

Faculty Senate Research and Creative Activity Committee

Report for March 10th, 2026 Meeting

The meeting was called to order at 1:05 pm with the following members present: Omar Holguin, Runwei Li

1. No Formal Business Conducted

Due to a scheduling conflict with spring break, the RCA meeting was moved to a different date and time, which led to some confusion and low attendance. The RCA will reconvene in April.

Throughout the month of March, several activities were undertaken to continue exploring the recognition of innovation and entrepreneurship within promotion and tenure policies at NMSU. The RCA chair met with Winnie Lee, Interim Director of Arrowhead; Patricia MacGregor-Mendoza, Provost Fellow for Faculty Success; and Patricia Knighten to further discuss effective approaches for assessing the recognition of innovation and entrepreneurship at NMSU. It was suggested that the RCA chair reach out to the Vice Provost, as well as the Senate Chair and Vice Chair, to explore the development of a memorial that would formally request NMSU to utilize the survey and gap analysis framework provided by the PTIE organization as an initial step in this process.

Additional activities included the establishment of a monthly meeting by Interim VPR Patricia Sullivan, bringing together the VPR, the URC Chair and Vice Chair, and the RCA Chair.

2. Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for April 21st, 2026, at 4pm.