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Committee for Undergraduate Research (CUGR)

MINUTES

April 10, 2025 · Administration Building 2302 · <https://csusm.zoom.us/j/82869404191>

Attendees:

Jane Kim (Chair), Charles De Leone, Deanna Schmidt, Elinne Becket, Jimmy Kezos, Kaitlyn Woltz, Kang Du, Leila Abrous, Michael McDuffie, Nahid Majd, Osmar Pinto Neto, Robert Iafe, Sergio Nigenda Morales, Sheila Van Metre, 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 March 6, 2025, CUGR minutes. *Minutes were approved as distributed*
3. **Approval of the Agenda**
 - a. Kim reviewed the agenda with the committee. *Agenda reviewed by committee and approved as distributed*
4. **Announcements & Events**
 - a. CUGR Faculty Fellow Selection Committee
 - i. Announced 2025-2027 fellow: **Deanna Schmidt**
 - b. 2025 Goldwater Scholar
 - i. Nationwide winner: **Marisa Mendoza** (Mentor: Elinne Becket)
 - c. Federal funding Office Hours
 - i. Ongoing on Mondays in ADM 2302 over the spring term from 12-1 pm
 - d. CSUSM Symposium
 - i. Ten delegates will compete at the CSU Student Research Competition at Cal Poly Humboldt, April 25-26, 2025
5. **Sigma Xi Chapter**
 - a. Installation Ceremony
 - i. Took place on Tuesday, March 25, 2025
 - b. Founding members
 - i. Afra Panahi, Betsy Read, Charles De Leone, David Barsky, Deanna Schmidt, Dennis Kolosov, Erika Diaz Almeyda, Jane Kim (Chapter Secretary), Kang Du, Julie Jameson, Robert Iafe (Chapter President), Sajith Jayasinghe
 - c. Website:
 - i. CUGR Sigma Xi <https://www.csusm.edu/research/student/sigmaxi/sigmaxi.html>
 - d. Student Membership
 - i. Nominations, requirements, and fees were discussed
 - e. Nomination Ceremony
 - i. Dean Trischman proposed hosting a large Sigma Xi nomination ceremony in

collaboration with the CSTEM Celebration of Excellence

6. Subcommittees and Initiatives for the next academic year

- a. Poster Showcase and Symposium Consulting Group
- b. CUGR Student Excellence Award (Abrous, Kim, Moore, Schmidt, Woltz, Zhang,)
- c. Goldwater Mentoring (Iafe, Kolosov, Vanderbilt)
- d. Sigma Xi (Iafe, Vanderbilt)

7. Open Discussion

- a. Committee discussed topic of focus for the 2025-2026 Academic year

8. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned by acclamation at 12:53 pm.

Next Meeting: May 8, 2025