

# R46-14

## Resolution in Support of Undergraduate Research and SURCA (2-1-2017)

**Associated Students of  
Washington State University**  
*Forty-Sixth Senate*

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**WHEREAS**, the Showcase for Undergraduate Research and Creative Activities (SURCA) is the only WSU-wide event featuring faculty-mentored research, scholarship, and creative activities of undergraduates from all majors, grades, and campuses; and

**WHEREAS**, the first goal within the WSU strategic plan is to “increase productivity in research, innovation, and creativity to address the grand challenges and opportunities of the future;” and

**WHEREAS**, one of the sub-goals of the WSU strategic plan under the category of Transformative Student Experience is to “provide a university experience centered on student engagement, development, and success, which prepares graduates to lead and excel in a diverse United States and global society;” and

**WHEREAS**, the second point in the mission of Washington State University (WSU) is to “extend knowledge through innovative educational programs in which students and emerging scholars are mentored to realize their highest potential and assume roles of leadership, responsibility, and service to society;” and

**WHEREAS**, the third point in WSU’s values section states “we are committed to the pursuit of inquiry and discovery and to the creation and dissemination of knowledge;” and

**WHEREAS**, participating in SURCA “makes an original intellectual or creative contribution to a discipline”; and

**WHEREAS**, SURCA 2016 was the largest attended event in SURCA history with over about 235 students presenting; and

**WHEREAS**, 57 of the students who presented received \$10,900 in prize money; and

**WHEREAS**, this year’s SURCA abstracts will be due on Tuesday, February 21, 2017 in order to participate in SURCA 2017 that takes place on Monday, March 27; and

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, ASWSU express their wholehearted support for undergraduates to participate in undergraduate mentored research, explore diverse academic opportunities, and to participate in SURCA 2017 programs; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, upon passage this resolution be sent to WSU President Kirk Schulz, WSU Provost Daniel Bernardo, WSU Vice President for Academic Outreach and Innovation David Cillay, WSU Vice President of Research Christopher Keane, WSU Vice Provost for Academic Affairs Erica Austin, WSU Vice Provost for Undergraduate Education Mary Wack, Dean of the Graduate School Bill Andrefsky, Interim Dean of the Voiland College of Engineering and Architecture Don Bender, Dean of the College of Nursing Joyce Griffin-Sobel, Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences Daryll DeWorld, Dean of the College of Business Larry (Chip) Hunter, Dean of the College of Agricultural, Human, and Natural Resource Sciences Ron Mittelhammer, Dean of the University Honors College M. Grant Norton, Interim Dean of the Murrow College of Communication Bruce Pinkleton, Dean of the College of Pharmacy Gary Pollack, Dean of the Elson S. Floyd College of Medicine John Tomkowiak, Dean of the College of Veterinary Medicine Bryan Slinker, Dean of the College of Education Michael Trevisan, Dean of the Libraries Jay Starratt, Faculty Senate Chair A.G. Rud, ASWSU President Taylor Christenson, and ASWSU Director of University Affairs Colleen McMahon.