



California State University
SAN MARCOS

Committee for Undergraduate Research (CUGR)

MINUTES

March 16, 2023 — 12:00–1:00 PM

Location: KEL 3010 and <https://csusm.zoom.us/j/89424752487>

Attendees:

In Person: Kimberly Vanderbilt (Chair), Charles De Leone, Robert Iafe, Sheila Van Metre

Remote: Michael McDuffie, Matt Schubert, Deanna Schmidt, Dennis Kolosov, Elinne Becket

1. Welcome!
2. Approval of the Minutes
 - a. A motion was made and seconded (McDuffie / Schubert) to approve the February 16, 2023 CUGR Meeting Minutes as distributed. Motion carried.
3. Approval of the Agenda
 - a. Agenda reviewed by committee.
4. Announcements
 - a. April 14 Applications due for the CSUSM Library Award - [Link](#)
 - b. March 20 Graduate Dean’s Award - [Link](#)
 - c. March 31 Call for CUGR Chair/Fellow - [Link](#)
 - d. March 31 Call for Abstract – 9th Annual Psychology Research Conference - [Link](#)
 - e. IP&A 2023 High Impact Practices (HIPs) [Student Survey](#)
 - f. CUGR Website page updates – [Link](#)
5. Symposium on Student Research and Creative Activities - [Link](#)
 - a. The event took place on March 3, 2023. Finalist that will be moving on to Statewide competition listed below.

First Name	Last Name	Faculty Mentors
Jasmine	O'Hara	Christina Simokat & Elizabeth Ferguson
Jocelyne	Dates	Dennis Kolosov
Mason	Laurin	Diego Sustaita
Cristina	Velasquez	Julie Jameson
Minjung (Michelle)	Kang	André Kündgen
Karissa	Tran	Kim Pulvers
Marielle	Castaneda	Nancy Caine

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Nicolas	Morales	Eric Leas - USCD
Leah	Coe	Todd Astorino
Jaeden	Flury	Elinne Becket
Jessica	Keatly	Christina Simokat & Elizabeth Ferguson
Jake	Coast	Julie Jameson

b. Award

- Distribution is in progress for 2023.
- Dean De Leone presented an increase to \$500 per finalist for 2024 Symposium to align with other campuses and inflation. A motion was made (*lafe*) and unanimously supported.

c. Statewide Competition

- Dates: April 28 – 29 – all are welcome to attend but must [register](#).
- Student registration and travel in progress – event debrief will be postponed until completion of all components.
- SDSU is looking for moderators and judges for all sessions - [Link](#)

6. New CUGR Chair Selection

- Vanderbilt has distributed call to colleges and posted in CSUSM weekly email update, flyers presented to in-person participants for distribution, request for all to share with colleagues - [Link](#)
- Selection Committee members requested.
 - Volunteers: Becket, Kolosov, lafe, Schmidt

7. Funding opportunities document of grant/award opportunities for students, faculty supporting URSCA

- Vanderbilt is continuing to collect information with the goal of sharing it as a resource.

8. Tracking Undergraduate Research

- lafe provided insight to progress barrier.
- The committee discussed alternative options and revitalized commitment towards progress.

9. New Student Award

- Vanderbilt reported on the meeting with Financial Aid (FA).
- One-time award scholarship to enrolled students will not impact their financial aid.
- Kolosov identified two colleges interested in financially supporting this award during the pilot stage.
- Chair will reach out to members of subcommittee and opened for additional volunteers (*McDuffie volunteered*).

10. Space disruption Issues

- Kolosov is working with CSTEM and requested volunteers from other colleges.
- Vanderbilt to reach out to Brianna Madson, FDM Work Control Analyst.

11. Open Discussion

- Student Travel Submission – McDuffie and Van Metre worked together to review current student research awards and identified five related to topics in palliative care. This allowed a transfer of funds for the five identified and the

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ability to support additional students.

- b. Dean De Leone reported on a CUREs (Course-based undergraduate research experience) which is associated with the HSI STEM grant.
 - CUGR to invite Matthew Escobar to the April meeting to share more about the project and discuss participation in the Student Poster Showcase.

Adjournment

Chair Vanderbilt asked if there was any other business good for the order. *No other business being offered, Vanderbilt declared the meeting adjourned at 12:51 pm.*

Thank you all for being active members of CUGR and for offering your time and efforts to support undergraduate research and creative activity at CSUSM!

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