CANCAS Strategic Plan
2005-2006

Mission Statement: The purpose of this organization shall be to promote interest in scientific research among undergraduate students, provide opportunity for students and faculty members of science to share and interact in scientific endeavors, and disseminate information of such scientific endeavors to all students of science.

Goals:
- Continue to provide and improve the opportunities available through CANCAS membership
  - Combine graduate workshop with fair and expand Graduate School Fair (note added: a faculty coordinator for the fair was not identified for the 2006 Annual Meeting, thus this will be a continuing goal for next year)
- Improve communication among individuals, institutions, and CANCAS
  - Expanding the mailing list by gathering students emails at the workshop and annual meeting registration.
  - Moving, upgrading, and modifying the official CANCAS web-site
  - Continue to make the best use of technology to disseminate information
- Ensure the sustainability of CANCAS
  - Inviting High School State Science Fair winners to present at the annual CANCAS meeting
  - Encouraging institutional members to interact with local schools to increase interest in the sciences
- Complete modifications of CANCAS Handbook & Constitution and post online
  - Make appropriate changes so the handbook is relevant to today’s technological abilities
  - Improve readability and understanding of the handbooks intention
  - Ensure that some of the mentioned goals are enacted and persist
  - Reduce overlap and streamline processes in the handbook

Long Term Goals:
- Focus on multi-disciplinary speaker and workshops at CANCAS events
- Gain public recognition as reputable scientific community
  - Improve resources available to members
  - Encourage students to publish their work
  - Seek outside assistance from the research sector to grow our resources
  - Provide an arena for employers and graduate students to meet and find work. This may be an aspect of the Graduate Student Fair or other means could be identified
- Ensure the sustainability of CANCAS
  - Continue to find ways to increase involvement of membership and future members (e.g. high school students and members of the Student Academy)