BoV Ad Hoc Committee on Research Update Summary (March 2, 2017)

Current Status

- Subcommittee work has progressed over the past quarter. Several groups combined over naturally aligned thematic topic areas to broaden and enrich discussions
  - 1A/1B: PI Effectiveness & Professional Education
  - 3C/5A/5B/5C: Best Practices/Key Questions/Metrics/Reporting
- The groups are in varying stages of assessment with each focusing on four key questions: 1) Current State/Where we are at; 2) Future State/Where do we want be; 3) Direction/How do we get there 4) Measuring/How do we know we are moving in the right direction?
  - Ultimately, we want to see what are the key actions items to build, enhance, support and sustain research excellence at UVA across schools and disciplines?
- Several groups are at an implementation stage. We expect these groups can pause from regular BoV related meetings and routinely check-in on progress (2a Priorities – will update quarterly; 3A Facilities; 4B Fundraising; and 5D Research Proposal Analysis).
  - Other BoV groups will continue to outline future state, identify measures of success and link to best practice review.
- We found significant University efforts already underway that directly link and support the work of the BoV research groups (e.g. ResearchNet, ResearchUVa, SIF, cluster hiring, TOPs hiring, Pan University Institutes, seed funding and capital planning). We want to make sure the BoV work is supportive and complementary to strengthen these existing activities in building capacity.
- Each group was asked to develop a set of best practices questions to compare to peer research institutions. The peer list was developed using feedback from the schools and based on a set of comparative rankings and metrics previously shared with the BoV.
  - Some groups plan to embed a best practice review as part of their independent deliberative work while others have asked for a central effort to reach out to other institutions.
- To maximize alignment of these research efforts, the BoV groups need to ensure we are continually communicating with schools and core central administrative units to foster, sustain and integrate ongoing activities into our informed decision-making.

Next Steps:

- Ultimately, we feel this collaborative effort will naturally provide an outline and framework for the next President and VPR
- Additionally, several of the recommendations generated from the BoV groups will possibly develop into compelling future SIF proposals and/or stimulate and inform key Bicentennial Campaign goals.