

# Senate Resolution 04/05-05: Establishment of a Campus Wide Research Experience for Undergraduates (REU)

**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.