

BOD 2015-16 – 10R Resolution on Establishing a DREAMer Center and DREAMerCoordinator

WHEREAS, Associated Students, Incorporated (ASI) of California State University, East Bay (CSUEB) is the recognized voice of 15,528 students; and

WHEREAS, it is the mission 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 greater CSUEB community; and

WHEREAS, CSUEB is committed to the Eight Shared Strategic Commitments that values, that honors, and that respects diversity by responding to the backgrounds and interests of our diverse community and promoting their academic, professional and personal development¹; and

WHEREAS, CSUEB is home to a very diverse population where it houses 28.5% of Hispanic/Latino students, 22.4% of Asian students, 18.3% of White students, 10.7% of African American/Black students, 5.3% of Multiple Ethnicity students, 0.9% of Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander students, and 0.2% American Indian or Alaska Native students; and

WHEREAS, CSUEB is a safe space, where students of all backgrounds can attain access to a quality education without being subject to racial slurs, discrimination, or prejudice; and

WHEREAS, California is home to the highest number of DREAMers (2.6 million), representing 25% of the nation's undocumented immigrant population and 6.8% of California's population²; and

WHEREAS, CSUEB has about 300 DREAMers who are enrolled, with about 20 being graduate students and the rest being undergraduates; and

WHEREAS, CSUEB hosted DREAMer Day events during the Week of Inclusive Excellence, in which the events had high attendance from students, staff, faculty and administration; and

WHEREAS, our sister campuses CSU Fullerton, CSU Northridge, CSU Long Beach, CSU Los Angeles, CSU San Bernardino, CSU Sacramento and Fresno State all have a DREAMer Center; and

WHEREAS, that the California State Student Association (CSSA), the official voice of all 23 campuses, has recently passed a resolution on DREAMer resources and a letter of support of undocumented training; and

¹ <http://www20.csueastbay.edu/about/strategic-planning/files/pdf/csueb%20mission,%20commitments%20and%20ilos,%202012%20june%2019.pdf>

² http://www.e4fc.org/images/Fact_Sheet.pdf

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WHEREAS, students who identify as undocumented, AB540 or DREAMers need nuanced support in challenges they may face; and

WHEREAS, there is a lack of matriculation, retention, and graduation data on California DREAM students because a lack of dedicated resources, institutional support and DREAMer inclusion; and

WHEREAS there is stigmatization and fear of deportation for DREAMers; and

WHEREAS, multiple students within GANAS, EOP, SQE, Gamma Zeta Alpha fraternity Inc., and Alumnis, have expressed concerns regarding racial bias from faculty and the lack of and need for a DREAMer Center and a DREAMer coordinator ; be it therefore

RESOLVED, that ASI urges CSUEB to provide dedicated coordinator and programming for students who identify as undocumented, an AB540 or DREAMers; and let it be further

RESOLVED, that ASI urges CSUEB to explore providing a dedicated space for said liaison or anticipate the necessity in new facilities creation; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the ASI Board strongly recommends that the DREAMer Center be placed in any vacant office spaces, for example, any empty space between the Health Center and Meiklejohn; and let it be

RESOLVED, that the CSUEB DREAMer Center provide the following resources to DREAMer students: scholarships, job opportunities, financial aid, legal advice, and a safe place to speak with a DREAMer coordinator; and let it be further

RESOLVED, that ASI urges CSUEB to provide ally training to staff, faculty and students on undocumented inclusion and education; and let it be further

RESOLVED, that ASI urges CSUEB to keep detailed record of matriculation, retention and graduation rates of California DREAM students; and let it be further

RESOLVED, that ASI urges CSUEB to create a task force, with consultation and approval of the ASI Board of Directors, that will work with the University to further research the matter in order to assure high impact practices are being achieved from the DREAMer Center; be it further

RESOLVED, the copies of this resolution be distributed but not limited to the Office of the President, Office of University Advancement, Office of Student Affairs, Office of Diversity, Office of Finance and Administration, the Academic Senate, Office of the Chancellor, Office of General Education, all other CSU AS/ASI(s), Campus Diversity Committee, Office of GANAS, Office of EOP, Office of SSOS, and Faculty Diversity and Equity Committee.

Approved on:

ASI President: _____

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