



Meeting Minutes
23 November 2016

Committee members present:

Brian Buma (chair), Karen Schmitt, Kelly Jensen, Dave Noon, and Emily Wall

Ad-hoc member(s):

Carolyn Bergstrom (IACUC representative for UAS)

Committee members absent:

Chris Donar, Jan Straley, Cindy Eriksen, Roxy Felkl

Guests:

None

Members emeritus:

Sanjay Pyare, David Tallmon

Goal for RCA Committee: To encourage research and creative activities at UAS in all departments, consolidate required documents pertaining to and relevant for those activities, and make life easier for faculty and students that conduct these activities.

Discussion Items

Agenda Items

Field Safety Guidelines

- A question had come up; is there a need to address safety concerns for on-campus activities? Or, for those associated with class/course work occurring off-site (HUM 120 and other courses which include an off-campus component). Sonia is currently researching the regulations/guidelines for on-campus classwork, but what do we need to address for the other scenarios?

RCA Website

- Various individuals would like to post announcements or items of interest to the RCA website; shall we do that through Anita or, can some individuals have direct access and approval to post?

URECA 2017 applications and URECA Program Future

- The URECA 2017 proposal submissions have been reviewed; all 12 proposals are complete, well-written, and fundable based on merit. However, the URECA account does not have enough funds to award all proposals. Shall we seek additional funds and from where?



Discussion ensued and the Committee agreed to pursue all other possible funding sources including specific funds within the UA Foundation/UAS Development Office; BLaST and/or INBRE; the Provost's Office; Student Government travel awards; and any others.

Strategic Pathways: Research Administration

- Karen reported that Phase 1 (including the President, Summit Team, BoR) designated UAF as the Lead. There is to be an implementation team, but no details are known at this time and likely won't be known before Spring Startup.

- Karen also reported that there will be a re-organization if SoM is rolled into the SAS.

- Lastly, Karen reported that a 5-10% budget reduction is expected, but again, details are not yet known and won't be until mid-Spring.

Auke Bay property acquisition proposal to DoE

- Karen reported that the application from CBJ was also approved and that the next steps are for UAS and CBJ to prepare an agreement for working together outlining the larger buildings for UAS and the dock-related infrastructure for CBJ. GSA wants an agreement in place before USCG vacates. Negotiations have commenced but are not public; Karen will update this group when details are known.

Clearinghouse of Information

- Deferred to next meeting

Agenda Additions

None

Action items

- RCA website: can we post items to it? (**Brian**)
- Inquire with Provost regarding possible additional funding to support URECA projects this year (**Brian**)
- Inquire with Dave Tallmon as UAS PI for BLaST regarding possible additional funding to support URECA projects this year (**Brian**)
- Inquire with Student Government regarding possible additional funding to support travel elements in URECA proposal submissions (**Dave**)
- Survey poll in order to establish recurring meeting date (**Brian**)