

Administrative Services Bulletin: (Friday, March 26 2010)

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What's new?

Effort Certification – At OGCA invitation, a review team comprised of central, department and faculty representatives will meet this month so that we may update them on the status of electronic certification, and to hear their feedback from users' perspective. CNSM, INE, IAB and GI will provide faculty volunteers, and GI, SFOS, IAB, INE and CNSM departmental administrators will join us. We will also discuss some components of the web-time entry for timesheets in Banner 8 that will have some connectivity to effort reporting.

ARRA - America Recovery and Reinvestment Act funding for UAF is currently at 52 awards for a value of \$174.3Million, which includes \$148M for the RV Sikuliaq. Since the ship build contract has been issued, it is expected that our expenditures will increase dramatically over the next few months.

National Science Foundation, Office of the Inspector General – conducts IG review at UAA. UAF may expect the NSF OIG to visit this summer to evaluate whether UA “has established an adequate system of internal controls to provide reasonable assurance that NSF grant funds are administered in accordance with the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) regulations and NSF award terms and conditions.” In addition, they will “evaluate the University’s controls established for administering NSF grants funded by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA).” Specifically, they will assess “whether (i) ARRA funds are segregated and separately tracked in the University grants accounting system, (ii) quarterly ARRA reporting is timely and compliant, and (iii) ARRA funds have been utilized in a timely manner.” While the inspection is focused on UAA, we anticipate that UAF ARRA-recipients may be involved at some point.

What's Still Pending?

Streamlining F&A Underrecovery Waiver Process – *options under VCAS review*

New Policy for Overrun Writeoff – release will be predicated upon review and approval by the associate Vice Chancellor Financial Services.

Visiting our Rural Sites Partners. OGCA will go and visit with our rural sites over the coming months. Already slated are visits to the Interior Aleutians Campus (Fairbanks) and Bristol Bay Campus (Dillingham).

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