Student Research and Liability Meeting (Brant Eddy, Kevin Andrew, Kevin Francis, Erin Martin, Peter Robinson?)

April 16

Concern with students getting hurt while doing field work. At UG level – students sign a field trip waiver when doing ILC work

Dave Kohler – Risk Manager

Laura Carpenter – DK’s executive assistant

Self liability policy – policy covers most of what we’re responsible for in a regular academic year (athletics, field trips, student sponsored events on campus, *when we’re present*) Who is we? Faculty?

Morgan – research based off-site without faculty being involved. We should be telling our students that they are “on their own” – DNR extended volunteer opportunity so covered under their liability policy

ILC environment is not covered by state insurance (UW purchases own insurance and gets around this)

Private liability insurance is “relatively” inexpensive. Tools are to mainly guide to other services, advise to look into host agency’s insurance for volunteers, etc. ($10-20 per person aggregate insurance – business insurance).

Have some precedent for additional insurance through Health Center employees – would need to recover funds through student fees (students pay an additional fee who work in health center). No understanding on what cost would look like – **Maybe as low as $2000/100 students? – potentially could be assigned a thesis – related fee for students**. Could begin conversation with Risk Management office.

Faculty liability – faculty/staff are “agents of Evergreen” so are covered if a student is injured during state-sanctioned activity

Question: Do we need a field research risk/liability form? Brett needs to check in on Field Trip form?

Updated Individual Study Page – Amy Betz working with Kevin Andrew on this (Risk Management page). Need to talk with other 4-year schools about how they handle this