

**University Faculty Senate
168th Plenary
SUNY Environmental Science and Forestry
October 25, 2014**

Resolution in support of expanding SUNY undergraduate research and creative endeavors

Whereas undergraduate education, basic research, and applied research are fundamental components of SUNY's mission statement; and

Whereas undergraduate research is understood in the broadest sense to mean hands-on, applied learning and creative endeavor in laboratories, studios, performance venues, and field sites; and

Whereas the Chancellor, in her 2014 State of the University address stated, "Our goal is that every SUNY student has an applied learning experience by graduation;" and

Whereas applied learning experiences such as undergraduate research opportunities increase student persistence toward degree completion, particularly in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics; and

Whereas the Research Foundation for SUNY has dedicated funding for summer undergraduate research opportunities as well as education and outreach funding for the Networks of Excellence; therefore

Be it resolved that the University Faculty Senate supports the goal of expanding research opportunities for undergraduate students; and

Be it resolved that the University Faculty Senate supports our colleagues in their efforts to strengthen curricula that prepare students for undergraduate research; and

Be it resolved that the University Faculty Senate supports our colleagues in their efforts to further develop creative ways to infuse undergraduate research into existing curricula, and where appropriate, to provide extracurricular research opportunities; and

Be it resolved that the University Faculty Senate encourages SUNY and campus administration to provide greater resources (funding, time, space, credit), to our colleagues who regularly inspire, educate, and mentor undergraduate researchers.

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Passed without dissent**