



California State University SAN MARCOS

Committee for Undergraduate Research (CUGR)

MINUTES

March 06, 2025 · Administration Building 2302 · <https://csusm.zoom.us/j/82869404191>

Attendees:

Jane Kim (Chair), Alison Kreisler, Brandon Moore, Deanna Schmidt, Elinne Becket, Erika Díaz, Ezequiel Vidal, Jimmy Kezos, Kaitlyn Woltz, Kang Du, Kimmie Vanderbilt, Michael McDuffie, Nahid Majd, Osmar Pinto Neto, Robert lafe, Sheila Van Metre, Yu Zhang

1. **Welcome!** Chair Jane Kim called the meeting to order at 12:02 pm
2. **Approval of the Agenda**
 - a. Kim reviewed the agenda with the committee. *Agenda reviewed by committee and approved as distributed.*
3. **Approval of the Minutes**
 - ☐ Kim asked if everyone had a chance to review the January 30, 2025, CUGR minutes. *Minutes were approved as distributed.*
4. **Event Announcements**
 - ☐ [Application for CUGR Faculty Fellow](#)
 - ☐ Serves from Summer 2025 to Spring 2027
 - ☐ Deadline for Applications: March 21, 2025
 - ☐ Subcommittee volunteers: lafe, Kim, Moore, Vanderbilt
 - ☐ [West Coast Biological Sciences Undergraduate Research Conference](#) – WCBSURC
 - ☐ Saturday, April 12, 2025
 - ☐ Volunteer form: <https://forms.office.com/r/8N8yMrf6nt>
 - ☐ The Chancellor's Office has increased central funding for the Electronic Core Collection (ECC), which will facilitate the addition of Springer Nature and Sage packages to the ECC. These were two of the "big three" databases [slated for local cancellation](#) effective January 1, 2026 – this eliminates the need to cancel or locally fund these resources.
 - ☐ Stand Up for Science Rally on UC San Diego campus
 - ☐ Friday, March 7, noon-1pm at UC San Diego Geisel Library / Silent Tree
 - ☐ Federal funding meetings at CSUSM
 - ☐ Thursday, March 6, 1-2 PM, University Hall 237
 - ☐ Monday, March 10, 12-1 PM, ADM 2302
 - ☐ NIH SuRE Grantsmanship Bootcamp
 - ☐ See [PDF on Teams](#)
5. [CSUSM Symposium on Student Research, Creative Activities, and Innovation](#)
 - ☐ Committee discussed what worked and areas for improvement, including a CUGR subcommittee.
 - ☐ The 2026 Symposium will be held on February 27, 2026.
 - ☐ Van Metre reported on the cost for the event, including finalist travel to Cal Poly Humboldt
6. **Sigma Xi Chapter Instillation**
 - ☐ lafe reminded the committee Sigma Xi honors society recognizes students that have presented research in

various capacities and has no GPA requirement. The Society provides opportunities for funding and professional development to students. A full charter Initiation ceremony on our campus will be held on **Tuesday, March 25 at 4 pm.**

- ☐ lafe and Kim reported on the agenda, importance of the instillation program, and need for a Chapter President, Secretary, and mechanics for nomination.
- ☐ Founding members include Robert lafe, Charles De Leone, Betsy Read, Jane Kim, Kang Du, Deanna Schmidt, Dennis Kolosov, Erika Diaz Almeyda, Afra Panahi, Julie Jameson, Sajith Jayasinghe, David Barsky.
- ☐ Committee discussed outreach to students in various disciplines that have publicly presented their research.

7. Closing remarks

- ☐ CUGR feedback form <https://forms.office.com/r/eKXTk7eazx>

8. Adjournment

- ☐ *The meeting adjourned by acclamation at 12:38 pm.*

Next Meeting: April 10, 2025