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The FDC had been asked to investigate ways to improve the inclusion of undergraduates in research, including the option to compensate them for their work. After surveying the senate for feedback about this, seeking details about some of the challenges, the chair of the FDC (Grace May) and Martin Edwards met with Dr. Shoemaker.

The meeting occurred on November 1st and it was agreed that Dr. May would circle back with Dr. Shoemaker in 2-3 weeks for follow-up regarding our conversation. Specifically, the conversation focused on the need for a clear and consistent process for this work, something that would remain in place beyond individuals in a position or office.

The FDC was notified, by the executive committee, that they would be contacted by the provost office to look into the effects of the pandemic. As of the writing of this report, the committee has not been contacted.

Respectfully submitted, Grace May, Chairperson November 13, 2021