



Meeting Minutes
22 February 2017

Committee members present:

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

Ad-hoc member(s):

Carolyn Bergstrom (IACUC representative for UAS)

Committee members absent:

None

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.

Presentation on research and creative opportunity blogging opportunities (RCA Website)

- Anita Parrish joined this month's meeting to provide members with an overview of current website and blogging practices, both with respect to research and creative activity as well as examples from other UAS departments. She reported that an RSS Feed on the RCA Website is possible and that we can use tags and also eportfolio to "register" people to receive announcements via email. She did indicate that the UAS bulk email functionality is not well-maintained and that there is no formalized standard policy for bulk emails; we could work with Michael Ciri to develop one.

- The group decided to discuss this information in more detail at the next meeting and determine a digital strategy to start with the coming year.

URECA Symposium Update

- Brian and Kelly report that the request for presentations has been announced and that students are beginning to sign up. Advertising will begin next week; we look forward to a successful afternoon of presentations highlighting student scholarship.

Scholarworks Update

- Kelly offered a report from her meeting with Jennifer Ward (Scholarworks Administrator) of the Library. Jennifer will be pleased to include student projects (in the form of their final reports) into the



Scholarworks repository and asked if URECA could include in its requirements next year, a one page summary with photos that each awardee would create and could be submitted to Scholarworks.

Committee members discussed this request and are not generally in favor of it as it requires more of the student for each project. The members will further discuss.

Strategic Pathways: Research Administration

- Karen reported that little has changed/there are no updates to the last report. Research Admin decision from BOR will have service centers at UAA and UAS, with the office at UAF. “implementation plan being finalized,” but unclear on what that means. The summit team have apparently come to a stand-off. Compliance is decided, commercialization is going OK, but UAA and UAF are arguing over how grants and contracts will be split up. It appears that UAA is losing money, because their general fund is the main support for G&C, whereas UAF is funded via indirect cost recovery (or UAS for that matter other than the director position). UAA is already down to 4 people from 10, and UAF is down 2 positions. So UAF doesn’t want more work if they don’t get more funds, which would be general funds if it comes from UAA.

Auke Bay property acquisition proposal to DoE

- Negotiations ongoing in City Hall. Looks like the south 2 acres to the university, north 2 acres to the university. Main lab building is the only one for UAS. A dock right of way is also included, with 60’ of secured moorage on the N end of the dock. Gated for security, otherwise public access to the dock.

Perhaps build a wall or fence, but ideally we get the property split then work on the part we get. NOAA maybe as partner in building our own dock.

Keith has started looking at the lab building. Keith would like to take a few years for remodel.

Update regarding search process for Grant Technician vacancy

- Roxy reported that an offer has been extended to and accepted by Melissa Bell; start date is yet to be determined.

- Roxy reported that she will retire on July 31; transition planning will begin soon.

Timeline for grant proposal submission process and editing

Tabled.

KTN RCA Committee member vacancy

- Brian reported that he has contacted Priscilla inquiring about a replacement to Chris Donar’s position on this committee.

Action items

- Follow up on Chris Donar’s position (**Brian**)