

[DISCUSSION DRAFT]

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**A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF ALLOCATING THE FUNDS FOR THE
INTERNATIONAL RESEARCH EXPERIENCE FOR UNDERGRADUATES
BASED ON PROGRAM COSTS**

IN THE SENATE OF THE ASSOCIATED STUDENTS

FEBRUARY 5, 2018

SUBMITTED BY SENATOR CAMMIE LEE AND CYNTHIA LEE TO THE COMMITTEE ON ACADEMICS

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Experience for Undergraduates Based on Program Costs**

- 1 *Whereas*, the Undergraduate Research office supports up to 12 students each summer to conduct
2 research in other countries under the mentorship of a faculty member at the host university;
3 *Whereas* the Committee on Academics is responsible for allocating the funds from ASUN to
4 these students;
5 *Whereas*, the University Studies Abroad Consortium (USAC) provides a 40% scholarship to
6 these students researching abroad;
7 *Whereas*, the undergraduate research recipients acquired their award through a selection process
8 determined by the Department of Undergraduate Research;
9 *Whereas*, the International Research Experience for Undergraduates programs have varying
10 costs;
11 *Whereas*, students traveling to more costly destinations require greater financial assistance;

1 *Whereas*, ASUN has a budget of \$10,000 to allocate to these students;

2 *Whereas*, solely considering program cost to determine the amount of funding undergraduates
3 receive will streamline the allocation process;

4 *Whereas*, previous research experience and GPA were already considered during the selection
5 process determined by the Department of Undergraduate Research and therefore should not be
6 factored into determining scholarship distribution;

7 *Whereas*, if the Committee on Academics allocated travel funds based on academic performance,
8 this does not take into consideration course rigor based on the students' selected majors;

9 *Whereas*, the University of Nevada, Reno is a Tier 1 research institution and must fulfill their
10 vision of providing optimal academic research opportunity for undergraduate students;

11 *Whereas*, ASUN is responsible for providing the utmost support for students' undergraduate
12 endeavors;

13 *Whereas*, students who do not receive sufficient funds may not be able to attend the
14 Undergraduate Research Experience awarded to them;

15 *Be it resolved by the Senate of the Associated Students*, the Committee on Academics will allocate funds
16 from ASUN to recipients of the International Research Experience solely on the basis of program
17 costs from here on after;

18 *Be it further resolved that*, a copy of this resolution be sent to Director of Undergraduate Research,
19 Dr. Scott Mensing, Administrative Assistant for the Department of Undergraduate Research,
20 Samantha Harris, USAC Director of University Relations and Communications, Kimberle Tulman,
21 USAC Scholarship/Alumni Coordinator, Moriah Mock, Associate Director of Student Engagement,
22 Dr. James Beattie, Provost Dr. Kevin R. Carmen, and President of the University of Nevada, Reno
23 Marc Johnson.