MEMORANDUM

DATE: November 19, 2015

TO: Campus Coordinators
Student Research Competition

FROM: A. Z. Mason
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SUBJECT: 30th Annual CSU Student Research Competition

The 30th Annual California State University Student Research Competition will be held April 29-30, 2016, at California State University, Bakersfield. This systemwide competition will showcase the excellent research conducted by undergraduate and graduate students in the CSU. Student participants will conduct oral presentations that will be judged by discipline experts from corporations, foundations, public agencies, and colleges and universities in California.

The guidelines for the competition are similar to those in the past. A campus may deliver a maximum of ten presentations. Cash prizes will be awarded to the top presentations in each category of the competition. Students who present in the creative arts and design category are encouraged to compete and the guidelines are outlined in the attached materials. The California State University, Bakersfield steering committee shall only accept those submissions endorsed by the campus coordinator.

Your campus is encouraged to promote the competition, establish a campus selection process and screen the final submissions in whatever manner deemed appropriate by your institution. While multi-campus planning committees have endorsed a few general guidelines and procedures, creativity in designing a local competition that best meets the needs of your campus is encouraged.
Attachment 1 is a sample announcement of the competition. Campus-specific information needs to be added: your name and telephone number, campus deadlines, local competition dates, any campus provisions for defraying students’ travel expenses, etc.

Attachment 2 is our most current list of current campus coordinators. If your campus coordinator for 2015-2016 is not correct or subsequently changes, please contact Polly Huggins by e-mail phuggins@calstate.edu or phone at (562) 951-4276. Once each campus has selected their delegation, the campus coordinator shall submit their names, email addresses and research summaries to California State University, Bakersfield by Friday, March 11, 2016, to nsme@csub.edu attention of Dr. Kathleen Madden. CSU Bakersfield will direct students to a website where they can register for the competition.

We look forward to an exciting event and thank you in advance for your contribution to its success. If you have any questions, please contact Dr. Kathleen Madden by e-mail nsme@csub.edu or phone (661) 654-3450.

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