

Brief report

Monthly meeting: Standing Committee of Research and Creative Activities

Attendees: Amanda Ashley, Faruk Arslan, Hameed Badawy, Omer Holguin, Thomas Manz, Runwei Li, Peter Smoak, Motoko Furuhashi, Hyunin Baek, Jianjun Paul Tian

Guests: Vimal Chaitanya, Luis Cifuentes

Time: 4pm - 5:15pm, November 14, 2024

Format: zoom meeting online

Meeting brief:

This was the third meeting of the committee in the fall 2024. The FC chair Vimal Chaitanya introduced vice president for research Luis Cifuentes. The VPR explained the plan and thoughts how NMSU will approach R1 university. There are two types of R1 universities as described, one is research intensive institution, one is more or less teaching oriented but with high research activities. The VPR wants to leave this choice to the faculty of NMSU to decide what NMSU wants to be.

The committee discussed the Proposition: 05-24/25, Establishing Continuing Support for Open Access Publication Costs. Some member said the percentage of IDC for publication costs is too small, and a big proportion of IDC should be allotted to publication costs. Some member said they don't like the current form of the bill. Some member said the idea is useful, but the mechanism of supporting publication is not well described. We did not vote on this bill in the zoom meeting.

Voting: through the email, the bill was circulated within the committee from 7pm on November 21 to 3pm on November 22. The nine responses were obtained. Seven members voted "Yes", that means they support the bill; one member voted "Do not support this bill in its current form", one member voted "Abstain".

Reported by: Paul Tian, the chair of the Standing Committee of RCA

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