

## BOD 2019-20 - 21R **Resolution to Condemn ICE**

WHEREAS, Associated Students, Incorporated (ASI) of California State University, East Bay (CSUEB) is the recognized voice of approximately 16,000 students; and

WHEREAS, it is the mission of the ASI Board of Directors to advocate and provide responsible and effective leadership for a diverse student population in order to make sound decisions for the betterment of CSUEB students; and

WHEREAS, ASI's Policy Agenda 2019-2020, Priority #2 Support for Undocumented/DACA Students, is "to provide support for Undocumented/DACA and mixed status families students in order to promote safety and inclusivity;" and

WHEREAS, the Associated Students Inc. of CSUEB recognizes that undocumented and DACA-recipient students face unique challenges personally, academically, and professionally; and

WHEREAS, undocumented and DACA-recipient students pay high tuition costs, but do not receive any form of federal financial aid and are limited in state-provided aid;<sup>2</sup> and

WHEREAS, California law AB 540 allows eligible nonresident students, including undocumented students, to be exempt from paying nonresident tuition costs;<sup>3</sup> and

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> California State University, East Bay Associated Students, Incorporated. *Policy Agenda* 2019-2020. Retrieved from: https://www.csueastbay.edu/asi/files/docs/asi-government/policies/incorporated-policy-agenda.pdf

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> "Financial Aid and Undocumented Students." Federal Student Aid. U.S. Department of Education, February 2019. Retrieved from: https://studentaid.gov/sites/default/files/financial-aid-and-undocumented-students.pdf.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> California Legislative Information. AB-540 Public postsecondary education: exemption from nonresident tuition. (2001-2002) Retrieved from: https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill\_id=200120020AB540.



WHEREAS, significantly high reports of experiences being treated unfairly or negatively by faculty, staff, administrators, and peers due to immigration status are observed among undocumented college students;4 and

WHEREAS, the California State University system offers pro bono immigration legal services to all students, staff, and faculty at CSUEB;5 and

WHEREAS, on September 6, 2019 community members including CSUEB students and faculty, Hayward Councilwoman Aisha Wahab, Hayward Councilman Mark Salinas, Congressman Eric Swalwell, and other local elected officials, attended the "Immigrant Rights Rally" in support of H.R. 4225; and

WHEREAS, the ASI Board of Directors of 2019-2020 passed Support for Mandated Undocu-Ally Trainings for CSUEB Faculty/Staff to urge CSUEB to provide mandatory training to staff and faculty "in order to serve the need for professional development for faculty and staff in regards to better serve undocumented/DACA students at CSUEB;"6 and

WHEREAS, the 2015-2016 ASI Board of Directors passed Resolution Establishing a DREAMer Center and DREAMer Coordinator, which urged CSUEB to "provide ally training to staff, faculty and students on undocumented inclusion and education;"7 and

https://www.csueastbay.edu/asi/files/docs/asi-government/resolutions/2019-2020/bod-2019-20-11r.pdf

https://www.csueastbay.edu/asi/files/docs/asi-government/resolutions/2015-2016/bod-2015-2016-10r.pdf

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> Suarez-Orozco, MM, R Teranishi, and CE Suarez-Orozco. "In the Shadows of the Ivory Tower: Undocumented Undergraduates and the Liminal State of Immigration Reform." The Institute for Immigration, Globalization, & Education University of California, Los Angeles, 2015.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> Molle, Toni. "CSU to Roll Out Delivery of Immigration Legal Services for Students and Employees." The California State University, August 28, 2019.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> California State University, East Bay Associated Students, Incorporated. Support for Mandated Undocu-Ally *Training for CSUEB Faculty/Staff.* Retrieved from:

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup> California State University, East Bay Associated Students, Incorporated. BOD 2015-16 – 10R Resolution on Establishing a DREAMer Center and DREAMer Coordinator. Retrieved from:



**WHEREAS**, the U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) consistently instills fear within immigrant communities due to its inhumane treatment of immigrants and systematic discrimination against people of color; and

**WHEREAS**, COVID-19 is a global pandemic that has resulted in a mass quarantine in California as well as significant job losses in the East Bay community and others; and

**WHEREAS**, ICE is conducting mass raids during the global crisis COVID-19 to take advantage of more immigrants being quarantined inside their homes; and

**WHEREAS**, Those detained at immigration detention centers are particularly at risk to contract COVID-19 and experience a lack of access to medical resources;<sup>8</sup> and be it therefore

**RESOLVED**, the Associated Students Incorporated of California State University, East Bay condemns the actions of the U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement, including but not limited to mass raids, mass deportations, separation of families, unjust placement of individuals including children in detention centers, and inhumane conditions in detentions centers such as overcrowding, lack of access to adequete medical care, lengthy periods of incarceration, lack of access to legal resources and information, and sexual abuse, and

**RESOLVED**, declares its firm opposition of any entity using the effects of a crisis against already vulnerable communities to negatively impact immigrants, and

**RESOLVED**, calls upon CSUEB to prohibit any and all representatives of ICE from participating in any CSUEB-affiliated career fairs and events, and

**RESOLVED**, expresses the need for the protection of the health, security, and rights of all immigrant communities against the operations of ICE, and

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>8</sup> Andrew Cohen, Lauren-Brooke Eisen. "Immigration Detention and Covid-19." Brennan Center for Justice, April 5, 2020. https://www.brennancenter.org/our-work/research-reports/immigration-detention-and-covid-19.



**RESOLVED**, urges CSUEB to enhance resources available to undocumented and DACA-recipient students by mandating UndocuAlly training for all staff and faculty and establishing a DREAM center; and let it be further

**RESOLVED**, that copies of this resolution be distributed to the Office of the President, Office of the Vice President for Student Affairs, Office of the Provost & Vice President of Academic Affairs, Office of Diversity, Academic Senate, Office of Student Life and Leadership, Diversity and Inclusion Student Center, the Associated Students or Associated Students Incorporated of each California State University campus, California State Student Association, Office of the CSU Chancellor, electronically to all CSUEB students and faculty, and any other relevant parties.

Authored by: Bronte Kuehnis, Chair of the Board of Directors

Approved On: Wednesday, April 22, 2020

ASI President/CEO does hereby [ ] *approves* / | *refuses to approve* this resolution.

**Daisy Maxion** 

ASI President/CEO

**Bronte Kuehnis** 

ASI Chair of the Board & Senate Co-Chair

Bronte Kuehnis (Apr 24, 2020)

Approved by: ASI Board of Directors 2019-2020

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