

## **MOTION FOR THE UNIVERSITY SENATE**

**University Senate Committee:** Executive

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

UWEC has applied to host the 2023 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:**

- 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
- Student Senate passed a resolution and presented it to the NCUR team
- We have committed \$50,000 to support this, UW System also committed to \$50,000 and we have a \$25,000 grant
  - We also plan to seek sponsorships
  - Expect to break even

**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 13 for and 0 against on October 1, 2019 recommends the following:

# Resolution in Favor of Hosting the NCUR-2023

## UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-EAU CLAIRE

### UNIVERSITY SENATE RESOLUTION

#### IN SUPPORT OF HOSTING THE

#### NATIONAL CONFERENCE FOR UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCH (NCUR)

#### AT UW-EAU CLAIRE IN 2023

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 2023 conference and is prepared to support the conference; and

WHEREAS, hosting NCUR 2023 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 2023; 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 2023 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. Evan Weiher, Chair, University Senate; and the Members of the National Conference for Undergraduate Research (NCUR) Oversight Committee.

**Implementation Date:** Immediate

**Signed:** \_\_\_\_\_

Chair of the Committee