

Associated Students, Inc.
California Polytechnic State University
San Luis Obispo

Resolution #17-03

ASI Board of Directors' Support of Services for Undocumented Students

- WHEREAS: The Associated Students, Inc. (ASI) Board of Directors serves as the official voice of Cal Poly students, *and*
- WHEREAS: The ASI Board of Directors endorsed California Assembly Bill 2009 in April 2016, which would have required every CSU campus hire a Dream Resource Liaison, *and*
- WHEREAS: It is the vision of the current ASI Board of Directors that support of undocumented students creates a more inclusive campus, *and*
- WHEREAS: It is the conclusion of the Undocumented Student Working Group from their *2015-2016 End-of-Year Report* that undocumented students are underserved members of our campus community with unique challenges and significant unmet needs, *and*
- WHEREAS: Legislation like the California DREAM Act (2011) and California Assembly Bill 540 (2001) have greatly increased the legal support and presence of undocumented students in higher education in California,¹ *and*
- WHEREAS: One urgent, unmet need identified by the Undocumented Student Working Group is the lack of a full-time Student Services Professional staff member to work with students, support their education, learn by doing, co/curricular experiences, and professional goals, to make existing campus programs and resources more undocumented student friendly, assist with the Undocumented Student Working Group Ally Training Series, and be engaged with local, state, and federal laws,² *and*
- WHEREAS: The Cal Poly Undocumented Student Working Group, a working group within the Office of University Diversity and Inclusivity, provides support for undocumented students, educates the campus community about the needs of undocumented students, advises the administration about how to address needs identified by undocumented students, and acts as a liaison between undocumented students and the campus community,³ *and*
- WHEREAS: Other California State University (CSU) campuses have at least one full-time staff member tasked with supporting undocumented students, including: Pomona, Fresno, Fullerton, Long Beach, Los Angeles, Northridge, Sacramento, San Bernardino, and San Francisco, *and*

¹ Educators for Fair Consideration, *The Case for Undocumented Students in Higher Education*

² Undocumented Student Working Group 2015-2016 End-of-Year Report

³ Undocumented Student Working Group 2015-2016 End-of-Year Report

- WHEREAS: The position of a part-time Student Services Professional staff member is currently funded for the 2016 – 2017 school year, however, it is currently vacant and the responsibilities are currently hosted by a full-time CSU STEM AmeriCorps VISTA volunteer who is not a Student Services Professional and therefore cannot fully support the needs of undocumented students, *and*
- WHEREAS: The California Polytechnic State University previously employed a part-time Student Services Professional staff member to support undocumented students, and has made plans to fill this position, however the position has yet to be filled, *and*
- WHEREAS: The California Polytechnic State University has plans to create an on campus DREAM center by early 2017, *therefore, be it*
- RESOLVED: The ASI Board of Directors formally supports undocumented students through active participation in and completion of the Undocumented Student Working Group Ally Training Series, *furthermore, be it*
- RESOLVED: The ASI Board of Directors encourages the California Polytechnic State University to work with the Undocumented Student Working Group to hire a full-time, rather than part-time, Student Services Professional staff member to support undocumented students, *furthermore, be it*
- RESOLVED: The ASI Board of Directors urge that the California Polytechnic State University work collaboratively with the Undocumented Student Working Group and undocumented students to design the staff position and allow those groups to participate in the search, *furthermore, be it*
- RESOLVED: The ASI Board of Directors encourages the California Polytechnic State University to work collaboratively with the Undocumented Student Working Group and Undocumented Students to design the new DREAM Center, *furthermore, be it*
- RESOLVED: This resolution will be sent to the CSU Board of Trustees, the California State Student Association, Chancellor Timothy White, President Jeffrey Armstrong, Provost Kathleen Enz Finken, Senior Vice President Cynthia Villa, Vice President Keith Humphrey, Dean of Students Kathleen McMahon, Assistant Dean of Students Bryan Hubain, ASI Executive Director Marcy Maloney, and the Undocumented Student Working Group.

Certified as the true and correct copy,
in witness thereof, I have set my hand
and Seal of the San Luis Obispo Cal
Poly Associated Students, Inc. this
_____ day of _____, 2016.

ADOPTED at the regular meeting of
the Board of Directors at San Luis
Obispo Cal Poly Associated Students,
Inc. this _____ day of _____ 2016.

Attest:

ASI Secretary

Signed:
ASI Chair of the Board

Signed:
ASI President

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