

## **MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** UAHuntsville Community

**FROM:** Robert A. Altenkirch, President

**DATE:** June 20, 2012

**SUBJECT:** VPR to join Teledyne Brown

As announced today, John Horack, Vice President for Research at UAHuntsville, will be leaving the university mid-July to join Teledyne Brown Engineering, and we wish him success in his future endeavors. Under Dr. Horack's leadership, UAHuntsville's research enterprise made great strides. Our stature as a research university was elevated from a "high research activity" institution to one of "very high research activity" in the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching's classifications. This places UAHuntsville among only 73 public universities in the United States to be so classified. During Dr. Horack's tenure, research expenditures increased substantially and are projected to approach \$100 million for the current fiscal year. We will continue to build our research enterprise in depth and breadth and work to continue to expand growth trends into the future.

Thanks,

Bob