



**Meeting Minutes**  
**25 January 2017**

**Committee members present:**

Brian Buma (chair), Cindy Eriksen, Roxy Felkl, Karen Schmitt, Kelly Jensen, and Dave Noon

**Ad-hoc member(s):**

Carolyn Bergstrom (IACUC representative for UAS)

**Committee members absent:**

Chris Donar, Jan Straley, Emily Wall

**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**

**Approval of Minutes from previous meeting**

- Minutes approved.

**RCA Website**

- Posting of interest items has begun with much intention resulting in questions about types of items to post and automatic enrollment to receive the newsfeed. Committee members discussed the possibility of an additional “posting” location as well as automatically enrolling students. Kelly will follow up.

- Committee members discussed the need for many more non-science postings (e.g. more from Humanities and Social Sciences).

**URECA 2017 applications and URECA Program Future**

- In total, 11 URECA 2017 proposal submissions were awarded; however, one awardee has since moved to another university resulting in a total of 10 projects funded. Set up work to accommodate additional (private donor) funding sources is underway and next year’s process for



setting up the various funding streams will be an easier task given this year's transition to a new system wherein students are assigned an account number unique to his or her project.

**Strategic Pathways: Research Administration**

- Karen reported no change from her last report regarding SP: RA.
- SoM is transitioning to be included within SAS. SoE is somewhat unknown given that UAS is now to be the Lead; FY18 will be used for planning the transition and FY19 will begin the operational phasing.

**Auke Bay property acquisition proposal to DoE**

- Karen met with the Chancellor who is still advocating for UAS to maintain rights to the full facility. Allison Bidlack and Karen are developing executive level documents which will later be used in part, during a joint meeting with CBJ Assembly and Docks and Harbors (February 6). Also on that day, Allison will present to the Campus Council. It is expected that there will be a partitioning of the property and, ultimately, that may be more successful and advantageous for UAS than to try and draw up a joint-use agreement.

**Agenda Additions**

None

**Action items**

- RCA website/blog/newsfeed: 1. Can we start a new one solely for new interest items (not open jobs); and 2. can we automatically enroll students to receive the feed or does that violate a student protection law? (**Kelly**)