

MPC Academic Senate Resolution

Faculty Commitment to Institutional Support for MPC's Undocumented Students

Spring 2020

WHEREAS nearly 27% (3 million) of United States undocumented immigrants live in California, with 64,000-86,000 undocumented students enrolled in California's public higher education (81% of these in the CCC system); and

WHEREAS at 21.7%, Monterey County "has the highest percentage of non-citizens of any California county, with the immigrant population, including undocumented immigrants, contributing a critical component of the local labor force, especially for the County's two largest industries—agriculture and hospitality," with the Monterey County Board of Supervisors additionally stating that "...the contributions of immigrants to the economic, cultural, and social well-being of our community are a source of pride for the County, and the County recognizes the importance of maintaining an environment of trust and safety for immigrants who choose to make Monterey County their home"; and

WHEREAS among this diverse population of undocumented immigrants, few adults have a college degree (12% in California with some college or an Associate's Degree; 13% with a Bachelor's, graduate, or professional degree), which, given the need for an additional 1.65 million college-educated workers by 2030, undermines our state's workforce and economy; and

WHEREAS in September of 2017, the federal administration announced that it was removing protections for immigrants by rescinding the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) program and ordering the Department of Homeland Security to stop accepting new or renewal applications, leaving current DACA holders and potential DACA recipients in a state of threat and insecurity; and

WHEREAS the Chancellor's Office, in response to AB 1645 (Rubio 2019) Student Support Services: Dreamer Resource Liaisons, has strongly encouraged the formation of Dreamer Liaisons and Dream Resource Centers in our community colleges; and

WHEREAS undocumented students themselves report that college campuses across the state often provide inconsistent resources; can have hostile campus climates; and also report an ongoing need for financial aid, legal services, and professional experience or development; and

WHEREAS in December of 2016, the MPCCD Board of Trustees passed a Resolution of Support and Commitment to Undocumented Students, providing a foundation for further faculty engagement and participation in activities that support MPC's undocumented students;

RESOLVED that MPC's Academic Senate welcomes and supports MPC's undocumented students and is committed to helping the institution ensure their safety, security, success, and well-being; and

RESOLVED that MPC's Academic Senate supports MPC's current and future efforts to provide undocumented students with an orientation to the campus's programs and resources, including information about funding for immigration defense proceedings, legal service providers, and state policies that protect student rights and privacy; and

RESOLVED that MPC's Academic Senate supports MPC's current and future efforts to establish a Dream Resource Center and Liaison; and

RESOLVED that MPC's Academic Senate supports MPC's current and future efforts to provide funding for ally training and professional development for faculty, staff, and administrators, to better support MPC's undocumented students; and

RESOLVED that MPC's Academic Senate supports MPC's current and future efforts to designate every third week of October as "Undocumented Student Action Week," in order to work in partnership with other organizations and encourage MPC to engage in activities supporting undocumented students; and

RESOLVED that MPC's Academic Senate supports MPC's current and future efforts to provide qualifying undocumented students with grants or other incentives to complete specified volunteer or community service hours to meet academic requirements, in accordance with AB 540 (Limón 2019) California Dreamer Service Incentive Grant Program; or to participate in professional development or career-related opportunities.

Sources:

- [*In Their Voices: Undocumented in California Public Colleges and Universities*](#)
- [*Monterey County Legislative Program 2019-20*](#)
- [*AB 1645 Student Support Services: Dreamer Resource Liaisons*](#)
- [*AB 540 Student Financial Aid: California Dreamer Service Incentive Grant Program*](#)
- [*Community College League of California District Draft Resolution*](#)

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