



Meeting Minutes
29 October 2014

Committee Members Present:

Brian Vander Naald (chair), Brian Buma, Chris Donar, Kelly Jensen, Claire Ligsay, Chip McMillan, Margaret Rea, Karen Schmitt, Jan Straley, Emily Wall

Committee Members Absent:

None

Guests:

Jason Amundson

Discussion Items

New Business

VPRSP topics of interest... Karen Schmitt in her role as Vice Provost for Research and Sponsored Programs brought the following items of new business:

- As of October 16, the role of UAS VPRSP is again allowed participation/institutional representation on the Statewide Academic Council (SAC). Jason asked for clarification regarding the purpose of SAC. Karen responded by stating that the SAC provides a statewide connection to and forum for discussing research at each of the campuses.
- UAS, as part of a larger award to UAF, has received 2 new grants – INBRE 3 and NIH Build BLaST. Details and applications for seed awards from among these are forthcoming. Karen asked to what degree Sitka is involved and will follow up later with Jan.

Uniform Guidance Report: Margaret and Claire report that this new document pertaining to grant management will be implemented December 26. More information is forthcoming.

Continuing Business

Field Safety Course needs: resources, training skills, and risk management are all precursors to putting this in place. To support this, we need a set of guidelines, perhaps a needs assessment and leadership. Let's adapt from documents/procedures/course offerings of other institutions and then work with statewide risk management to finalize. A proposal to Faculty Senate in Spring is requested. Jason expressed concern that the process includes insurance questions/considerations as well as courses and guidelines. Brian B reports that there are 2 types of field insurance for students. Once a proposal is approved, it must include both sides of the research process – that research is important and that research must be conducted in a safe, effective and ethical manner. Lastly, instructional activities which employ research must be distinguished from training in the field which must further be distinguished from research in the field.

Promotion and Tenure and Faculty Handbook: from last meeting's discussion, the "Brians" will draft a proposal removing the disincentive thereby placing equal weight on collaboratively-authored papers. Brian VN will give this to Kevin Krein for presenting at Faculty Senate in November. Humanities is in support of this change.

URECA 2015 Application... Kelly and Brian VN, together with the VPRSP are finalizing details for this year's application. The announcement/application will be posted this week.



Announcements

Karen reports that a meeting will occur this evening regarding the Juneau Economic Plan and its relation to research. Many civic leaders are engaged in making Juneau a place of research.

Establish next meeting date

The group decided by consensus that a meeting is not needed before January. Brian VN will send a Doodle Poll for late January.

Action items

- Identify a subcommittee to research field safety course needs as well as field insurance possibilities for both faculty and staff with the intent to provide a proposal (Brian VN and Brian B)
- Draft a proposal to Faculty Senate for amending the Faculty Handbook regarding co-authorship (Brian VN and Brian B)
- Survey poll for next meeting date (Brian VN)