2011 National Week of Celebration of Undergraduate Research & Creative Performance (April 11-16, 2011)

OPENING SESSION
April 11, 2011 @ 2:30 – 3:00 p.m.
DeWitt Theatre
*Refreshments at 2:15 p.m. outside Dewitt Theatre*

Welcome: Dean Moses Lee  
Remarks: President James E. Bultman  
Introduce Speaker: Provost Rich Ray  
Keynote Speaker: Dr. Nancy Hensel, *Executive Officer—Council on Undergraduate Research, 734 15th St. NW, Suite 550 Washington, DC 20005*

Keynote Address: “Making Explicit the Implicit: Defining Undergraduate Research”

*Undergraduate research is a high-impact learning strategy that prepares students for the complex challenges of today and unknown problems of tomorrow. As colleges and universities increasingly include research as an essential part of the undergraduate experience, faculty and administrators need to consider different dimensions. What do we mean by undergraduate research? Who should participate? What should we expect from students? In this keynote address, Dr. Hensel will examine how campuses are answering such questions and developing research programs that reflect institutional values, culture, and strengths.*

Dr. Hensel is Executive Officer of the Council on Undergraduate Research. Prior to that, she was president of the University of Maine at Presque Isle. During her presidency, she strongly advocated for the inclusion of undergraduate research in the curriculum and, under her leadership, the University Day undergraduate research symposium was begun. She previously served as provost at the University of Maine at Farmington, where she also served as dean of the College of Education, Health and Rehabilitation. Before moving to Maine in 1992, she was department chair and professor of education at the University of Redlands, in Redlands, CA. Dr. Hensel holds a doctorate in early childhood education from the University of Georgia. She also has a BA and MA in theatre from San Francisco State.