

Statewide Council on Research Charter

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Mission

The systemwide Council on Research will advance UA's research capacity by advocating for research infrastructure, innovation, entrepreneurship, and strategic partnerships, and by empowering researchers to obtain and manage extramural funding.

Scope

The Council will work to support UA research that is value-added, responsive, and relevant to the needs of the State of Alaska and the world. The Council will foster research to diversify and grow Alaska's economy, to build resilient communities, and to position Alaska as a world leader in high-latitude studies.

Role of the Research Council

The Council shall serve as an advisory body for the three UA chancellors. The Council shall be responsible for the coordination of inter-institutional relations to promote and leverage emerging research opportunities. The council shall build an inclusive, transparent, and efficient research environment that will enable researchers to write competitive proposals and carry out successful research projects.

Goals of the Research Council

1. Provide strategic vision and investment priorities for research.
2. Develop an implementation plan relevant to Strategic Pathways Phase 1 goals for research administration.
3. Highlight systemwide research expertise and synthesize key accomplishments for communicating to external constituents.
4. Serve as an information conduit for legislators, agencies, and potential collaborators.

Meeting and Reporting

The Council will initially meet once a month and then determine the frequency of future meetings after one year.

The Council will report to the Summit Team, and will also seek input from the Summit Team as appropriate.

Plan for interaction with other councils:

The Council shall interact primarily and frequently with the UA Academic, Business, and Institutional Research councils. It is anticipated that collaboration will also be needed with the councils of Information Technology, Human Resources and Student Services to address common interests.

Communication plan:

The Council will communicate regularly with the Summit Team and will present an overall plan for Council activities to the UA President in October 2017. This plan will expand on the Council charter and incorporate procedures for external communications, including collating information suitable for the UA Board of Regents, the Alaska Legislature, and a wider national and international audience.