

RAC Notes
Tue April 17, 2018
2-3pm, IARC Room 417

Participants:

In-person: Andres Lopez, Larry Duffy, Jeff Benowitz, Wendy Croskrey, Robert Remberm Anna Liljedahl, Sine Anahita, Larry Hinzman and James Morton Jr.

Online: Srijan Aggarwal

NOTES

1. Approve Notes from Mar 20 (Rob)

The notes were approved.

2. RPG update (Rob and Larry H.)

- UAF will have a booth at AGU 2019 in DC. UAF departments will be invited to sponsor the booth.
- NSF Harassment policy. There is a set of documents from UAF Title IX Office that you now need to hand out to students before field work (any off-campus activity). GI and CFOS has distributed info to faculty. INE and IARC has not yet shared the info. Partnering institution will also need to sign off on these documents.
- UA National Lab day. Discounted registration fee for UAF Faculty for \$150 instead of \$250. Ask your director to get the reduced price. Larry will share the flier with RPG. Goal to increase collaborations with DOE. Larry wants UAF researchers in the audience and DOE visitors mingling with UAF faculty.
- Navy will be visiting UAF on April 26.

3. UA Research Council update (Larry H.)

Focus was first on enhancing UA administration efficiencies. Instead, the committee is now looking for synergies across UA campuses related to research administration. Second thing is to come up with a common way of calculating metrics of research revenue etc. within campuses and between campuses and trying to establish priorities where UA campuses can work together such as through various programs such as EPSCOR, INBRE and ADAC. The committee is also trying to work with legislature to promote agencies to work with UA on various efforts instead of contracting with Lower-48 companies and universities. The committee is also working towards increasing UA activities with NIH and other federal agencies that do a lot of work in AK but that currently do not team up with UA as much. UA has a person in DC and in Juneau that lobby for new collaborations.

4. INE as a Unit Motion (Anna)

The committee agreed on the INE verbiage during the meeting and revised further and approved over email.

5. RAC Bylaws Finalized to send to Faculty Senate (Rob)

The committee edited and approved the revised RAC bylaws.

6. Cross-campus study with GAAC: Research Faculty as Graduate Committee Chairs (Anna)

RAC edited the text and approved the content for distribution to GAAC so that GAAC can review as well. Anna has invited all Deans to provide any new/updated information.

7. Update: UAF culture for Research Faculty (Anna)

No updates to report. Anna is still working with people on the content.

8. Qualitative research initiative (Sine Anahita and James Morton Jr.)

Goal is to raise profile of qualitative research at UAF. Met with Chancellor and VCR. Example: We have atmospheric changes and looking at changes of the shoreline. Looking at the human experience in response to the changing tides. Or you use pictures to assess change. What is the human experience. Can influence policy. How do we bring the qualitative analyses into the quantitative efforts? Can be done through music, arts etc. There is a huge opportunity in NSF funding. Sine and James asks RAC: What kind of strategies can we come up with to raise awareness of qualitative research collaborations at UAF? How can RAC assist in growing collaborations between qualitative and quantitative research at UAF? Sine and James will establish a website, organizing workshops and classes. RAC suggest presenting at seminars across campus. There are a few people on campus that do human dimension (RAC members suggest a handful). Another would be adding the information into the VCR expert database and make sure there are specific tags that people can search for. Create centers like the "Salmon for Society" that merge qualitative and quantitative research.

9. NSF Geosciences budget

Our UAF leaders should help and support faculty in figuring out what funding opportunities are a good investment of faculty time. Federal budgets changes every year. For example, NSF instrumentation program was reduced to half, while EPSCoR was increased.

11. Meeting adjourned