

# Resolution in Support of Undocumented Students<sup>1</sup>

Whereas, Standards or policies regarding student preparation and success are included as “academic and professional matters” under Academic Senate purview in Title 5 §53200 (b), and the Academic Senate of Cañada College is committed to the success and well-being of all students, regardless of their background or immigration status;

Whereas, Undocumented students face unique challenges and uncertainties in pursuing their education due to federal immigration policies; and

Whereas, Academic institutions have a responsibility to provide a safe and supportive environment for all students, regardless of their immigration status.

Resolved, The Academic Senate of Cañada College unequivocally condemns all forms of discrimination, including xenophobia and anti-immigrant sentiments, and affirms its commitment to providing a welcoming and supportive environment for all students, regardless of their background or immigration status;

Resolved, The Academic Senate of Cañada College will advocate for policies at the local, state, and federal levels that support the rights and educational opportunities of undocumented students (i.e. [AB 540](#));

Resolved, The Academic Senate of Cañada College encourages faculty to include statements of support for undocumented students in their syllabi, highlight [the Cañada College Undocumented Community Center \(UCC\)](#) as an available student resource, and make efforts to create inclusive classroom environments for all students;

Resolved, The Academic Senate of College of Cañada College will partner with [the Cañada College Undocumented Community Center \(UCC\)](#) to promote existing resources for undocumented students and support the expansion of resources, including but not limited to:

- Maintaining [free legal services](#) for undocumented students and community members through the Higher Education Immigration Legal Services Program
- Creating and marketing workshops and professional development opportunities focused on supporting undocumented students, addressing racial equity, and combating discrimination through culturally responsive practices
- Ensuring access to inclusive, trauma-informed mental health support sensitive to the unique challenges faced by undocumented, DACA, and immigrant students
- Hiring additional employees to ensure comprehensive support and advocacy

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<sup>1</sup> This resolution is based on College of San Mateo’s Academic Senate resolution passed on January 14, 2025.

for undocumented, DACA, and vulnerable immigrant students, including support in navigating the matriculation process and accessing student services;

Resolved, The Academic Senate of Cañada College will advocate for Cañada College to protect the privacy and rights of undocumented students to the fullest extent allowed by law, and refrain from sharing student information with federal immigration authorities unless legally compelled to do so; and

Resolved, The Academic Senate of Cañada College will continue to keep faculty informed on the changing factors affecting undocumented students.