



Faculty Senate written report?

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Thanks Orion. I understand the difficulty for the faculty senate to cover all of the essential business you are charged with and can see why such a change is needed. I suspect that communications will be dampened somewhat in that all our faculty, particularly those serving on the senate are too busy to read all of the materials that inundate us each day.

That said, I will try to keep my comments very concise in hopes that they will be read and that if the senate or individual members need more information, they will contact me.

Although this has been a tough year for UAF due to our shrinking state budget, we have also seen many accomplishments, creations and discoveries. One bit of bright news is that our FY 16 research expenditures were 5% higher than our FY 15 expenditures, hopefully reversing a decreasing trend of recent years. The total FY 16 research expenditures are estimated to be \$102M. If you have other good examples of success stories, please send them to me and we'll use those in presentations to the regents, chamber of commerce and others. We need to demonstrate that we are still doing important work despite these tough times.

UAF continues to lead in arctic research and plays an important role in national and international science and policy. Many of our scientists have been engaged in the upcoming White House Arctic Science Ministerial <https://www.whitehouse.gov/blog/2016/05/13/white-house-arctic-science-ministerial-september-28-2016> We are hopeful this increased attention on the Arctic and promotion to national governments will enhance opportunities for collaborative research for our scientists.

As I have mentioned at previous Senate meetings, the Arctic Science Summit Week held in March 2016 was a phenomenal success, so positive in fact that the US State Department has decided to host the final meeting of the US chairmanship in Fairbanks. The Arctic Council Ministerial will be held May 10 and 11, 2017 and will draw heads of state and other senior leadership from the eight arctic nations and dozens of observer nations and permanent participants. During the 2016 ASSW, we hosted 115 separate events including workshops, panels, tours... We will again open our doors to the many visitors and press, but will have many fewer events. If you are interested in convening a workshop, please contact me ASAP.

As many of you know and have attended in the past, the VCR's Office hosts biannual listening sessions to solicit input on the offices under my purview (see below). These sessions are designed to welcome our faculty, staff and students into an environment where they may openly voice comments, suggestions and any concerns they have regarding the units housed under the VCR Office. Each unit has its own respective listening session. The unit employees and directors will be present during the session to promote clear communication. You are always welcome to make an appointment to speak directly to me if you would rather have a private conversation or you may leave an anonymous comment on-line:

<https://research.uaf.edu/about/send-feedback>

Upcoming Listening Sessions:

Location: Elvey Globe Room (for all sessions)

September 19th 3:30pm - 5:00pm Office of Intellectual Property and Commercialization (OIPC)

September 21st 3:30pm - 5:00pm Office of the Vice Chancellor for Research (VCR)

September 22nd 3:30pm - 5:00pm Office of Research Integrity (ORI)

September 23rd 9:00am - 10:30am Animal Resources Center (ARC)

Finally, we will host many of our Alaskan state legislators on campus on September 20. Our purpose is to demonstrate the practical value of our research and the impact to the economy of the state of Alaska. We want to demonstrate our expertise and capabilities, so we will be presenting tours of some labs according to the specific interest of the individual legislator and their staff. If you would like to offer a tour of your facility or if you have a compelling demonstration, please shoot me a note and we'll try to work it in.

If you have questions or concerns, do not hesitate to contact me.

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