



Research Policy Committee

Meeting Minutes

Friday, January 9, 2026

10:00-11:00am

Via Zoom Video Conference

Voting Members Present: Tito Busani, Deena Gould, Sarah Nash, Marek Osinski, Jean-Claude Diels, Steve Walsh, Danielle Maurici-Pollock, Michael Dominguez, Duncan McGraw

Voting Members Absent: Caleb Richardson, Margo Gustina, Tione Buranda

Ex-officio and Guests: Om Perumal, Melissa Rethlefsen, Lisa Kuuttila

Meeting was called to order at 10:02am

Quorum was met.

Review and approve agenda and minutes

- Approval of January agenda
- Approval of November minutes-no December meeting

UNM Rainforest Innovations

- Lisa Kuutilla shared a presentation on the UNM Rainforest Innovations



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Rainforest Innovations

CERL

- Sarah and Margo will work on the application documents to make the process less onerous.
- Om suggested a questionnaire

Responsibilities of RPC

- Academic Deans exchange information concerning research
- Talking Points documents will be created for members to use during discussions with Deans
- https://unmm-my.sharepoint.com/:w:/r/personal/emajsmom_unm_edu/Documents/Document%202.docx?d=w7f6b49622b7f431a9f6077d02fe48788&csf=1&web=1&e=gHfJkR
- Tito and Gena will work on coverage of schools and colleges deans that are not represented on the committee



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Action Item

- Michael and Marek will form a subcommittee to improve visibility of ARL and CERL awards

Adjourn 11:06am