Faculty Senate Research and Creative Activity Committee

Report for September 16, 2025 Meeting

The meeting was called to order at 4:05 pm with a quorum of members present: Omar Holguin (Chair), Paul Tian, Amanda Ashley, Lisa Hermanson, Chuck Creusere, Runwei Li, Frank Boutsen, Hyunin Baek, and Thomas Manz

1. Approval of Agenda & Minutes

- The agenda was reviewed and approved without changes.

2. Announcements & Updates

- Microsoft Teams Channel: Members discussed improving navigation and communication.
- Senate Leadership Committee: Updates were provided.
    - Books for Success: Mentioned as an ongoing initiative.
- VP for Research Updates: Interim VPR was invited but unable to attend; another invitation will be sent to work better with the VPR's schedule.

3. Old Business

- No ongoing requests or action items from prior meetings were reported.

4. New Business

- Executive Orders / Grant Overhead Rates: Concerns raised about cuts in overhead rates for future grants. Members recommend engaging with the VPR to clarify how the university will address this impact.
- Open Access Publication Fund: Committee discussed program launch and faculty guidance.
    - Recommendation: reach out to committee chairs for reports on program success, including metrics, turnaround time, and funding allocation.
- Software Licensing Examples of Interest:
    - Biorender (scientific illustration software) and other research tools such as PRISM (graphing) and EndNote (reference management) were discussed.
    - The committee suggested reaching out to office of academic technology and or the VPR's office about current software access lists to support research and creative activity.
    - The committee will inquire about creating more awareness of resources during RCA Week to highlight available research resources.

5. Committee Input / Open Forum.

- P&T Guidelines for Entrepreneurship: The committee discussed potential revisions and reviewed peer institution practices (resources from PTIE.org were shared).

- Suggested inviting a guest to speak about entrepreneurship and Arrowhead Center's role.
- Next Meeting: Members considered changing day/time but decided to keep current schedule.

6. Action Items & Next Steps

Action items include inviting the Vice President for Research and Arrowhead, following up with the APC Open Access Committee, coordinating a presentation on APC support for open journal access, and checking in with colleagues and academic technology about software licensing resources.

7. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 5:00 pm.