

Dreamers' Resolution

Whereas in the wake of post-election hate crimes across the country, MiraCosta students have expressed a variety of ways in which they do not feel safe;

Whereas, Eduardo Santos, a MiraCosta student, asked that faculty and staff support the establishment of a club to promote reassurance among the students;

Whereas MiraCosta's Equity and Inclusion Statement and the MiraCosta Academic Senate Resolution 15-03: Anti-Hate Crime and Safe Space Resolution both speak to the importance of student safety;

Whereas undocumented students have, since 2001, led the national conversation on educational access in the form of financial support, outreach, retention and transfer;

Whereas undocumented students have particular needs and challenges as they navigate their academic work at MiraCosta and prepare to transfer, especially in terms of limited financial aid resources and less access to cultural capital;

Whereas the broader MiraCosta community as a whole would be well-served by being better informed about the realities faced by undocumented students;

Whereas the presidents and chancellors of all three California college systems have issued statements in support of student safety, especially for undocumented students;

Resolved, the MiraCosta College Academic Senate:

- calls for the establishment of a Dreamers' Center at the college to serve, support, and advise current and future students who are undocumented and to provide a site and resources for conversation, advocacy, education, and community building;
- asks that MiraCosta College facilitate an appropriate body of knowledge pertaining to the specific intersecting identities of undocumented students;
- encourages departments to revisit and support the cultural diversity requirement for the Associate's Degree, Area F;
- requests that MiraCosta continually engage faculty and staff in developing cultural competency as an institution to decrease micro-aggressions and create an inclusive campus climate.