

Academic Senate of
California State University, Long Beach

**RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF HOSTING THE
NATIONAL CONFERENCE ON UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCH 2021**

Be it **RESOLVED** that the Academic Senate of CSULB supports the University's application to host the National Conference on Undergraduate Research (NCUR) during spring break 2021 (Thursday, April 1, 2021-Saturday, April 3, 2021).

Furthermore, in the event that NCUR 2021 is indeed hosted at CSULB, be it

RESOLVED that the Academic Senate of CSULB encourage faculty from all disciplines to engage undergraduate students in research projects and subsequently encourage those students to submit proposals to present their findings at NCUR 2021;

RESOLVED that the Academic Senate of CSULB encourage faculty from all disciplines to contribute to NCUR 2021 by reviewing submission for the conference (in cooperation with faculty from five other local CSUs—CSU Fullerton, CSU Los Angeles, CSU Northridge, Cal Poly Pomona, and CSU Dominguez Hills);

RESOLVED that the Academic Senate of CSULB encourage faculty from all disciplines to contribute to NCUR 2021 by facilitating sessions during the conference (in cooperation with faculty from five other local CSUs—CSU Fullerton, CSU Los Angeles, CSU Northridge, Cal Poly Pomona, and CSU Dominguez Hills); and

RESOLVED that the Academic Senate of CSULB participate in an Advisory Board for NCUR 2021 set up approximately a year in advance of the conference.

***RATIONALE:** The National Conference on Undergraduate Research is a prestigious national conference that has not been hosted in California since 1992. Most recently hosted by the University of Memphis (2017) and the University of North Carolina Asheville (2016), the conference offers about 1,500 presentations in a variety of disciplines (including performing arts and visual arts presentations) by about 3,500-4,000 participants. The presentations and panels are reviewed and selected by academics, i.e., they are peer-reviewed.*

NCUR 2021 would thus expose CSULB students to peer-reviewed undergraduate research. Students would have opportunities to listen to their peers' research and to participate themselves in a national conference on their home turf. Furthermore, hosting NCUR 2021 would encourage faculty on CSULB campus to engage undergraduate students in research, a recognized high-impact educational practice. In hosting NCUR 2021, CSULB would push to define "research" inclusively along the lines of CSULB's Research, Scholarly, and Creative Activities (RSCA) to include as many students and disciplines as possible.

In addition, hosting NCUR would only cost the campus \$50,000 in cost match (apart from in-kind contributions) since all activities and a full-time event planner would be financed through conference registrations fees and other conference-related activities.