California State University SAN MARCOS

Committee for Undergraduate Research (CUGR)

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September 12, 2024 · Administration Building 2302 · https://csusm.zoom.us/j/82869404191

Attendees:
Jane Kim (Chair), Robert Iafe, Kimmie Vanderbilt, Sergio Nigenda Morales, James Kezos, Matt Schubert, Kaitlyn Woltz, Deanna Schmidt, Nahid Ebrahimi Majd

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 May 16, 2024, CUGR minutes. *Minutes were approved as distributed.*

3. **Approval of the Agenda**
   a. Kim asked if everyone had a chance to review the agenda. *Agenda reviewed by committee and approved as distributed.*

4. **Introductions**
   a. Welcome new attendees: Sergio Nigenda Morales, James Kezos, Kaitlyn Woltz!
   b. Chuck sends his regrets. He is at a CSU research officers meeting.
   c. Review of Teams site and availability of resources (agendas, minutes, sample research agreements, data management plans)

5. **Announcements**
   a. Fall opportunities for students to present their work:
      - CSUSM Student Poster Showcase
        - Tue, Dec 3, 12-1pm, USU Ballroom
        - Application deadline Mon, Nov 18, 5pm
      - Southern California Conference for Undergraduate Research SCCUR
        - Sat, Nov 23, 2024, Online registration $85/person
        - Abstract final deadline, Sun, Sept 22, 2024
        - Let Jane know if you have students participating – may coordinate rides. CTREE has a 12 passenger van available, but we would need a driver.
   b. Kerri Mowen Excellence in Faculty Mentoring Award
      - Nominations due Mon, Oct 28 by 5pm
      - Nominee dossier of CV and written statement due Mon, Nov 4 by 5pm
      - Winner(s) announced at CSUSM Student Poster Showcase, Tue, Dec 3
      - Selection committee: Jane, Alex Huynh (past winner), Deanna Schmidt, Robert Iafe

6. **Subcommittee Updates**
   a. LAEP: Learning Aligned Employment Program is gone (CA budget casualty)
   b. Sigma Xi nomination committee: Robert Iafe, Kang Du, Dennis Kolosov
      - CSUSM chapter application was submitted in May. Iafe will follow up about next steps.
   c. Barry Goldwater Scholarship mentoring committee: Robert Iafe, Dennis Kolosov, Kimmie Vanderbilt

- This group will help advertise the opportunity to students, narrow down 5 CSUSM submissions, and mentor students through the application process.
- No social behavioral work. Neuroscience research is supported "neuropsychology, quantitative psychology, computational psychology, psycholinguistics, among others."
- Economics is not an eligible discipline. https://goldwaterscholarship.gov/faqs-3/

7. **CUGR Student Excellence Award Endowment (Jane)**
    - See document on Teams: CUGR_Endowment.docx
    - Endowment was established in Summer 2024, and we have $1085.38 to award this year.
    - Two awards: one for undergraduate, one for any student (undergraduate, post-baccalaureate, or graduate students)
    - Discussion of including "outputs" as evidence of excellence (i.e. publications, conference proceedings)
    - Do we include faculty/mentor evaluation? While letter of recommendation may be a barrier, a short survey/ranking may be useful.
    - Provide option for students who can't attend the Student Poster Showcase (present beforehand?)
    - Jane, Kaitlyn, and Kimmie will help establish the selection process and criteria for this year.

8. **CUGR Priorities for AY24/25 (Jane)**
   Feedback form https://forms.office.com/r/eKXTk7eazx is available to provide feedback at anytime.

9. **Adjournment.**
    a. *Kim thanked everyone for attending. The meeting adjourned by acclamation at 12:55 pm.*

Next Meeting:
The next CUGR meeting is scheduled for October 10, 2024, from 12:00 – 1:00 pm. The in-person portion of this meeting will be held in Administration Building 2302.