

MOTION FOR THE UNIVERSITY SENATE

University Senate Committee: Executive Committee

Brief History of Issue - why the issue is being considered:

UWEC has applied to host the 2022 National Conference for Undergraduate Research and is now a finalist. The steering committee has determined that a formal resolution supporting the application would be helpful

Points Discussed by Committee:

- This would take place during the first week in April of 2022
- We are currently a finalist to host with University of West Florida as the other option
- A formal resolution would support this as they are looking for campus support plus we have the Pablo Center and community buy in
- NCUR will have about 5000 people attend
- It is an annual conference
- Transportation challenges have already been solved

Pros of Recommendation:

- Please see the resolution text.

Cons of Recommendation:

- We may need to repurpose or redirect our classrooms for two days

Technology/Human Resource Impact:

- None

Committee Recommendation:

Support the resolution

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The University Senate Executive Committee by a vote of 12 for and 0 against on October 2, 2018 recommends the following:

UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-EAU CLAIRE
UNIVERSITY SENATE RESOLUTION
IN SUPPORT OF HOSTING THE
NATIONAL CONFERENCE FOR UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCH (NCUR)
AT UW-EAU CLAIRE IN 2022

WHEREAS, the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire recognizes undergraduate research as one of the highest priorities in its ongoing mission of excellence; and

WHEREAS, the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire has started collaborating with regional two-year colleges to a) increase the awareness of research activities conducted at two-year colleges and b) better prepare students from two-year colleges to transition to four-year colleges; and

WHEREAS, the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire has over a 50-year history of representing an upward trajectory of undergraduate research; and

WHEREAS, the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire was awarded the 2017 Council on Undergraduate Research (CUR) campus-wide Award for Undergraduate Research Accomplishments (AURA); and

WHEREAS, the five Strategic Pillars of the Council on Undergraduate Research are infused throughout the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire undergraduate research; and

WHEREAS, the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire has the logistical ability to host a conference for 5,000 participants; and

WHEREAS, the greater Eau Claire Community has the logistical ability to host the NCUR 2022 conference and is prepared to support the conference; and

WHEREAS, hosting NCUR 2022 would help the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire continue its upward trajectory of undergraduate research; and

WHEREAS, the Pablo Center at the Confluence demonstrates strong university support from a very arts-focused community; and

WHEREAS, the unique spaces at the Pablo Center and throughout the main campus will inspire creative submissions by NCUR participants, thereby helping NCUR continue to innovate; and

WHEREAS, the innovation inspired by UW-Eau Claire and technologies will help project NCUR to the next level;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the University Senate fully and heartily endorses and supports hosting the National Conference for Undergraduate Research in 2022; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the University Senate will additionally work towards supporting the UW-Eau Claire in its efforts to plan for a successful and effective NCUR 2022 conference; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that upon passage, a copy of this resolution be sent to Dr. James Schmidt, Chancellor; Dr. Patricia Kleine, Provost/Vice Chancellor; Dr. Michael Carney, Associate Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs; Dr. Joseph Abhold, Dean of Students; Dr. Evan Weiher, Chair, University Senate; and the Members of the National Conference for Undergraduate Research (NCUR) Oversight Committee.

Implementation Date: Immediate