





The Board of Governors of the California Community Colleges

PRESENTED TO THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS

DATE: January 17-18, 2017

SUBJECT: Board Resolution Affirming Support for Undocumented Students		Item Number: 2.3	
		Attachment: Yes	
CATEGORY:	Executive	TYPE OF BOARD CONSIDERATION:	
Recommended By:	 Paul Feist, Vice Chancellor	Consent/Routine	
		First Reading	
Approved for Consideration:	 Eloy Ortiz Oakley, Chancellor	Action	X
		Information	

ISSUE: This item presents for consideration a resolution supporting values of inclusivity and diversity that make our colleges safe and welcoming to students of all backgrounds, regardless of immigration status.

BACKGROUND: Since the presidential election there has been a heightened level of uncertainty about possible immigration policy changes that have the potential to affect tens of thousands of undocumented community college students throughout our system. The Chancellor's Office has taken a number of steps to try to assure students that our colleges remain safe and welcoming to all students and to signal our system's support for continuing the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) program.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: It is recommended that the Board of Governors adopt Resolution 2017-01 voicing support for the values and principles that embrace inclusivity and diversity within our system. The resolution also reinforces policy direction on responses to possible immigration enforcement requests.

ANALYSIS: Following the November elections, the Chancellor's Office has reassured students and colleges that our campuses will remain safe, welcoming places for students of all backgrounds to learn; informed them that no changes have been made with regard to admissions or financial aid; informed students that financial aid for certain undocumented students is protected by state law; called on President-elect Donald J. Trump to preserve Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA); and joined with the University of California, the California State University and the California Community Colleges to defend the right of all students to obtain a higher education in California. Colleges throughout our system have also taken measures to assure students that their campuses are safe and welcoming places for all students, regardless of immigration status.

In recent weeks, numerous colleges have facilitated discussions and provided additional resources to students who are concerned about possible changes in immigration policy under the incoming administration. The attached resolution is a public affirmation by the Board of Governors that it is dedicated to protecting the values of the community college system and to protecting all of its 2.1 million students.