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UWF's role in the 2022 National Conference on Undergraduate Research

As you know, the University of West Florida was selected to host the 2022 National Conference on Undergraduate Research. However, due to a variety of unforeseen circumstances, we have made the difficult decision to no longer host NCUR 2022 given the challenges that we are facing right now and a very uncertain picture of Florida's economic recovery.

In the midst of the COVID-19 pandemic, Hurricane Sally devastated much of our Northwest Florida community and hit our campus hard. The impact of the pandemic and Hurricane Sally on our faculty, staff, students and community partners has been substantial and has affected our ability to plan for and host an event of this size. Hosting NCUR was a wonderful stretch goal for UWF, and it is regrettable that events converged to prevent our ability to bring thousands of students and faculty to our region and campus.

After extensive and thoughtful discussions including the Faculty Senate Executive Committee, deans, and, ultimately, the President's Cabinet, University leadership determined that we must prioritize our core mission first and foremost. Limited resources must be directed toward providing high-quality education and research to our undergraduate and graduate students.

A great deal of energy and planning has already been invested in NCUR 2022. We are grateful for the time and effort faculty, staff and students have invested, especially the steering committee and those involved in the planning process. Thank you all for your efforts in the proposal and planning.

Although UWF cannot host NCUR 2022, we are still excited for the opportunities to send our students to CUR events and research opportunities. Undergraduate research at UWF is integral to your educational mission, and it is alive and well. We hope to host NCUR in the future and bring students and faculty from across the nation to Northwest Florida when we are ready and able to do so.

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