

Faculty Senate Research and Creative Activity Committee

Report for November 18th, 2025 Meeting

The meeting was called to order at 4:05 pm with a quorum of members present: Omar Holguin, Paul Tian, Amanda Ashley, Chuck Creusere, Runwei Li, Hyunin Baek, Thomas Manz, Motoko Furuhashi, and Sandra Way.

Guests: Paul Hamilton from the Faculty Advisory Committee on Technology (FACT)
John Sandstrom and Karen Kopera-Frye from the Faculty Senate Committee overseeing the Open Access publication fund.

1. Approval of Agenda & Minutes

The agenda was reviewed and approved without changes.

2. Announcements & Updates

No formal announcements were made during this meeting.

3. Old Business

- University Software Acquisition and Licensing
 - Guest Hamilton (FACT) provided an overview of institutional software licensing. Grammarly was adopted at the university level after determining that the high number of individual licenses made an institutional license more cost-effective.
 - Motoko Furuhashi raised a question regarding Adobe licenses for undergraduate students. The committee discussed engaging with the central budget office to inquire about individual license costs and distribution practices.
- Faculty Senate Open Access Fund
 - Co-Chairs John Sandstrom and Karen Kopera-Frye provided updates on the Open Access Fund. Concerns were raised about the program's lack of responsiveness to requests, which was attributed to a glitch in the Microsoft submission form that had, as of the meeting, been addressed. The committee reported that response letters had been sent and that Faculty who have paid open access fees out of pocket or from a non-restricted account are eligible for reimbursement. However, reimbursements are not permitted if paid from a grant account.
 - As of the meeting, there were 21 requests, 18 approvals, and \$30,995 allocated from the \$100,000 budget. The committee noted the need to raise awareness among faculty about the availability of the fund. Motoko Furuhashi also raised a question about museum fees, while the co-chairs clarified that eligible costs must directly support open-access publication in journals; however, the RCA committee and guests acknowledged that this is something to investigate for future development.
- Revisions to P&T Guidelines for Entrepreneurship

- Representatives from the Promotion and Tenure Innovation and Entrepreneurship (PTIE) initiative have been contacted, and the Oregon State University team expressed interest in meeting. Professor Rich Carter confirmed that one of their representatives can join an RCA meeting via Zoom and requested a brief planning conversation beforehand to understand the committee's goals.

4. New Business

No new requests

5. Action Items & Next Steps

- Continue coordination with PTIE representatives and Arrowhead Center to schedule presentations for upcoming meetings.
- Continue dialogue with FACT and Central IT regarding enterprise software licensing and costs.

6. Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for December 8th, at 4:00 pm.

7. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 5:00 pm.