Sustaining and Expanding Undergraduate Research at Midwestern State University

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**INSTITUTIONALIZING UNDERGRADUATE FROM THE BOTTOM-UP**

**2011-2012**
- Followed Action Plan Developed at the NSF-funded Workshop on Institutionalizing Undergraduate Research for State Systems and Consortia organized by CUR/COPLAC
  - Faculty Forum: UGROW as a Model for Undergraduate Research in a COPLAC Institution
  - Successful kick-off – Fruitful retreat attended by 40 faculty and administrators
  - Participants identified several desirable outcomes:
    - Institutional support
    - Faculty and student incentives
    - Interdisciplinary collaboration
    - Culture of learning where teaching = research
    - Integration of undergraduate research into the curriculum

**2013-2014**
- Undergraduate Research: the heart of MSU Quality Enhancement Plan (QEP) required by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges (SACSCOC)
- Expansion of Undergraduate Research Initiative
  - Undergraduate Research Opportunities and Workshops (UGROW summer program) expanded
  - Enhancement of Undergraduate Research Endeavors and Creative Activities (EURECA) created
  - Undergraduate Research and Creative Activity Forum established
  - First time in the history of MSU that four undergraduate researchers are presenting project results at NCUR, Lexington, Kentucky

**ADDRESSING CHALLENGES: FUTURE PLANS**

**2014-2015**
- Equating undergraduate research and mentoring to teaching
- Integration of undergraduate research into the curriculum
- Promote participation of all MSU colleges

**2015-2016**
- Host a Regional Undergraduate Research and Creative Activity Forum