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ARC Committee response to the question of Vice Chancellor for Research versus Vice Provost for Research raised by John Dehn in the first ARC meeting.

The ad hoc research advisory committee of the Faculty Senate met on October 29, 2009 and discussed whether the senior administrative research position at UAF should have the rank of vice-chancellor or of vice-provost. The consensus of the committee was that this position should hold the rank of Vice-Chancellor of Research.

The reasons are as follows:

1. UAF is the flagship research unit in the UA system, with research playing an important role in:
 - a) graduate and undergraduate education,
 - b) the university's mission goals to the state, nation, and global community, and
 - c) UAF's finances. The rank of vice-chancellor acknowledges the importance of research at UAF.
2. Given the importance of research at UAF, the senior research administrator should have direct access to the chancellor.
3. A primary role of this position is to promote UAF's research capabilities to the public and private sector. The significance of the vice-Chancellor position is clear even to those unfamiliar with the University's administrative structure.

The committee believes that the rank of Vice-chancellor for Research will enhance promotional efforts, recognizes the prominent role that research plays at UAF, and enhance communication between the UAF research community and other UAF administrative units.