



California State University
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Committee for Undergraduate Research (CUGR)
MINUTES

April 20, 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, Dennis Kolosov, Elinne Becket, Jane Kim, Matt Escobar, Michael McDuffie, Robert Iafe, Sheila Van Metre

Remote: Deanna Schmidt, Jerry Limberg, Matt Schubert, Sabrina Liu, Teru Toyokawa, Virginia Velati Tirona

1. Welcome!
2. Approval of the Minutes
 - a. Vanderbilt asked if everyone had a chance to review the March 16, 2023 CUGR minutes and called for correction. A motion was made and seconded (Becket / Kolosov) to approve the minutes as distributed. Motion carried.
3. Approval of the Agenda
 - a. Agenda reviewed by committee.
4. Announcements
 - a. April 28th Call for Judges and moderators at state-level research competition at SDSU - [Link](#)
 - ☐ CSUSM will be hosting the statewide research competition in April 2027
 - b. May 5th Annual Psychology Research Conference - [Link](#)
 - c. May 5th CSUSM Grad Slam winners will participate in the [CSU Wide Grad Slam](#)
 - ☐ Serena Farrell (Undergraduate Winner)
 - ☐ Natalie Medico (People's Choice Winner)
 - ☐ Elisha Rainwaters (Non-STEM Winner)
 - ☐ Jocelyne Dates (STEM Winner)
5. New CUGR Chair Selection
 - a. The selection committee met and reviewed all applicants. Dr. Jane Kim was announced as the next Undergraduate Research Faculty Fellow. This position will be held from the Summer of 2023 – Summer 2025
6. CURES (Course-based Undergraduate Research Experience) in Biology Courses
 - a. Vanderbilt introduced Dr. Matt Escobar. Escobar presented his work with CUREs, information about other CURE programs, and a faculty learning community (FLC) at CSUSM. Escobar emphasized an intricate part of CUREs is allowing students to explore research that is relevant and of value outside the classroom. Part of this relevance is the opportunity to share research results with a broader community. CURE students are encouraged to share research at the Fall Student Poster Showcase hosted by CUGR. Kolosov suggested [The Cougar Journal of Undergraduate Research](#) may be an area for students to share research as well.

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7. LAEP (Learning Alignment Employment Program)

- a. De Leone reported the Learning Alignment Employment Program (LAEP) is a state-funded, research-based program that offers eligible students the opportunity to earn money to help pay their educational costs while gaining career-related experience in their field of study. This opportunity will be across campus and no discipline excluded. Faculty will be required to prepare a position proposal that describes what this position will look like, and which will go through a review process. Van Metre reported the building blocks of this program are being developed with the combined work of the Financial Aid, Career Center, and Human Resources departments. De Leone reported a small group of McNair students are piloting the program this semester. Full rollout is planned this summer for Fall participation.

8. 24/7 Research Spaces

- a. Kolosov reported CSTEM is in the final stages of identifying research centers that function as 24/7. Other colleges that would like to be included must provide details no later than the May CUGR meeting. Kolosov will share the list template with Vanderbilt to be distributed with CUGR members. Kolosov reminded members that the list will be presented to Provost Kemnitz and VP Wyden before summer break to prevent disruption.

9. In the interest of time, the following agenda items were tabled.

- a. Jumpstart on Fall events/ awards planning
- b. CUGR Participation in NFI
- c. New Student Award
- d. Tracking Undergraduate Research

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 12:57 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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