



Academic Senate

Resolution College In Support of Undocumented Students and Affirming the Privacy of Student Records

Resolution Number: S2017-01

Resolution Support: Academic Senate, Gavilan College Faculty Association (GCFA) Executive Board, Associated Students of Gavilan College (ASGC) and California School Employees Association—Gavilan College Chapter (CSEA) Executive Board.

Whereas, Gavilan College is open to all students regardless of immigration status; its mission is to cultivate “learning and personal growth in students of all backgrounds”; its Philosophy states that 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 its Principles of Community indicate that 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, a federal effort to create a registry based on any protected characteristics including but not limited to religion, race, national origin, or immigration status would be unethical to the United States Constitution, federal and state laws, and principles of nondiscrimination that guide Gavilan College; and

Whereas, Federal law and the Family Education Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) 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 Gavilan College Faculty, Staff, and Students stand united in continuing to provide a safe and inviting 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



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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.

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