



THE FLORIDA STATE UNIVERSITY
STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

76th STUDENT SENATE Senate Resolution

Resolution #: 25

Primary Sponsor(s): Windlan

Co-Sponsor(s): Ahuja, Barresi, Carr, Castellanos, Chinn, Emokidi, García, Grant, Hine, McEnery, Olsen-Galvan, Rodriguez, Smith, Vargheese

Date: 2/13/24

Whereas: According to U.S. News & World Report, studies show that students who participate in undergraduate research, regardless of specialty, earn better grades, are more likely to graduate and are better equipped for graduate school or careers; and

Whereas: Florida State University's Center for Undergraduate Research and Academic Engagement (CRE) helps over 25% of the student body conduct research before their graduation, helping FSU to stand out as a major national research university; and

Whereas: One of the CRE's primary missions is to engage students in groundbreaking undergraduate research by directing programs such as the Undergraduate Research Opportunity Program (UROP), IDEA Grants, and Florida-Georgia Louis Stokes Alliance for Minority Participation (FGLSAMP) that positively impact students' personal and professional experience during their time at FSU; and

Whereas: The Undergraduate Research Opportunity Program (UROP) is an undergraduate research program specifically designed to engage first and second-year undergraduate students with research experiences that often become foundational in students' continued pursuit of undergraduate and post-graduate research opportunities; and

Whereas: The deadline to apply for the Undergraduate Research Opportunity Program (UROP) for the following school year is May 1st, which is often before the end of incoming students' senior year of high school and before the end of first-year students' spring semester; and

Whereas: Student leaders that are a part of programs such as University Ambassadors and The Freshman Class Council have unique contact with incoming and first-year FSU students and could leverage these roles to educate these students about the immense value of gaining research experience as an undergraduate.

Be it resolved by the Seventy-Sixth Student Senate at Florida State University that: All student leaders actively participate in raising awareness and educating their peers about the many programs the Center for Undergraduate Research and Academic Engagement (CRE) offers to students, including the Undergraduate Research Opportunity Program (UROP), IDEA Grants, Florida-Georgia Louis Stokes Alliance for Minority Participation (FGLSAMP), and more.

Be it further resolved that: Student leaders that are part of organizations that directly interact with incoming first and second-year students, such as University Ambassadors and The Freshman Class Council, work to educate these students on the personal and professional benefits they can gain through participation in the Undergraduate Research Opportunity

Program (UROP) and help to inform these students of the deadline to apply for this valuable program.

Be it further resolved that: A copy of this resolution be sent to:
Dr. Richard McCullough, President of Florida State University
Dr. Amy Hecht, Vice President of Student Affairs
Dr. Zduy Chu, Associate Vice President for Student Affairs
Dr. Brandon Bowden, Associate Vice President of Student Affairs
Jack Hitchcock, Student Body President, FSU Trustee
Dr. Felicia Williams, Director of Student Engagement
Andy Johnson, Program Director, Student Governance and Advocacy
Alicia Batailles, Senior Associate Director, Center for Undergraduate Research and Academic Engagement, Oversees the Undergraduate Research Opportunity Program
Samantha Buxbaum, Admissions Counselor, Oversees University Ambassadors Program
Megan Olivero, President, Freshman Class Council
Lilly Mae Stewart, Vice President, Freshman Class Council
Joseph Cofer, President, 76th Student Senate
Jason Gorelick, Pro Tempore, 76th Student Senate

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SENATE VOTE: Unanimous Consent
PASSED: February 21, 2024