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To: Campus Coordinators
Student Research Competition

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Subject: Twenty-Fifth Annual CSU Student Research Competition

The Twenty-Fifth Annual California State University Student Research Competition will be held May 6-7, 2011, at California State University, Fresno. This system-wide competition will showcase excellent research conducted by CSU undergraduate and graduate students in the full range of academic programs offered by the CSU. Student participants will make oral presentations before juries of professional experts from major corporations, foundations, public agencies, and colleges and universities in California.

The guidelines for the competition are similar to those in effect in past competitions. Cash prizes will be awarded for the best presentations in each category of the competition. Please note that students are encouraged to present and discuss creative projects in the Creative Arts and Design category; guidelines for entrants in this category appear under “Competition Guidelines” in Attachment 1.

A campus may deliver a maximum of ten presentations. The California State University, Fresno steering committee will accept only those submissions endorsed by you as campus coordinator.

As usual, your campus is free to promote the competition, establish a campus selection process, and screen the final submissions in whatever manner you and your campus think best. 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 a student delegate registration form. This is a sample form for your review. It can be used internally. However, when submitting this information to California State University, Fresno all this information needs to be entered by the designated students to the on-line submission form.

This year, the submission process will be on-line through a website submission process. Once each of the campuses designates their delegation, they can ask each of the designated students to go to the website and complete the on-line student registration form and attach their project summary. Then the campus coordinators can review all the information and submit the information for their institution. The submission deadline is March 21, 2011.

Also attached is what we believe to be a correct list of the current campus coordinators. If the campus coordinator for 2010-2011 is not correct or subsequently changes, please let Ana Aguirre know by telephone (562-951-4701) or e-mail (aaguirre@calstate.edu) the correct name, title, telephone number, fax number, and e-mail address of the coordinator.

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 Thomas McClanahan by e-mail to orsp@csufresno.edu or by telephone at (559) 278-0840.

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