NCUR 2003
Salt Lake City, UT
NCUR 2004
Indianapolis, IN
NCUR 2005
Lexington, VA
NCUR 2006
Ashville, NC
NCUR 2007
San Francisco, Calif.
NCUR 2008
Salisbury, MD
NCUR 2009
La Crosse, WI
NCUR 2010: Three days in Montana and a new regional footprint for SURSCA

In 2010, the UWRF NCUR effort reached it’s highest point to date, with some 75 students, faculty and administrators attending and 62 students presenting their RSCA. Topics ranged from Tissue Engineering and Stem Cells to Horticulture, English and traditional south east Asian Dance. In addition, SURSCA and the UWRF Grants Office collaborated to organize a regional effort to charter two aircraft from Sun Country Airlines for the transport of approximately 360 students from across the U.S. Midwest. This effort’s estimated to have saved our campus about $32,000 in travel costs and collectively the 8 participating campuses save about $153,000. Plans call for a repeat of this very successful/regional collaboration again in 2011.

SURSCA and social networking!!!

In a determined effort to increase the organizations outreach activities, SURSCA officers established a Facebook presence for the group in the Fall of 2009. Although still in it’s experimental phase, the page has been effective to post meeting announcements and worked very well to post updates on travel associated with NCUR 2010. Directed efforts will be made in the coming year to more effectively use this tool to communicate with an increasing cadre of interested people.

The Falcon Grants program, a student funded mechanism that drives campus-wide RSCA.

As a result of the early success of SURSCA in fostering NCUR participation, with it’s associated costs, by 2004-05 pressure on campus began to build to find ways to increase funding for these activities. Prior to that point, RSCA funding was a potpourri of different sources from the Provost to Deans and individual departments. The estimated campus-wide total was approximately $36,000 a year. In 2005-06 SURSCA began it’s efforts to secure the funding base for travel to NCUR and other RSCA-related activities. Following a partly successful fund raising effort that year, in 2006-07 the organization finally succeeded in establishing SURSCA as one of three initiatives funded by a new “differential tuition”. This program established a $75,000 fund, administered by the students themselves through a unique peer-review grants program. This program, administered by the SURSCA Grants Committee made-up of students, reviews applications and assigns funding levels for each grant. Since 2007, this program has distributed nearly $200K in support of campus-wide RSCA.

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