SUBJECT: DRAFT RESOLUTION –Gavilan Joint Community College District, Academic Senate, CSEA, GCFA, and Associated Students of Gavilan College in support of Undocumented Students and Affirming the Privacy of Student Records

**Whereas,** the California Community Colleges are open to all students regardless of immigration status; and

**Whereas**, the Mission of Gavilan College is to cultivate “learning and personal growth in students of all backgrounds”; the Philosophy of Gavilan College states the college is “dedicated to fulfill its mission with compassion, caring and understanding and holds, in high regard, the respect and worth of all individuals”; and in its Principles of Community, Gavilan College aspires to be Diverse, Open, Purposeful and Just with a commitment to “respect for individual dignity and equitable access to resources, recognition and security”; and

**Whereas**, the mission of the Associated Students of Gavilan College is to “valiantly advocate for the diverse student population of Gavilan College”; and

**Whereas**, these ideals are echoed in the California Community Colleges Chancellor’s Office Statement of Values and Commitment to Undocumented Students, which states that “All people have the opportunity to reach their full educational potential,” “The Colleges embrace diversity in all its forms,” and “All people have the right to access quality education”; and

**Whereas**, Gavilan College will comply with federal law and enforce the Family Education Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) which protects students’ privacy and prohibits the release of any personally identifiable student education records, including data related to immigration status, without a judicial warrant, subpoena or court order, unless authorized by the student ; therefore

**Be It Resolved** that the Gavilan College District, its Board of Trustees, its Administration, its Faculty, its Staff, and its Students stand united in continuing to provide a safe environment for those who choose to better their lives through education; and

**Resolved** further that consistent with existing law, the District shall not detain or question any individual solely on the basis of undocumented immigration status, suspected or confirmed; and

**Resolved** further that the District commits to treating all students equitably in the receipt of all school services for which they are eligible regardless of religion, race, national origin, sexual orientation, or immigration status; and

**Resolved** further that the District, consistent with the California Community Colleges Chancellor’s Office Statement of Values and Commitment to Undocumented students, shall not cooperate with any effort to create a registry of individuals based on legally protected characteristics; and

**Resolved** further that the District, as a public institution, shall encourage its employees and students to be well versed in campus and community resources available to support those in need of assistance.