c. Discussion of possible agenda items for the RAC for AY 16-17.

The committee discussed a variety of options for RAC to take on during this academic year. Much of the discussion revolved around ways the university might be able to help faculty (and grad students) be more successful in the grant-proposal writing process. For instance, by supporting workshops for junior scholars interested in applying for NSF CAREER grants, or supporting/developing a system by which faculty could have grants reviewed in house prior to submission (this seems to exist to some extent in certain units but not all of them). The role of the RAC would be to do research on how other universities have implemented these types of things and to make a pitch to the VCRs office for funding for these activities. Other options included working with the legislative outreach office to inform them about the variety of research that happens at UAF, and looking into options for International student tuition/credit load (something that impacts grant budgets). The co-chairs asked the membership to start doing research on some of these issues, with a goal of formulating a more directed plan at the October meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 11:45 am.