

Should there be an Annual, SUNY – Wide Undergraduate Research Conference?

The Faculty Senate Undergraduate Committee is requesting feedback to assist our deliberations on whether there should be an annual, SUNY-wide undergraduate research conference. We are considering a very broad definition of research so that the conference would be inclusive and we would very much appreciate learning about your views of the following issues:

1. Does your campus currently have an opportunity for undergraduate students to present their research results?
 - a. yes
 - b. no

2. If your campus does have an opportunity for undergraduate students to present their research results, how would you rate the success of this effort?
 - a. definite success
 - b. moderate success
 - c. not a success or a failure
 - d. moderate failure
 - e. definite failure

3. How much interest do you anticipate that undergraduates from your campus would have in participating in a SUNY-wide undergraduate research conference?
 - a. a great deal of interest
 - b. moderate interest
 - c. very little interest
 - d. no interest

4. Would funding be available at your campus to support student participation in a SUNY-wide undergraduate research conference?
 - a. definitely
 - b. perhaps
 - c. unlikely
 - d. definitely not

5. If a SUNY-wide undergraduate research conference were to be held, what would be the optimal time for it to be held?
 - a. November
 - b. December
 - c. March
 - d. April
 - e. May

6. In your opinion, which of the following would undergraduates at your campus be most interested in?
 - a. a poster or visual presentation of their research results
 - b. a brief verbal presentation of their research results
 - c. doesn't matter
 - d. both

7. How important would it be for the conference to have speakers with national/international research reputations?
 - a. critically important
 - b. important, but not critical
 - c. not really important

8. Would students from your campus be willing to travel to participate in a state-wide research conference?
 - a. Yes, but no more than one hour
 - b. Yes, they would travel several hours
 - c. Yes, they would travel up to seven hours
 - d. No, they would only participate if the conference were in our region

Would you please take a few moments to address any issue that was not addressed above?

Thank you for your response. We greatly appreciate your interest and feedback.