Meeting Notes
Research Council
Monday, April 15, 2019
Butro 202C, 2:30 – 4:00 p.m.

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Attendees: Myron, Rosie, Andy, Larry, Anupma, Dustin, George, Aaron,

1. Safety Minute
   a. File your taxes
   b. Ice is very treacherous – stay off

2. Update on Grants and Contracts Prioritization Plan FY19 (Madnick)
   a. Going to Juneau for 2 days to come up with the G&T fiscal plan for FY20. Will review action items for Banner. Will go over shared forms (routing form) to get buy-in. Budgets – if and when there are cuts, what would we stop doing (nonregulatory)? Management team, one person from Anchorage and meeting with SE. Coordinated with Business Council. Records retention - only looking for record retention as it relates to administration only.


   ACTION: Larry would like a list of all the common metrics.

4. Federal Priorities (Bryant)
   a. Compiled into a large document based upon President Johnsen and VP Layer’s priorities. Sent to all 3 delegation. The House had set a deadline for all subcommittees, all of which has passed. The senate had several deadlines on their subcommittees, closing out this week and next week. Identified 34 programs, 23 of which are programmatic, 11 considered targeted initiative supporting UA. Focused on Sen. Murkowski’s – NOAA, NIF, NSF, research intensive programs, 9 in that bill.
i. Depends on what makes it into the bills – our delegation will try to work our priorities. Once the bill has been drafted in the subcommittee, the markup process starts. End of fiscal year is end of September. Lack of a budget agreement that would give congress the authority to appropriate beyond the budget control act. There are budget caps. If there is no agreement going forward, a large cut would be realized. House and Senate have started negotiations. FY20/21 – not looking good. The US President has come out with a border wall package and will dig in his heels. FY21 – Multiple fiscal years at play. Talks just starting for FY21. Will start internally this summer in anticipation of the president’s budget in February. This is an opportunity to start talking about our priorities for FY21.

1. Agency specific or crosscutting teams – Dustin recommends both – begin working on FY21 priorities. Work in crosscutting teams that should consider our resources, focusing on programs. Some teams crosscut agencies (NIH, Homeland Defense, etc). Make specific to the agencies. Messaging – can be as broad as we want it to be.

2. Feel for how many successful appropriations requests – 40-50% would be a great success.

ii. Many people from UA have been visiting DC.

5. Juneau update (Baker)

   a. Capital report summarizes what is happening in Juneau. The numbers are coming out 10M under last year. Hearing public testimony, may be more conservative in their appropriations, but remains to be seen. President Johnsen is in Juneau this week. Is meeting with OMB director tomorrow and various senators. A long ways to go. Advocacy – UA Strong – continue to participate. BOR meeting scheduled on May 9th to continue contingency planning process. Likely special session and possibility of a veto.

6. National Academies of Science, Engineering, and Medicine (NASEM) UAF Town Hall Meetings (Hinzman)

   a. Town Hall: Integrating Arts, Humanities and STEM in Higher Education
   b. Town Hall: Sexual Harassment of Women in Academic Sciences, Engineering and Medicine
i. National Academy guests are here. The reports are important, take a look at them. Male dominated gender ratios. Universities are in the best place to influence this into the community and workforce.

ii. UAF celebrated their first lavender commencement – recognizing their contributions. The students declared at this event were provided a rainbow cord to wear at commencement.

7. Developing strategic research priorities – state goals (attachment)
   a. SCoR Science & Technology plan – Lt. Gov specifically asked us to
      i. Anupma asks that we only focus on priority (urgent) matters. Do not push out anything more to faculty. There is nothing with this document that would change anything.

        1. Page 23 is a live page – will update the membership list. For membership go to website (https://www.alaska.edu/research/research/scor/)

ACTION: Update membership and table updates for another year.

b. Role of Research Council
   i. One Health – Research Arena 6.
   ii. Mentions mental health, but only in passing – could and should be a priority.
   iii. Connection to the labs.
   iv. When we do a major revision, we can make the change to One Health – campuses will have a better idea of how One Health has

8. Goals for the next year (Hinzman)
   a. Research Council Scorecard - 2019
      i. Snowball metrics – place on agenda – There is no good way of reporting publications. SCOPUS is not a reliable way. SW pulls our metrics from this. What is generally accepted across the US, then we need to get that out to the faculty. The institute decides where to collect and then reports to NCHEMS. Reporting varies across the system.

9. Additional Items (All)

10. Next Meeting (proposed) – April 15, 2019