

University of Wisconsin Oshkosh Summary of Status for 2014 CUR Summit for Consortia and State Systems

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RECENT

- Development of a brochure about our undergraduate research scholarly and creative activity (URSCA) programs that folds out to serve as a poster for distribution across campus. Examples may be found below.
- Increasing the release time for the chair of the campus URSCA committee from 1/8th to half time to direct a new URSCA office, which will be opening in August 2014.
- Increasing administrative staffing in support of URSCA programs from ~70% to full time as well as hiring a communications specialist.
- Part of the planning for the imminent launch of the UW System URSCA cooperative, "WisCUR." UW Oshkosh will host the WisCUR website.

SUCCESSSES

- Creation of a campus-wide oversight committee for URSCA programs that is embedded in the University governance structure. Termination of this committee requires approval by our faculty senate, staff senate, student senate and the administration.
- Development of a formal review and awarding process for student/faculty collaborative research grants (stipend + small supplies budget to student) and collaborative small research grants (supplies only).
- Convinced the student government to apply a small portion of the differential tuition it controls to fund additional student/faculty collaborative grants.

PAST FEW YEARS

OUTCOMES

These efforts support annual publication of an undergraduate research journal (*Oshkosh Scholar*), 10 – 14 undergraduate student/faculty collaborative awards, 4 – 6 graduate student/faculty collaborative awards, 10 – 15 undergraduate small grant awards, our on-campus Celebration of Scholarship event, and sending students to NCUR, Posters on the Hill, the UW System URSCA conference and Posters in the Rotunda (Wisconsin version of Posters on the Hill).



CHALLENGES

- Coordination of the opening of the new URSCA office, while supporting ongoing programs.
- Development of a website for this new office.
- Having adequate personnel to oversee and coordinate all our URSCA activities.
- Getting volunteers from an increasingly pressed faculty and staff to help as reviewers of grant proposals and *Oshkosh Scholar* submissions, and to help at our Celebration of Scholarship event.
- Finding adequate ongoing funding for student research grants, student travel, the Celebration of Scholarship event and *Oshkosh Scholar*.
- Tracking of URSCA activities on our campus.
- Making sure students, staff and faculty are aware of the URSCA opportunities on our campus.
- Finding a good way to judge presentations at the Celebration of Scholarship event.



SHORT-TERM PLANS

- The official opening of our URSCA office this coming summer.
- Utilizing a significant fraction of the new release time for the URSCA committee chair to coordinate efforts to ask alumni of URSCA activities to support these programs with donations.
- Coordinating visits to departments and campus divisions by members of the URSCA committee to help publicize URSCA opportunities on campus and get feedback on where help is needed.

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