

Research Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes for Friday, January 13, 10:45-11:45

Members present: Srijan Aggarwal, Jamie Clark (co-chair), Wendy Croskrey, Javier Fochesatto, Anna Liljedahl, Robert McCoy (ex-officio), Andrew Mahoney, Gordon Williams (co-chair)

GW called the meeting to order at 10:53 am.

1. Old Business

- a. Approve minutes from December 16

Minutes were approved as submitted.

- b. Discussion of results of research on availability of faculty development funds at peer/peer-aspirant universities

A majority of the meeting was dedicated to this discussion; members were assigned peer universities and asked to look into the type of faculty development funds that were available (for research, conference travel, etc.). Some members had trouble tracking this information down, but it appeared that most universities for which information was available did have university and/or college level funds available, ranging from \$1000 grants for travel to \$12000+ grants for research that would lead to external grant proposals. UAF thus seems to lag behind its peer universities in this regard. Since some people had trouble locating information, committee members were tasked with sending emails to Deans/Directors at those universities so that a more formal list can be produced.

- c. Discussion of research.uaf.edu website; assignment of sub-committee to pull together feedback

Given the amount of time spent on the discussion of faculty development funds, the discussion about the research.uaf.edu website was kept brief. A sub-committee was formed to pull together recommendations re: the website to be discussed at the February RAC meeting and then forwarded to the VCR's office.

2. New Business

- a. Decide on a regular meeting day/time for Spring 2017

Discussed possible meeting times, decided on either the third Monday or the third Friday of the month from 10-11am; a Google Doodle poll was sent to members to choose between these options. (Addendum: the third Monday from 10-11 am was chosen for the meeting time for spring 2017. Per the request of the committee, at least one meeting will be held on West Ridge.)

- b. Compile questions for VCR's office

There was little time for this discussion, although the committee is interested in getting more information on what VCR's office sees as their mission statement and role for researchers at UAF. The committee would also like more information on the distribution of ICR at UAF.

The meeting was adjourned at 12 pm.