

Modesto Junior College
Resolution: S17-B: Resolution for undocumented
Submitted by the Literature and Language Arts Division on March 3rd, 2017

Whereas, Modesto Junior College is comprised of a diverse student population including native-born individuals, undocumented students, and immigrants and refugees from all over the world, and is a federally designated Hispanic-serving institution located in a county which is one of eight refugee-impacted counties in California and in which one out of five every residents is foreign born, and over forty percent speak a native language other than English; and

Whereas, the College and the Yosemite Community College District are committed to meeting the needs of a diverse community and leveraging the intellect, creativity, character, and abilities of all who attend the college to shape students into thoughtful, culturally aware, and engaged citizens through fostering a welcoming environment where an integrated diverse community is valued and crucial in enhancing the overall social fabric of the campus community and student success; and

Whereas, California Community Colleges are open to all students who meet the minimum requirements for admission, regardless of student documentation status, country of origin, religion, language identity, race, or ethnicity; and

Whereas, the College acknowledges the existence of current deep-seated fears among many students as a result of the recent cultural climate toward foreign-born individuals and the undocumented, new immigration policy changes, and a current spate of hate-motivated incidents in our area,

Be It Resolved, that the College publicly reaffirm Chancellor Eloy Oakley's guiding principles and strategies (see <http://californiacommunitycolleges.cccco.edu/Portals/0/DocDownloads/PressReleases/DEC2016/PR-Principles-12-5-16-FINAL.pdf> and attached) and request district leadership to adopt such guidelines and strategies which include the following:

- the Yosemite Community College District campus safety departments will not detain, question or arrest any individual solely on the basis of (suspected) undocumented immigration status.
- the District will not cooperate with any federal effort to create a registry of individuals based on any protected characteristics such as religion, national origin, race, or sexual orientation.
- no confidential student records will be released without a judicial warrant, subpoena or court order, unless authorized by the student or required by law.

Be It Resolved, that the College and District encourage, undertake, and support new initiatives to advocate for educational opportunities for all students regardless of documentation status, racial, ethnic, language, or religious background as well as publicly and explicitly create a welcoming environment for students who are acutely impacted by the current climate and provide confidential support to students with immigration law questions and issues.