



Meeting Minutes – 10 January 2013

Committee Members Present:

David Tallmon, Chip McMillan, Erica Hill, Kelly Jensen, Jeremy Kane, Jan Straley, Chris Donar

2013 URECA Awards were originally given to 10 students, but one was since unfunded. Twenty complete applications were received. Two awards were given to Ketchikan students and seven to Juneau students. The URECA mentor & student orientation meeting will occur Jan 25. Projects begin on February 1st.

- most applications and awards were from Humanities and Social Sciences
- the total dollar amount (~\$18,521)
- mentors would be notified in the letter and during the orientation session that mentoring includes presentations, not just projects

Questions:

JS asked about campus distribution among awardees

EH asked about compensation in any form for faculty who agree to be a mentor

...from this, discussion ensued regarding revisiting the association of credits with URECA, how the credits would be calculated, if it would appear as an independent study, how faculty would be compensated, how the ureca student would be graded, how the credits would be tracked over time

Indirect Cost Recovery was discussed following conversations David had with Barbara Hyde and Marsha Sousa during Fall semester. A report compiled by Barbara was distributed and discussion of f&a ensued. It appears that faculty will not pursue a more clearly defined formula for distribution on Indirect Cost Recovery. The Vice-Provost for research suggested faculty get a better deal with the current murky f&a situation. There is still some uncertainty at the Ketchikan and Sitka campuses about how ICR is distributed to those locales.

Questions:

JS asked about f&a distribution among campuses...wondering if f&a generated on her grants returns to Sitka. This remains a bit of a mystery.

Faculty RCA Needs

Reports:

A question was posted asking what else faculty need from RCA committee.

Faculty were also urged to visit, and make suggestions for, the research website (uas.alaska.edu/research).

Comments:

JS – would like a location on the website for announcement of policies/procedures changes and a report/record of f&a available to the sitka campus

Next Meeting

The committee decided by consensus that it would be beneficial to meet just prior to semester's end. The date is forthcoming.