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**SS-F18-1, Sense of the Senate Resolution, Information to the
Campus Community for Serving and Assisting
Undocumented Spartans**

Legislative History: At its meeting of September 17, 2018, the Academic Senate unanimously approved the following Sense of the Senate Resolution presented by Senator Frazier for the Executive Committee.

**SENSE OF THE SENATE RESOLUTION
Information to the Campus Community for Serving and Assisting
Undocumented Spartans**

- Whereas, SJSU is home to hundreds of undocumented students and employees, as noted in the Academic Senate’s fall 2017 sense of the Senate resolution “In Opposition to The Order to End the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals Program (DACA)”¹; and
- Whereas, SJSU recognizes, then and now, that “Those hundreds of students are major contributors to the diversity and rich multiculturalism that make SJSU an exemplary campus at which to learn, live, and work”; and
- Whereas, Since last fall, the situation for undocumented people on campus is no less precarious, given the continued anti-immigrant efforts at the federal level and the resulting increased level of trepidation locally; and
- Whereas, The campus has a new unit, the UndocuSpartan Student Resource Center, dedicated to serving undocumented students and employees and providing the campus community with up-to-date information and resources; therefore be it
- Resolved, That the following suggestions and information be communicated widely to all SJSU students and employees.

1. **Indicate your availability as an “UndocuAlly.”** Consider affixing the attached sign to your office door. If you are faculty, announce your UndocuAlly status to the students in your classes (but refrain from asking undocumented students to identify themselves).

¹ Available at <http://www.sjsu.edu/senate/docs/SS-F17-1.pdf>

2. **Sign up for SJSU UndocuSpartan training** in order to become aware of the myriad issues involved, and **strive to remain aware of new issues**. The UndocuSpartan Student Resource Center and its training schedule are available at <http://www.sjsu.edu/undocuspartan/>.
3. **Work toward equitable campus opportunities for undocumented students**. Many employment, funding, or research opportunities do not require applicants to provide Social Security Numbers. In those cases, ensure that forms and documents do not include a space for SSNs, and do not ask for citizenship documents, thereby removing one obstacle. (Make processes and paperwork “UndocuFriendly.”)
4. **Provide a list of resources for any student or employee who asks or who you think could make use of it**. The second attachment below is available for this purpose.
5. **Be aware that universities are still considered “sensitive locations” by federal policy**. This means that, currently, Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) is not to conduct enforcement activities at universities (or other schools, medical facilities, or places of worship) except under very limited circumstances. (See section 5 on [the CSU FAQ](#) on this matter.)
6. **Remember that undocumented students are legally permitted** to matriculate at California universities and pay resident tuition (AB 540 and AB 2000²). It is therefore the responsibility of faculty to serve and treat undocumented students the same as all others.
7. **Remember that not all undocumented persons have DACA status**. “DACA” (Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals) refers to a specific legal status that someone may register for, but many are not eligible for that status or choose not to apply. In general, you may not be aware of the people around you who are undocumented but would still benefit from moral support.³

² Available at https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=200120020AB540 and https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=201320140AB2000

³ For a useful overview of employment considerations for DACA recipients, see: <https://www.nilc.org/issues/daca/about-daca-and-employment/>

Resources for undocumented Spartans and allies
To be reproduced, posted, and distributed

Rapid Response Network Santa Clara

Call 408-290-1144 if you see ICE anywhere.

<https://www.pactsj.org/rapid-response-network-in-santa-clara-county/>

UndocuSpartan Student Resource Center

<http://www.sjsu.edu/undocuspartan/>

SJSU resources for undocumented students

<http://www.sjsu.edu/diversity/diversity-equity-inclusion/immigrant/>

Dr. Julia Curry's web page (general and SJSU-specific information)

<http://www.sjsu.edu/people/julia.curry/AB540/>

Educators for Fair Consideration

<http://www.e4fc.org/>

Social Justice Ministries

<https://www.dsj.org/social-ministry/our-programs/justice-for-immigrants/>

UndocuAllies email list

<https://groups.google.com/a/sjsu.edu/forum/?hl=en#!forum/sjsu-undocuallies-group>

"My Undocumented Life" – Up-to-date Information & Resources for Undocumented Immigrants

<https://mydocumentedlife.org/>

CSU – FAQs about federal immigration enforcement actions (what CSU employees legally can and cannot do)

<https://www2.calstate.edu/attend/student-services/resources-for-undocumented-students/Documents/Undocumented-FAQs.pdf>

Asian Law Alliance

<http://asianlawalliance.org/>

SIREN (Services Immigrant Rights & Education Network)

<http://www.siren-bayarea.org/>



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