

Resolution in Support of Undocumented Students

Whereas, Standards or policies regarding student preparation and success are included as “academic and professional matters” under Academic Senate purview in Title 5 §53200 (b), and the Academic Senate of College of San Mateo is committed to the success and well-being of all students, regardless of their background or immigration status;

Whereas, Undocumented students face unique challenges and uncertainties in pursuing their education due to federal immigration policies; and

Whereas, Academic institutions have a responsibility to provide a safe and supportive environment for all students, regardless of their immigration status.

Resolved, The Academic Senate of College of San Mateo unequivocally condemns all forms of discrimination, including xenophobia and anti-immigrant sentiments, and affirms its commitment to providing a welcoming and supportive environment for all students, regardless of their background or immigration status;

Resolved, The Academic Senate of College of San Mateo will advocate for policies at the local, state, and federal levels that support the rights and educational opportunities of undocumented students (i.e. [AB 540](#));

Resolved, The Academic Senate of College of San Mateo encourages faculty to include statements of support for undocumented students in their syllabi, highlight [the College of San Mateo Undocumented Community Center \(UCC\)](#) as an available student resource, and make efforts to create inclusive classroom environments for all students;

Resolved, The Academic Senate of College of San Mateo will partner with [the College of San Mateo Undocumented Community Center \(UCC\)](#) to promote existing resources for undocumented students and support the expansion of resources, including but not limited to:

- Maintaining [free immigration legal services](#) for undocumented students through the Higher Education Immigration Legal Services Program
- Creating and marketing workshops and professional development opportunities focused on supporting undocumented students, addressing racial equity, and combating discrimination through culturally responsive practices
- Ensuring access to inclusive, trauma-informed mental health support sensitive to the unique challenges faced by undocumented, DACA, and immigrant students
- Hiring additional employees to ensure comprehensive support and advocacy for undocumented, DACA, and vulnerable immigrant students, including support in navigating the matriculation process and accessing student services;



Resolved, The Academic Senate of College of San Mateo will advocate for College of San Mateo to protect the privacy and rights of undocumented students to the fullest extent allowed by law, and refrain from sharing student information with federal immigration authorities unless legally compelled to do so; and

Resolved, The Academic Senate of College of San Mateo will continue to keep faculty informed on the changing factors affecting undocumented students.

Approved by majority vote January 14, 2025

