

A Resolution to Recommend Changes to the University’s Research Programs

Kurt Shaffer (for himself and Sophie Chang) introduced the following resolution to the Steering Committee, where it passed.

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Whereas The Undergraduate Student Government represents all undergraduate students at The Ohio State University, and

Whereas The Undergraduate Student Government was asked to provide a list of recommendations for changes to The Ohio State University’s research programs, and

Whereas The Undergraduate Research Office (the URO)¹ is the office responsible for handling most research related activities on campus, and

Whereas the URO does not have a large enough presence on campus to reach many students who are currently unaware of research opportunities at The Ohio State University, and

Whereas students who want to do research often find themselves constrained by having to balance classes, non-school related life, and a research position; and

Therefore Let it Be Resolved that the Undergraduate Student Government (USG) at The Ohio State University recommends multiple changes to the University’s approach to research, including setting up more grants and funds to allow for more research, and

Let it Further Be Resolved that USG recommends relocating the URO’s physical office to a more easily accessible and prevalent area of campus, and

Let it Further Be Resolved that USG recommends streamlining and formalizing the process for finding and filling undergraduate research positions, and

Let it Further Be Resolved that USG recommends allowing undergraduate students the option of replacing a General Education class and/or a Major/Minor Elective class with a research position with approval of their academic advisor, and

Let it Further Be Resolved that USG recommends an increase to the funding the URO receives, and

Let it Further Be Resolved USG recommends putting money towards upgrading research facilities to provide the tools needed for researchers to easily work, and

Let it Further Be Resolved USG recommends restructuring the Freshman Survey Classes to include a section specifically about undergraduate research.

¹ <http://undergraduateresearch.osu.edu>

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Let it Further Be Resolved that USG encourages The Ohio State University administration to consider the aforementioned recommendations in the current and upcoming strategic planning processes for university affairs to strengthen the state of our university.

Floor Vote: Passed.

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Date Adopted: 1/25/17

Date Terminated: _____