



*Committee for Undergraduate Research (CUGR)*

MINUTES

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**Attendees:**

Jane Kim (Chair), Charles De Leone, Deanna Schmidt, Deborah Fearheller, Dennis Kolosov, Elinne Becket, Erika Diaz, Kang Du, Karen Tinajero, Leila Abrous, Michael McDuffie, Sheila Van Metre, Robert Iafe, Yu Zhang,

1. **Welcome!** *Chair Jane Kim called the meeting to order at 12:05 pm*
2. **Approval of the Minutes**
  - a. Kim asked if everyone had a chance to review the February 1, 2024, CUGR minutes. *Minutes were approved as distributed.*
3. **Approval of the Agenda**
  - a. Kim asked if everyone had a chance to review the agenda. *Agenda reviewed by committee and approved as distributed.*
4. **Announcements**
  - o Research seminar series on climate and sustainability (Kellogg 1111, 12-12:50pm, lunch served)
    - April 9: Shannon Swanson, California Kelp Forests
    - <https://www.csusm.edu/research/grants/events/seminarseries.html>
  - o Grad Slam – competition with cash prizes for students to share research in 3-minute oral presentation
    - Friday, April 5, 5-8pm in MARK 125 (register by March 25)
    - <https://www.csusm.edu/gradstudies/newsevents/gradslam/gradslam.html>
  - o Student Poster Showcase approved for 12/3/2024
  - o Research Café
    - April 4, 9.30-11.30am, Faculty Center Patio, [RSVP](#)
5. **Student Poster Showcase**

Reservations have been made for the Student Poster Showcase, and Kerri Mowen award to be held in the USU again on **December 3, 2024**.
6. **Kerri Mowen Excellence in Faculty Mentoring Award Call**

The subcommittee that includes Schmidt, Becket, Kim, met and reported on progress with the creation of a scoring rubric and revising the submission call. CUGR Committee members have been asked to review the documents found on CUGR Teams and provide comments before the next meeting.
7. **Sigma Xi at CSUSM update**

Iafe provided update about establishing a chapter of this Scientific Research Honor Society at CSUSM. Immediate next step is to get ten Sigma Xi members (Iafe, De Leone, Read, Kim, Du, Schmidt, Kolosov, Diaz-Almeyda, Panahi, Jameson, Jayasinghe).
8. **Adjournment.**
  - a. *The meeting adjourned by acclamation at 12:55 pm.*

**Next Meeting:**

The next CUGR meeting is scheduled for April 18, 2024, from 12:00 – 1:00 pm. The in-person portion of this meeting will be held in ADM 2302.