

SENATE ACTION FORM

No. 1258

Subject: Resolution in support of Student Research, Scholarship, and Creative Works

Reference to Senate Minutes dated: 02/26/2024

Senate Action

MOTION: To approve the resolution in support of Student Research, Scholarship, and Creative Works.

VOTE: Approved by unanimous vote

Response requested:

Approval for placement in University Catalog, Undergraduate and Graduate

Approval for placement in University Regulations

Recommendation to Board for placement in Board Policy Manual

X None (sent as information item)

Other action requested/comments:

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Faculty Senate Chair

2/28/2024 Date

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Administrative review of Senate action (unnecessary for information items):

Reviewed by VPAA/Provost. Check if comments are attached.

Reviewed by General Counsel. Check if comments are attached.

Presidential action:

Approve Reject Return to Senate for discussion/modification (comments attached)

President/Designated Administrative Officer

Date

Date of Board approval (if applicable):

PLEASE RETURN SIGNED ORIGINAL AND ATTACHMENT TO THE FACULTY SENATE OFFICE, CARTER HALL 2004, BOX 75.

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Faculty Senate Policy Proposal



Attachment to Senate Action #1258
Approved by the Faculty Senate
February 26, 2024

Subject: Resolution in support of student RSCW

Originator/Date: Tyler Engstrom and Skylar Klocker, for senate discussion on 2/12/2024

Placement(s): None; to be sent as information item to university administration.

Purpose/Rationale: With recent added scrutiny on all university travel, Faculty Senate wants to reaffirm our position that undergraduate and graduate student travel for the purpose of dissemination of research, scholarship, and creative works has *potential career implications* for students and is *essential* for their faculty advisors if the workloads of the latter include professional activity.

Proposed Language:

Research, Scholarship, and Creative Works are essential to the mission of the University of Northern Colorado. The Board Adopted Mission Values states that, "The University strives to be a leading student-centered university that promotes effective teaching, lifelong learning, the advancement of knowledge, research, and a commitment to service." Promoting the "advancement of knowledge" and research is also explicitly cited in the 2030 Rowing Not Drifting strategic plan, wherein it is affirmed that, "Scholarship is an essential part of informed learning occurring in and out of the classroom." As a university that adopts the teacher/scholar model, scholarship is a fundamental component of promoting excellence in teaching and is required to make the university truly Students First.

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