

Resolution in Support of the Committee for Undergraduate Research

WHEREAS, The Academic Senate, through the Student Affairs Committee, provides advice and recommends policy on all student issues including but not limited to policies and procedures related to academic environments and student research competition; and

WHEREAS, It is the mission of the CSUSM Committee for Undergraduate Research (CUGR) to promote, support, and recognize faculty and student collaboration in research and creative activities; and

WHEREAS, CUGR brings together faculty, staff, and students from all areas to develop opportunities for undergraduate research; and

WHEREAS, CUGR's activities include identifying core faculty committed to engaging undergraduate students in research and fostering dialogue among faculty and students about the benefits of undergraduate research, such as improved pedagogical effectiveness, enhanced student learning outcomes, increased research productivity, expanded access to external funding, stronger research program sustainability, and greater engagement with students, colleagues, and the community; and

WHEREAS, The goals of CUGR include developing a system to link faculty and undergraduate students in research activities, coordinating campus wide student symposia and seminars, identifying resources to support faculty and undergraduate research, and celebrating the achievements of faculty and student collaborative research; and

WHEREAS, The work of CUGR supports the mission of CSUSM to have "students work closely with a faculty of active scholars and artists whose commitment to sustained excellence in teaching, research, and community partnership enhances student learning;" and

WHEREAS, The Academic Senate at CSUSM recognizes that faculty members' scholarship and research activities are the foundations for enabling students' experience of and excitement about academic research; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Academic Senate at CSUSM supports the work of CUGR in advocating opportunities for students and faculty to engage in research and creative activities; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Academic Senate at CSUSM encourages the university to support faculty members in their research and creative activities; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Academic Senate at CSUSM will forward a copy of this resolution to the University President, the Provost and Vice President of Academic Affairs, the Vice President for Student Affairs, and College/School/Library/SSP-AR Deans.