



Resolution 16.11.1: Academic Senate Resolution declaring San Diego Mesa College as a sanctuary campus:
(Professor César López) November 28, 2016

1st Reading: November 28, 2016

Mover: Velez
Seconded: McLeod

Whereas, the Academic Senate has the responsibility to work for the general welfare of San Diego Mesa College, its Students, Staff and Faculty;

Whereas, the president-elect of the United States and his cabinet promise to immediately deport millions of immigrants and abolish the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrival (DACA) program that provides relief from deportation for long-settled youth in the United States. These policies will break up families, devastate communities, and have lasting consequences on the civic vitality and economic growth of our city, region, state and nation;

Whereas, California has been at the forefront of sound policies centered on immigrant integration and state citizenship for undocumented people that have incorporated undocumented immigrants into our schools, workplaces, communities, civic life, and economy;

Whereas, making San Diego Mesa College a sanctuary campus is a concrete action that the College can take to support and protect the people within our community who are living in extreme fear and uncertainty;

Whereas, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) officers are subject to restrictions based on a 2011 memo regarding places of worship, schools, and hospitals. (See <https://www.ice.gov/doclib/ero-outreach/pdf/10029.2-policy.pdf>);

Whereas, as was noted in the SDCCD Chancellor's post-election letter to the SDCCD community on November 10, 2016, "The entire San Diego Community College District remain committed to our mission of inclusion and support for the great diversity of our student population. As public institutions of higher education, we will continue our work to ensure that all students have full access to our institutions, as well as to the support needed for you to succeed in your studies";

Whereas, "The San Diego Community College District is also deeply committed to protecting the rights of our undocumented students to attend our institutions and receive state aid under the provisions of AB 540, enacted in 2001, and the California Dream Act, signed into law in 2011. These laws allow undocumented students to be exempt from non-resident tuition, and receive private scholarships and state financial aid, including community college fee waivers (BOGW), and Cal Grants. Click on this link for more information: http://www.csac.ca.gov/pubs/forms/grnt_frm/cal_grant_dream_act_faqs.pdf"; be it, therefore,

RESOLVED, that the Academic Senate calls for the implementation of a plan to ensure that San Diego Mesa College be designated as a sanctuary campus for all undocumented students, staff, and their family members;

Be it also resolved that the Academic Senate ask for an unequivocal, public declaration of our College's support for and protection of undocumented students, staff, and their families on our campus. We ask that San Diego Mesa College guarantee privacy by refusing to release information regarding the immigration status of our students, staff and community members. We also ask that San Diego Mesa College refuse to comply with immigration authorities regarding deportations or raids.

Presented to the Academic Senate: November 28, 2016

Approved by the Academic Senate: December 12, 2016

The Academic Senate voted as follows:

Approved:

1) Carlynne Allbee, 2) Becca Arnold, 3) Bill Brothers, 4) Aulani Chun, 5) Howard Eskew, 6) Amanda Fusco, 7) Lou Ann Gibson, 8) Gualupe "Lupe" Gonzalez, 9) Helen Greenbergs, 10) Paula Gustin, 11) Bill Hoefler, 12) Cesar Lopez, 13) Jonathan McLeod, 14) Dina Miyoshi, 15) Michelle "Toni" Parsons, 16) Kim Perigo, 17) Anthony Reuss, 18) Joe Safdie, 19) Robert Sanchez, 20) Shannon Shi, 21) Alex Stiller-Shulman, 22) Judy Sundayo, 23) Dawn Stoll, 24) Paul Sykes, 25) Gwen Ulrich-Schlumbohm, 26) Manuel Velez, 27) Tonya Whitfield and 28) George Ye

Opposed: Sharon Hughes and Terry Kohlenberg

Abstained: Laleh Howard