

Research Advisory Committee

Meeting Minutes for Monday, March 20 (10-11 am, Kayak Room)

Members present: Srijan Aggarwal, Jamie Clark (co-chair), Wendy Croskrey, Larry Duffy, Anna Liljedahl, Robert McCoy (ex-officio), Derek Sikes, Gordon Williams (co-chair)

GW called the meeting to order at 10:01 am.

1. Old Business

- a. Approve minutes from February 20.

Minutes were approved as submitted.

JLC interjected with an update on the research.uaf.edu website; Larry Hinzman acknowledged the feedback and expressed an interest in retaining the Experts Guide, which RAC recommended removing.

- b. Discussion of faculty development (travel) funding

GW led a discussion of progress on the faculty travel funding issue. He had pulled together the data collected so far this term. More work needed to systematize data; GW will assign RAC members a list of colleges/schools to contact prior to the April meeting.

- c. Discussion re: agenda items for the remainder of this academic year (and into the next)

A significant amount of discussion was devoted to the issue of composition of the university-wide tenure and promotion committee, particularly as relates to non-tenure track faculty. This is timely because negotiations are ongoing for the new CBA, and it is the CBA which includes language re: the make up of the university wide committee. AL argued strongly in favor of representation of research faculty on the committee; however, it was unclear whether an appropriate solution would be to add non-tenure track members (including research **and** teaching faculty) or to have separate committees for each type of faculty. The committee agreed that this was something worth looking into in future meetings, but more research needs to be done regarding outcomes for review of tenure-track vs. non-tenure promotion review.

2. New Business

- a. Year end Report

There was not time to discuss the RAC year-end report.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:05 am.