

Open Forum

What?

Meeting HIGHLIGHTS
Key INSIGHTS and new learning
IMPORTANT POINTS in concurrent sessions
TOPICS for future meetings

HIGHLIGHTS:

Re: International Session - showed possibilities, challenges
This meeting vs. 20th anniversary showed much strong support
People more supportive of concept, but no offers of more dollars; funding still an issue
Re: International opportunities for networking, collaboration - maybe have a conference
Question of NSF support for international I/UCRC - let's keep talking
Alex re NSF - We have support for I/UCRC offshore IN OUR IMAGE - or NSF support for collaboration with overseas center project. Wonder about one center
Q: Funding for small-scale, time-limited project, international?
A: Yes, through a center
Q: Funding across the ocean?
A: No! Funding stays in U.S.; other funds stay in country of origin
Q: Funding across NAFTA?
A: No! Only in U.S. borders
Re: multi-university centers, Teri Behrens's report coming to NCSU website. Stay tuned!
Re: Administrative/Business Manager role at I/UCRCs - consider having these folks come to future sessions and maybe add to program
Maybe LISTSERV re: management issues for I/UCRCs. Possibly complement with website archive for resources
Program idea next meeting
Center management issues/functions important for directors as well as administrative managers
Session on Best Business Practices at I/UCRCs
Q: Directors pay travel?
A: Yes...
Need to communicate importance of and details of business practices to university administration
University administration wants economic development from research dollars - a consistent theme for now
University-Center relations - Depend on personalities. Also not enough dollars in this program. Now \$50K-\$70K - what's the appropriate funding level?
National Cancer Institute program starts with \$50K planning and \$450K direct dollar first year budget.

I/UCRC Program built on three-way cooperation: NSF + Industry + University.
Forces partnership, gives incentive.

More funding allows program to expand and support each center

Re: Center support salary and travel. At least, administrative expense.

Don't duplicate ERC Program, but do recognize that universities take approximately 50% overhead, e.g., planning grants lose overhead in I/UCRC budget

NSF can't mandate reduction/waiver of overhead. Can add dollars to compensate - won't negotiate reduced overhead like in education programs

Multiple levels of overhead at some universities

Overhead an issues. We seem to prefer added dollars to cover overhead costs to I/UCRCs

Earmarked funds issue needs discussion and triple helix; discuss state I/UCRCs and company lobby for funds

Benchmarks re: funds - 1981 state I/UCRCs got \$250K per year, no waste.