

Research Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes for Friday, December 16, 10:45-11:45

Members present: Srijan Aggarwal, Jamie Clark (co-chair), Larry Duffy, Andrew

The group discussed the availability (or lack thereof) of faculty development funding (travel, seed money, etc) within the various units at UAF (and for various types of faculty, including tenure-track and research faculty). GW pulled together a list of peer institutions, and the committee will research the types of faculty development funding available at these before the Jan meeting, so that the committee can begin to get an idea of where UAF stands, comparatively speaking.

b. Discussion of research.uaf.edu web site

The research.uaf.edu website was discussed. The VCR's office has recently added new sections to this website, including "Research Process" and "Write a Proposal", but the material included seems somewhat random (the first entry on the Research Process page is about the Animal Resources Center) and it is not as helpful as it could be; for instance, it provides no information on who to contact for information/help about various aspects of the research/proposal writing process. The "Experts" section on the site seems to be out of date and it is unclear what function it is meant to serve. More broadly, the website seems to be addressed to a number of different constituencies, which could be more clearly delineated (i.e., separate tabs for each audience?). The committee was tasked with exploring this website before the Jan meeting and pulling together a list of questions/info they would find helpful on such a site.

The meeting was adjourned by GW at 11:52.