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Meeting notes

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September 17, 2012 14:00–15:00

Present were: Dehn, Healy, Heaton, Hundertmark, Koch, Lawlor, Webley

An informal agenda was adopted:

- > 1. Nomination and election of a chair
- > 2. Past business updates, review of last years actions
- > 3. Accounting of F&A, and re framing the impression of what the research engine does for UAF
- > 4. Role of the RAC and VCR office, how we can be helpful
- > 5. Research Foundation at UAF, what sort of needs would the research community have

1. Jon Dehn was nominated and elected as Chair of the RAC for this academic year

2. Past business was discussed, led by Webley

a.) the FAQ for researchers at UAF, is a living document, Lawlor forwarded the document. We will host it here and suggested a home for it at the VCR's website. We should make sure the document stays current. I suggest it be on the agenda regularly for the RAC. Next meeting when all have access to it, we'll take a closer look. (<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1u4-DvbjNefwKURNTLGyZzIEAWqEWqAS6->

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b. URSA, and how to have it work better for the research enterprise at UAF. Many ideas were suggested, including having undergrad research mentored by graduate students as well as faculty, and having more faculty involved in the courses URSA offers. Dehn will invite and engage Barbara Taylor and our new Grad School Dean, John Eichelberger.

(diversion from agenda with flow of discussion)

3. Role of the RAC at UAF

a.) We should address the bylaws and see if they are fitting the committee's evolution, now in it's 3rd year.

b.) How can we assist the VCR a few ideas were discussed

i.) act as a review board for top-down research ideas, to help the VCR stay in touch with the faculty

ii.) act a vehicle to spread information to the research community at UAF, too much now it works clique-like

iii.) assist and create research policy at UAF, much of which is now located in many different places, and sometimes conflicts (see policy review discussion below)

iv.) act as an appeal review body for research conflict (see below)

4. Research Foundation Overview

a.) what it is, an organization at UAF that moves at the speed of business (Adam Krynicki) to help get private businesses and foundations to support research, run mostly from Dan White's shop (AVCR)

i.) uses university's status as a charitable organization (501 c3)

ii.) limited or no overhead on grants, though direct costs are ok and encouraged to help research entities recover costs

iii.) hopes in increased revenue for grants, though at a lower cost recovery rate, yielding more over \$ for UAF an application of the Laffer Curve (http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Laffer_curve)

iv.) UAA already has one, as do many other universities, UAF is a little behind the curve on this one

v.) must be approved by the Regents, they vote on it on September 27 at their meeting Juneau

b.) discussion on how it may help, not just for commercialization, but also to pool many smaller resources (often charitable) into a larger useable fund

5. F&A study at UAF

a.) a positive tone to show how research supports a lot of other things at UAF, to help us get the credit we deserve

b.) large scale most of this is known (<http://www.uaf.edu>)

/osp/policies-and-procedures/facilities-administrative/)

c.) but what about how each institute, center, college or school handles it (posed by Winsor via email), we'll formulate a request for next meeting to circulate

6. Followup on policy review at UAF

a.) the committee looked at Regent's policy as one of many groups tasked to look for inconsistencies with funding agency policies, laws and practices at UAF

b.) a list of these was produced, the question rose as to what has or will be done

c.) the impression is that some of these will be acted upon at Regent's level, some not, we may not hear to much about it anymore

7. RACs role to serve as an arbiter for disputes with IACUC (<http://www.uaf.edu/iacuc/>) and IRB (<http://www.uaf.edu/irb/>) idea posed by Hundertmark

a.) currently there is little recourse if one runs afoul of either of these bodies

b.) we should research the potential impacts of this on RAC, is it a large workload?

c.) there used to be a mediation group at UAF, Dehn was an active member with training, perhaps that body is a good place, or we should have trained mediators on RAC?


8. Future meeting schedule and communication

a.) monthly may be sufficient, be prepared for more often as warranted

b.) try to keep meetings focused an efficient

c.) judicious use of online media, spawned this Google Site at UAF for RAC, please make avail of it and add info and tidbits!

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