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RCA Meeting Notes
September 11, 2018

Members Present:

Jim Powell, Tom Thornton, Kelly Jensen, Dave Tallmon, Cindy Eriksen, Melissa Kannel, Erica Hill, Matthew Pawlus

Members Absent:

Jan Straley, Andrea Dewees

Approve minutes for April

Dave moves to approve minutes.

Agenda Items:

1) Research - Dean Tom Thornton

- a. Dean Thornton gives introduction – areas of study focus include: social science research, environmental social science
- b. Sees research at UAS in better shape than when he left in 2000, would like to continue development
- c. Improve understanding of current research
 - i. Funding sources
 - ii. Centralizing publications
- d. Working with Kelly on front end of research
 - i. CESU expansion
- e. Tom's questions for the group regarding research:
 - i. Is there interest to attend/present regular seminars or forums?
 1. Erica made note of brown bag lunches
 2. Dave made note of month dinners at the Schaible house
 3. Kelly made note of ACRC weekly lunches with Allison's researchers and FS researchers
 4. Jim made note of NOAA fishery school opportunity of critical mass
 5. Matthew made note of a seminar series in conjunction with Sitka Sound Science Center
 - ii. Is start-up funding available?
 1. No SEED funding
 2. Kelly to send FIF RFP to Tom

2) URECA funding and timeline planning – Kelly

- a. Kelly provided the group with an update on the Spring URECA and a potential policy change (attachment)
 - i. Scenario where student was awarded URECA funding but wasn't fully able to execute plan due to issues with Facilities. It was decided that if a proposal for



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the upcoming URECA RFP includes facilities, students will need to identify that ahead of time and submit their proposals two weeks ahead of the regular deadline.

- 3) Statewide Research Committee
 - a. No new reports
- 4) Announcement of PI Training for QMenu grant award queries – Kelly
 - a. Martin Miller to be at UAS September 27-28 to give QMenu Training to faculty
- 5) URECA Symposium report - Kelly
- 5) Listserv update – Kelly
 - a. RCA committee to update blog
- 6) Confirm regular meeting time – Jim
 - a. Every 4th Thursday on the month, 8am
 - b. Next meeting is October 25th

Announcements:

September 20th – Arctic FROST Poster Session and Presentation.