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## **Resolution in Support of Undocumented Student Success**

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- WHEREAS, The Associated Students, Incorporated (ASI) is the elected student voice for more than 23,966<sup>1</sup> students at California State Polytechnic University, Pomona (Cal Poly Pomona); and
- WHEREAS, It is the mission of the ASI to “represent and advocate for the interest of students; promote and enrich student academic, cultural, social, and physical welfare in an effort to enhance higher education<sup>2</sup>,” and
- WHEREAS, Cal Poly Pomona stated that approximately 1,200 students are recognized as “Non-Resident Alien/International Students<sup>3</sup>,” and
- WHEREAS, Assigned University staff alone are not enough to support undocumented students (including California Assembly Bill (AB) 540) through their time at Cal Poly Pomona; and
- WHEREAS, Resources are limited and difficult for undocumented students to access at Cal Poly Pomona thus hindering student success; and
- WHEREAS, The lack of resources influence a low attendance, persistence, and graduation rates of undocumented students; and
- WHEREAS, The ASI has shown support to undocumented students by acknowledging them as participants of society when they removed the word “illegal” by passing SR 2012-13:02 Resolution to Drop the “I” Word on November 8<sup>th</sup>, 2012<sup>4</sup>; and

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<sup>1</sup> Facts & Figures, <<https://www.cpp.edu/~aboutcpp/calpolypomona-overview/facts-and-figures.shtml>>

<sup>2</sup> ASI By-Laws, <[http://asi.cpp.edu/wp-content/uploads/2014/09/SUM13\\_ASI\\_By-laws\\_061913.pdf](http://asi.cpp.edu/wp-content/uploads/2014/09/SUM13_ASI_By-laws_061913.pdf)>

<sup>3</sup> “Pocketfacts of Cal Poly Pomona 2015-2016”

<sup>4</sup> ASI Resolution to Drop the “I” Word (SR 2012-13:02), <[http://asi.cpp.edu/wp-content/uploads/2014/09/SR2012\\_drop\\_the\\_i\\_word\\_signed\\_revised.pdf](http://asi.cpp.edu/wp-content/uploads/2014/09/SR2012_drop_the_i_word_signed_revised.pdf)>

- WHEREAS, The U.S. Department of Education suggests that higher education institutions create open and welcoming environments for undocumented students<sup>5</sup>; and
- WHEREAS, Cal Poly Pomona has an AB 540 liaison that allocates only 10% of her time to focus on undocumented advocacy, and
- WHEREAS, Cal Poly Pomona is the only California State University (CSU) in Southern California to not have the support services for undocumented students other than Ally Trainings twice a quarter; and therefore, be it
- RESOLVED, That the ASI supports the consideration of the establishment of a DREAM Resource Center<sup>6,7</sup> that would signal a welcoming environment and a place for academic and personal support; where students of all backgrounds have access to a quality education without being subject to racial slurs, discrimination, or prejudice; be it further
- RESOLVED, That this DREAM center offers undocumented students a safe place for disclosing immigration status without the fear of deportation; that this center provides emotional support and advising relating to academics and financial aid; that it provides guidance for students when looking for job opportunities, internships and/or fellowships; and that it provides information on immigration related forms, traveling abroad, and help with interpretation of laws; be it further
- RESOLVED, That President Coley and the University Cabinet are encouraged to include the establishment of a Dream Resource Center and dedicated support resources in the campus strategic and facilities master plans; be it further
- RESOLVED, That the University provide public updates detailing the progress that the campus is making on the recommended Dream Resources Center and dedicated support resources; be it further
- RESOLVED, That Cal Poly Pomona is urged to provide dedicated resources for students who identify as undocumented, and AB 540 or DREAM student, such as a full-time advocate; be it further
- RESOLVED, That Cal Poly Pomona is urged to provide optional ally trainings to staff, faculty, and students on undocumented inclusion in education; be it finally
- RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be distributed widely, and specifically to: University President, Dr. Soraya M. Coley and the following: Provost & Vice President for Academic Affairs, Dr. Sylvia Alva; Acting Vice President of Student Affairs, Kathleen Street; Acting Vice President & CFO for Administrative Affairs, Dr. Benjamin Quillian; Academic Senate Chair, Dr. Sepehr Eskandari; the ASI Staff; the ASI Student Government; the California State Student Association (CSSA); the CSSA Social Justice and Equity Council; the Academic Senate; Academic Affairs; Student Affairs; Administrative Affairs; Advancement; the Poly Post; and the students of Cal Poly Pomona.

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<sup>5</sup> U.S. Department of Education (2015). Resource guide: Supporting undocumented youth. Retrieved from <<http://www2.ed.gov/about/overview/focus/supporting-undocumented-youth.pdf>>

<sup>6</sup> University of California Campus Support <<http://undoc.universityofcalifornia.edu/campus-support.html>>

<sup>7</sup> California State University AB 540 Resources for Students <<http://www.calstate.edu/dreamact/resources.shtml>>

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