



Meeting Minutes
24 October 2016

Committee members present:

Brian Buma (chair), Chris Donar, Cindy Eriksen, Roxy Felkl, Kelly Jensen, Dave Noon, and Emily Wall

Ad-hoc member(s):

Carolyn Bergstrom (IACUC representative for UAS)

Committee members absent:

Karen Schmitt, Jan Straley

Guests:

Jennifer Ward, Scholarworks UA

Members emeritus:

Sanjay Pyare, David Tallmon

Goal for RCA Committee: To encourage research and creative activities at UAS in all departments, consolidate required documents pertaining to and relevant for those activities, and make life easier for faculty and students that conduct these activities.

Discussion Items

Agenda Items

UA Scholarworks

- Jennifer Ward (Egan Library) attended this meeting to present the UA Scholarworks program and explain its possible uses and benefits for faculty research as well as URECA student projects. This database is an institutional repository for intellectual output and can accommodate storage of datasets as well as journal publications. Storage does come with a requirement that a waiver is signed stating allowability of access. Jennifer asked the group to encourage faculty use and Kelly agreed to work with Jennifer to begin incorporating URECA output. Brian will further research use of this tool for various program review-required statistics.

URECA 2016 application and URECA Program Future

- The URECA 2016 application has been announced; please encourage students (with faculty mentors) to consider applying.

- Emily reported that Humanities is in favor of URECA funding and administration residing under A&S, but likely not in favor of dividing up the existing budget into 3 separate accounts for each of the Departments; the concern is that the Humanities portion will have to fund Honors from this portion as well, thereby effectively reducing its amount for URECA



and/or the Honors Symposium. Discussion ensued resulting in a request from the entire committee for Karen and/or Roxy to bring a detailed budget look at both URECA and Honors.

- Brian reported that NS is in favor of restructuring as proposed in the previous meeting – fully funded under A&S with application process and funding administered by each Department.

- Dave reported that SS is in favor of a move to fully within A&S, but didn't know that the funds are co-mingled with Honors and requests clarification before responding to the request for dividing up the budget among the Departments. Similar discussion as with H again ensued.

Strategic Pathways (including Faculty question: change to uniform F&A rate?)

- Kelly brought a report from Karen (who was in an INBRE Committee Meeting) that Karen was scheduled to meet later that day with Larry Hinzman and Dan White to begin detailed work on the implementation of Strategic Pathways changes with respect to Research Administration. An overview/high level single page document has been drafted by Larry and Dan as a starting point; there are no further details.

- Faculty have asked Roxy and/or Karen to comment on the possibility that Strategic Pathways will result in, among other things, a uniform (and perhaps lower) F&A rate among the campuses. Details are not known, but both Roxy and Kelly speculated that F&A rates will not “become one rate”.

Auke Bay property acquisition proposal to DoE

- Kelly brought a report from Karen (who was in an INBRE Committee Meeting) that the proposal has cleared DoE with favorable reviews and is on its way to GSA for further review.

Clearinghouse of Information

- Deferred to next meeting

Agenda Additions

Change in how F&A charges are applied to vendor contracts

- Roxy reported that from this point forward, vendor contracts, in their entirety, will be subject to F&A charges. Previously vendor contracts and subawards had been subject to F&A *only* on the first \$25,000 in costs; this remains true for subawards. Vendor contracts however, due to federal regulations, will now be subject to F&A charged on the full amount of the contract.

Action items

- Committee requests that the Honors and/or URECA budget be brought to the next meeting for further, detailed discussion (**Brian** to ask **Karen** to present)

- Committee requests that Brian meet again with Karen, Sol, Robin, and perhaps Roxy to address the confusion resulting from Sol's salary being associated with the Honors (specifically Honors Symposium) budget (**Brian**)

- Survey poll for next meeting date (**Brian**)