WHEREAS, Research is an important component of a "Research University" that UAH aspires to, and

WHEREAS, Research is an important part of the professional life of faculty members at UAH, and

WHEREAS, Research is an important part of the undergraduate experience for those students who plan to pursue studies beyond the baccalaureate, and

WHEREAS, Research at UAH should address scholarly needs of the diverse population of all UAH faculty and students, and

WHEREAS, The National Science Foundation has long recognized the importance of research experience programs for undergraduate students in the sciences and technology by providing additional funding for such programs for NSF funded studies, and

WHEREAS, There are examples of successful undergraduate research programs several departments at UAH, such as Physics and Chemistry, and

WHEREAS, There are experienced faculty that could be appointed by the Provost to serve as director of a UAH-REU program having the responsibility to solicit REU faculty-undergraduate team proposals, to convene a REU oversight committee to select proposal winners, to monitor all REU progress, to prepare an annual summary report to the Provost, and to solicit additional funds to contribute to the campus wide REU program, and
WHEREAS, There are other funds that could be obtained from, for example, the Alabama Space Grant Consortium, industry, and foundations that could be used to augment those provided by the University, and

WHEREAS, There is no campus wide program that offers a means for undergraduate students to gain a research experience in all colleges of UAH.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED

That the Faculty Senate requests that funds be made available to establish a campus wide Research Experience for Undergraduates (REU) that would be administered out of the Provost/Vice President of Academic Affairs Office.