The Undergraduate Research Committee (URC) was charged in January 2010 with defining undergraduate research for UAF and providing recommendations for the promotion and development of undergraduate research at UAF, a recommendation of the recent MacTaggart report.

The URC Final Report defined undergraduate research as a collaboration in original research and/or creative activity between an undergraduate student and a faculty member, leading to work which is published or presentable to scholars in the field.

The URC Final Report provided three broad recommendations:

1. Create an Office of Undergraduate Research and Scholarly Activity (URSA).
2. Recognize and compensate faculty mentors.
3. Develop curriculum enhancements emphasizing research and scholarly activity.

URSA supports, develops and institutionalizes UAF’s diverse and robust programs of undergraduate research and creative scholarship.

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Proposed new courses:
- URSA 192
- URSA 492
- URSA 388
- URSA 488

Supported the Curators of the UA Museum of the North in proposing courses associated with a program of Museum Research Apprenticeship:
- MRAP 288
- MRAP 488

Proposed revision of the Faculty Annual Activities Report to include reporting of undergraduate mentoring in a designated section for student mentoring.