Issues to consider in determining the F&A distribution pre-award agreement allocation

This should not be left to the last minute as such negotiations can be very complicated. The total finances should be sorted out before the distribution plan is allocated. Senior administrators may be called to work out final agreements and if agreement cannot be reached we recommend the VCRGS establish the final allocation.

1. Source of or major components of the intellectual issues/questions to be explored.
2. Who is responsible for administering the grant or contract and related accounts?
3. Is other support staff being utilized that are not accounted for in the grant or contract?
4. Cost of space (example some clinical space is leased and the cost to use on a grant may be much higher per square foot than ECU owned space). If the grant or contract is not leased directly as part of the project in may need to be covered in the F&A agreement.
5. Who is paying for the needed research space and the space upkeep?
6. Who has control of the space and what will be the costs in function and dollars to the donor unit to provide the needed space?
7. Equipment to be used – again who paid for it and who pays the upkeep?
8. PI’s salary support – what unit pays what percentage of the salary?
9. Type of contract being bought out -12 month versus 9 month for example.
10. Percentage and amount of salary being bought out by the grant or contract and the resulting salary savings to what department or unit?
11. Equipment or other tangible assets purchased by grant or contract and the final ownership?
12. Graduate Assistant support that is provided and to what unit?
13. Other personnel support (such as Post Doc. or technician) and to what unit?
14. Affiliation to Center or Institute? Obligations?
15. History and culture of the parties and units involved?

IMPORTANT: the 100% F&A Sharing in RAMSeS is the 10% to the lead unit/department. The PI 10% share is split the same as the unit's unless a document stating a different split of the PI 10% is attached in RAMSeS.