



California State University SAN MARCOS

Committee for Undergraduate Research (CUGR)

MINUTES

April 16, 2026 · 12:00–1:00 PM · Administration Building 2302 · <https://csusm.zoom.us/j/82869404191>

Attendees: Charles De Leone, Deanna Schmidt, Elinne Becket, Erika Diaz, Ezequiel Vidal, Jane Kim, Kang Du, Kaitlyn Woltz, Lucy HG Solomon, Osmar Pinto Neto, Robert lafe, Sergio Nigenda Morales

Call to order

Chair Deanna Schmidt called the meeting to order at 12:03 pm

Approval of the Agenda

Schmidt invited members to propose changes to the agenda. No additions or corrections were raised. The agenda was accepted as distributed.

Approval of the Minutes

Minutes from the March 19, 2026 CUGR meeting were presented for approval. With no amendments, the minutes were approved as distributed.

Announcements & Events

- The next [Research Seminar Series](#) is scheduled for May 5, 2026 - ACD 102: Devan Romero. Exploring Environmental Determinants of Health Through Culture, Context, and Global Learning in Italy.

Logo for 2027 CSU State Research Competition

- Winner is [Back to Basics](#) by Olivia Watson.
- Schmidt and Kim met with Communications (Giselle Luevanos, Marcus Torres) and received input regarding logo (e.g. SRC Presented by Cal State San Marcos).
- Will meet with Ghazal Foroutan and Olivia Watson April 16, 2026, to edit design (e.g. incorporate CSUSM blue colors)

2027 Statewide Student Research Competition

- Deanna Schmidt and Denise Garcia will attend 2026 SRC at SJSU with 11 CSUSM delegates.
- Planning for the 2027 CSU Statewide Research Competition will continue at the Tuesday, May 5th 3pm meeting.
- Elinne Becket wrote [Instructionally Related Activities](#) application to fund 20 student ambassadors for CSUSM symposium and SRC, hospitality for training meetings.
 - CUGR discussed application [ira_proposal_CSUResearchSymposium_2026-2027.docx](#)
 - Kezos and Becket will work on student hiring process, if IRA is funded.
- Schmidt and Woltz will meet with Jay Rees to make 2027 website live by end of semester.

Giving Day Funds

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- CUGR has ~\$3K from Giving Day funds to award to students.
- Jane Kim presented draft of award. Need to finalize timeline, being mindful of faculty workload for evaluating applications. Number and dollar amount of awards to be finalized.
 - [CUGR Giving Day Award.docx](#)

Sigma Xi update

- Jimmy Kezos will serve as CSUSM Sigma Xi chapter president.
- Nomination process will be described online.
 - <https://www.csusm.edu/research/student/sigmaxi/sigmaximembership.html>

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned by acclamation at 1:02 pm

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