

State Committee for Research Meeting Summary

Date: February 20, 2019

Time: 10:30 ó 12:00 p.m.

In Person Location: Hammond Room, Centennial Hall, Juneau

Attendees: Paul Layer, Anupma Prakash, Mark Myers, Larry Hinzman, Brian Holst, Lt. Gov.

Kevin Meyer, Jon Bittner, Pips Veazey, Aimee Devaris, Tom Thornton, Kelly James (scribe)

1. Review and approve 11/28/18 meeting summary ó Paul, 5 min. (*attachment*) ó Approved as written.
2. Action item update from 11/28/18

from this meeting. We have a firm in DC that we work with and will be going over to the Hill and meeting with senators and others. Dustin Bryant is the new liaison and is assisting. Larry ó The biggest threat to our funding at this time is if it is changed over to a
õr gt"ecr kcö"hwf kpi 00 ctnló The NSF grant is very much a statewide program for the university. Larry ó NIH has also been beneficial for the state. Paul ó These grants have helped to build communities.

5. Discuss Alaska Research Priorities ó Lt. Gov/Rep, 10 min ó The governor and Lt. Governor are looking forward to working with SCoR. Most of his background has been in the private sector. Just retired from Conoco Phillips when elected as Lt. gov. The new administration is going to have a new perspective and different priorities going forward than the previous administration.
 - a. Public safety ó

once the PFD was spent out, the crime went back up (quote taken from memory of a news report).

DISCUSSION: From a geological perspective, we do not know the full potential of the resources of our state. The university can help find ways to diversify the economy. We realize we need to also diversify our resources. Brian ó Social sciences and economy has not been a part of a lot of the conversations and is interested in bringing this into consideration. Paul ó "One Health, which includes the people, environment and the animals. This is focused on societal economic impacts. ISER is also part of our purview and we can work both ways providing guidance and utilizing the results of their work. Kevin ó Will be checking with the governor on his views of our role in the Arctic. Larry ó There is so much going on right now. People of Alaska know that we have been resilient and adaptable over the years, but the villages on the coast are being displaced. It is a social science, biological, economic, etc, issue. Mark ó The university has a lot of capability in remote sensing. Invites the Lt. Governor to visit each of the campuses to see what the capabilities are at each site. There are many technologies at each of the universities that will draw federal science agencies to them for assistance. Paul ó There is an open invitation to the commissioners to visit the university. We would like to be their first stop to solving problems. Amy ó USGS is the science agency for the Department of Interior. They have the ability to assist with tackling some of the concerns of the governor. They are working in conjunction with the university on projects statewide to identify minerals across the state. Involved in mapping ó working on updating the topography for the state. Also working on volcano and earthquake studies. Even though the federal agencies are under budget pressure, they have enjoyed some significant increases in monitoring volcanoes and mineral studies across the state. Amy invites the Lt. Governor to visit with the USGS.

6. Update Alaska Science & Technology plan ó Paul, 10 min ó Paul would like everyone to read over the current plan and given what we have learned about this administration identify areas we can highlight. He would like general thoughts of the plan, and whether it should be rewritten or just updated. Larry ó This is important because it allows researchers a rehtgpeg'hqt'vj g'ucvga'r tkqkkgu, and receiving funding. Paul ó Funders mqm'lv'vj g'f qewo gpv'q'uj qy "kh'vj g'r tqr qucu'ctg'kp'hpg'y kj "vj g'ucvga'pggf u0'

