

A RESOLUTION TO SUPPORT UNDOCUMENTED STUDENTS AT CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY, FULLERTON

Sponsors: Andrea Ramirez Rivera and Nicholas Furtado **Co-Sponsors:** Cameron Macedonio

WHEREAS, ASI is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization that operates as an auxiliary organization of California State University, Fullerton; and

WHEREAS, ASI is governed by ASI Board of Directors, which sets policy for the organization, approves all funding allocations to programs and services, and advocates on behalf of student interests on committees and boards; and

WHEREAS, ASI remains committed to supporting students from diverse backgrounds; and

WHEREAS, for over a decade, the Titan Dreamers Resource Center (TDRC) has steadfastly championed the empowerment of undocumented students through its mission to provide unwavering support and transformative services aimed at fostering academic excellence, cultivating leadership, and igniting pathways to success in pursuit of higher education and beyond for this student population¹;

WHEREAS, the TDRC provides training for the campus community on the topics of the immigrant experience and support for undocumented students, known as "UndocuAlly Training," which provides information about issues faced by vulnerable communities, particularly undocumented individuals, enabling participants to support CSUF departments in aiding undocumented students and advocating for inclusive employment policies; and

WHEREAS, out of California's 100,000 undocumented college students, only 14% received financial aid through the state², this compounded with challenges stemming from limited employment options both on and off campus due to their immigration status, there exists a critical need to ensure equitable access to employment opportunities for these students beyond initiatives like the Dream Act Service Incentive Grant and College Corps³; and

² https://calmatters.org/education/higher-education/2023/12/undocumented-students-california/#:~:text=All%20told%2C%20only%20about%2014,though%20many%20have%20low%20incomes.

¹ https://www.fullerton.edu/tdrc/

³ https://calmatters.org/education/higher-education/2023/12/undocumented-students-california/#:~:text=The%20in%2Dstate%20designation%20also,the%20applicant%20walk%20th rough%20it.

WHEREAS, Assembly Bill (AB) 2586 has been introduced into the California Legislature 2023-2024 Regular Session by Assembly Member Alvarez, prohibiting disqualification of students for employment due to a student's documentation status⁴; and

WHEREAS, students are granted the opportunity to perform community or volunteer service through the California Dream Act Service Incentive Grant (DSIG) Program and can earn up to \$4,500 per academic year (\$2,550 per semester) through this program⁵; therefore let it be

RESOLVED, the ASI Board of Directors urges CSUF administration to reaffirm and strengthen their commitment to Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion as outlined in the 2024-2029 Strategic Plan, emphasizing the critical importance and pressing need for employment for undocumented student workers⁶; and let it be further

RESOLVED, the ASI Board of Directors urges CSUF Student Affairs to spearhead the establishment of a robust framework aimed at supporting undocumented students in both their academic and professional endeavors. This includes organizing outreach events at the beginning of each semester to enhance awareness of available opportunities on campus and bolstering existing resources for undocumented students. Furthermore, ASI is encouraged to actively support Student Affairs in these crucial efforts to ensure comprehensive support services for the undocumented student community; and let it be further

RESOLVED, the ASI Board of Directors requests that ASI coordinate with campus partners to develop a framework and timeline to hire undocumented students as quickly as possible after the passage and Governor approval of AB2586; and let it be further

RESOLVED, the ASI Board of Directors asks all ASI departments to include undocumented students in employment and internship opportunities; and let it be further

RESOLVED, the ASI Board of Directors urges all ASI student leaders to undergo the UndocuAlly Training with the support of TDRC. This would strengthen ASI's commitment to advocacy for undocumented student needs, specifically providing equitable employment opportunities for all students; and let it be further

RESOLVED, the ASI Board of Directors urges our elected representatives at the California State Capitol to pass Assembly Bill 2586 to enhance employment opportunities for undocumented students on their respective campuses; and let it be further

⁴ https://legiscan.com/CA/text/AB2586/id/2928921

⁵ https://www.csac.ca.gov/california-dream-act-service-incentive-grant-program

⁶ https://planning.fullerton.edu/_resources/pdfs/Fullerton%20Forward%202024-2029%20-%20CSUF%20Strategic%20Plan.pdf

RESOLVED, the ASI Board of Directors reaffirms ASI's support for Diversity Initiatives and Resource Centers (DIRCs) by actively promoting significant events through social media platforms to bolster our dedication to diversity and enhance our relationships with campus partners; and let it be finally

RESOLVED, that this Resolution be distributed to the ASI Executive Director and applicable departments and staff.

Adopted by the Board of Directors of the Associated Students Inc., California State University, Fullerton on the twenty-third day of April in the year two thousand and twenty-four.



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