



University of Kentucky

From: Senate Research and Graduate Education Committee
To: University Senate Council, Aaron Cramer, Ph.D., Chair
Date: February 16, 2021
Subject: Reorganization of Office of Undergraduate Research

This memo communicates the Senate Research and Graduate Education Committee's (SRGEC) position on UK's restructuring of the Office of Undergraduate Research.

During the SRGEC meeting on February 10, 2021, the committee voted unanimously to endorse the plans for restructuring the Office of Undergraduate Research as presented to Senate Council on February 1, 2021.

The Committee recommends that Senate Council communicates to administration the importance of earlier involvement of University Senate in actions that involve structural reorganization of undergraduate educational and research opportunities.

The Committee recommends that the program, led by the new Director of Undergraduate Research, continues to refine the metrics and funding formula that will be used to distribute support resources to all Colleges. Specifically, SRGEC suggests that a funding framework be developed that captures a broad range of scholarly research activities inclusive of formal research courses as well as other substantive noncredit research activities. It is suggested that the Director partner with the College Representative Advisory Group in developing this broader framework for fund allocation. Further, as the new Director of Undergraduate Research engages with college representatives to foster undergraduate research participation, it is essential that this effort be inclusive of all colleges, with appropriate support for and acknowledgement of the entire spectrum of scholarly activity.