC, coordinate with Dustin and Miles

5. Commercialization of UA Research (Wanamaker) – Chief Innovation Officer – Has visited and had discussions with each campus. The goal is to continue to inspire and educate people on commercial endeavors.

   a. pipeline – patent

   b. Move upstream in commercialization process – build a success narrative

      i. Find and engage a couple of faculty members who have promising commercial sphere (IP concierge service)

   c. Ensuring the incentives are aligned to promote commercialization

      i. Faculty get 50% of royalties
ii. Work to increase incentives

iii. We want to make it as frictionless as possible to help researchers pursue commercialization

d. Continue to grow the private industry and university connection

   i. Will have a luncheon kickoff – getting industry to think of the university as a resource and investment – builds supporters in the community

e. Andrew Gray has provided a list of researchers for John to mine for potential researchers

f. George has provided John proposals and would like to work with him for developing these for commercialization

g. Tom - a list of the people that the president is having lunch with in order for John to follow up with them

6. Developing strategic research priorities – state goals – Understanding what the legislature is looking for to meet their goals. Will discuss this further at the next meeting when Larry returns from Juneau.

7. Goals for the next year (Layer) Attachment

   a. https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/0B1pwe5PfDQKbVVl1xTUdtQVd0TEU

   b. Tom (SE) – Center for Arctic Engineering – dealing with environmental change. Where does it sit on our list of priorities? There are a lot of initiatives going on around the state – try to make this a priority and the transitions that are necessary to make rural Alaska work with respect to energy. Focus on more than just the arctic – focus on the whole state. Diversity of energy and adaptation as the climate changes.

      i. Anupma – Suggests Tom contacts Gwen Holdmann – Alaska Center for Energy and Power (ACEP)

      ii. John – Asks Tom to follow up with him to make a connection with the Juneau groups contacting him

   c. John/George/Cheryl (ANC) – Department of Defense is a great opportunity. Autonomous vehicles, industries are willing to work with us because we are a
great testing ground. FabLab initiative? Paul – UAF had a white paper, but not sure if it is still moving forward with the current budget situation. George will send Paul an updated paper.

d. Anupma (FAI) – We need to think of more coordination in research. Do we also need to think about the risk and tighten our focus? Individual pockets of research – Will the RC focus on where to advocate for the resources for these individuals? Paul – The budget could push us further into a shared services situation. What role should the RC take with coordination of research?

   i. As the budget talks move forward, Paul may need to meet with a specific topic to discuss.

   ii. Title IX issues of reporting – particularly, people doing social science research abuse. How do responsible reporters set up interviews? How to provide people with a responsible reporter if abuse is revealed? George & Larry – Has contacted GC, but they were unable to provide an answer. Would like Paul to contact GC.

8. Next Meeting – March 18, 2019 from 2:30-4:00 pm