

RAC Agenda Thu. Sep 7, 2017

9am to 10am

DUCKERING Bldg. Room 535

Online access: <https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/159606077>

Participants: Andrew Mahoney, Melissa Good, Srijan Aggarwal (online), Andres Lopez, Jeff Benowitz, Robert Rember, Larry Duffy, Wendy Croskrey, Emily Perryman, Larry Hinzman, Anna Liljedahl (in person).

Agenda

- **Elect chair & co-chair***

Anna elected chair, Robert elected co-chair.

- **VCR comments**

VCR appreciated the feedback he received from last year's RAC, including website improvements, training in research via grant writing workshops etc.

VCR will be hosting legislators to the UAA and UAF campuses this fall.

VCR is organizing a meeting/conference/symposium with all Department of Energy and National Labs in April 2018 on the UAF campus. Themes include microgrids, ecosystems. Rob suggested a topic on modeling.

VCR is planning another workshop on proposal development.

VCR is asking for feedback from RAC on how to develop the "experts guide" that is being compiled (revived) by the UAF Marketing Office.

A 2018 Research Appreciation Dinner event at the Chancellor's house is approved by the Chancellor.

VCR informed RAC on the \$1.4M return from the President to the UAF research and how the Chancellor decided to distribute it (see pdf "Research Investment Distribution"). The money has to be spent this FY. One investment is postdocs (600k) where units can apply for postdoc funding once a postdoc has been identified. The postdoc program is secured for 3yrs by the President. Funds are to support research by postdocs, not teaching.

Rob suggested VCR adds the IARC Postdoc mentoring plan to the VCR website.

VCR asked RAC for input on Research Priorities for UAF. They are to be provided annually to the Chancellor and President to aid the UA/UAF administration in their lobbying for funds from state and federal legislators and agencies. ACEP is an example of a Research Priority.

VCR noted the value/increased chance of success of asking legislators (funders) for advice in research priorities, instead of asking for money for an already identified priority.

- **Brainstorm RAC topics**

a) UA outreach. For example tracking researchers with In-Reach shown on a website of where we go & what we do, bring a local teacher with you who connects with their audience (“bring the city to us”);

b) Safety for research. Could include communication devices to address title IX alcohol, firearms issues, responsibilities of RA and TA’s in research, training;

→ RAC do a write-up on ideas. Anna to Lead and present to Research planning Group in October.

c) Appreciation for research success such as chancellor dinner, letters from VCR and the chancellor and UA president to new PIs or outstanding researchers;

→ Dinner 2018 already approved by Chancellor. Letters from VCR not realistic.

d) Increase revenue. Incentivized mentoring in proposal writing;

→ RAC continue efforts from last year. More winning proposals to be shared.

e) Proposal help "welcome" packets;

→ Continue efforts from last year. A printed page informing about resources related to research to new faculty.

f) Facilities and data management plans posted on VCR website;

→ RAC continue efforts from last year

g) Comment on the Provost's 2017 Planning and Budget Committee research revenue report (see pdf's)

h) Suggestions of how to allocate the President’s Safety Funds (125k to UAF units).

→ Anna to Lead under item b).

i) Review/update the existing Field Safety Manual for UAF.

→ Motion: VCR to form a committee to revise the FSM. Motion approved.

j) UAA has an internal award program (seed grants, ~25k) to get faculty started. Something for UAF? UAF done in past, no money now from VCR. Can use URSA money, Space grant.

→ Can compile info to welcome package (goes with item e).

k) Revisit facilities list. Add to VCR webpage as resources available. Can also link to the NSF Facilities Pages so information can be included into proposals. Art department also have resources. VCR will take action on webpage.

→ Wendy to ask Dean on CLA to meet with VCR to compile resources at CLA for the VCR & UAF researchers.

→ RAC members expand on RAC Topics and add their names to to lead a RAC Topic.

- **Topics to get started on right away**

RAC approved a motion to ask the VCR to form a committee to review and compile existing Field Safety manuals.

Anna to lead a recommendation by RAC on how the UAF Research Directors can spend the Safety money allocated by the Chancellor to respective unit. VCR recommended Anna present RAC's recommendations on the 2nd upcoming RPG meeting.

- **Other**

RAC agreed to invite OGCA Sep 25, 2nd half of mtg and OIPC Oct 23, 2nd half of mtg.

Meeting adjourned at 10:15am.

* Bylaws

*The Research Advisory Committee. The Research Advisory Committee consists of up to ten voting members, a chair and a co-chair, along with at least one ex officio member who is the vice chancellor for research. The committee exists to review the issues of researchers at the University of Alaska Fairbanks and to **provide reports, recommendations, and resolutions to the UAF Faculty Senate on behalf of the UAF research community.** The Research Advisory Committee will **provide a connection between the faculty and the UAF vice chancellor for research, and advise the VCR on developing productive relationships with the different research facilities across UAF.***

2017-2018 RAC Members:

Srijan Aggarwal, CEM (18)

Jeff Benowitz, GI (18)

Wendy Croskrey, CLA (18)

Larry Duffy, CNSM (19)

Javier Fochesatto, CNSM (18 -alternate)

Melissa Good, SFOS (18- alternate)

Anna Liljedahl, CEM (18)- Convener

Andres Lopez, CFOS (19 –alternate)

Andrew Mahoney, GI (18- alternate)

Rob Rember, GI (19)

Non-senate members:

Steven Seefeldt, SNRE(non-senate member) **not with UAF anymore**

Derek Sikes, Museum Research/CNSM (non-senate member) **stepping down**

Ex officio per Bylaws:

Larry Hinzman (VCR); Bob McCoy; Christopher Fallen (FS President)
