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Support for Dream Center Establishment Resolution

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WHEREAS having an equitable and culturally reflective campus is in alignment with our goals, MiraCosta Associated Student Body advocates for the establishment of a dream center to support the undocumented/mixed status population on campus;

WHEREAS MiraCosta's Goals Statements include the college will improve student success and close equity gaps as outlined in the Draft Goals Statements, and a dream center would create a safe space for conversation, advocacy, education, inclusion, and community building for the undocumented/mixed status student population as stated in the Dreamer's 2016 Academic Senate Resolution;

WHEREAS the California Community College System estimates there are 50,000 - 70,000 undocumented students enrolled in community colleges ¹;

WHEREAS the Student Senate of California Community Colleges (SSCCC) has made it a legislative priority to advocate for all California Community Colleges to establish undocumented/mixed status student resource centers, tasked with supporting the undocumented populations at each respective institution;

WHEREAS as outlined in the Dreamer's Resolution from Academic Senate, students who are undocumented have unique needs and challenges as they manage their academic work at MiraCosta;

WHEREAS the community as a whole would be better served by being well-informed about the unique challenges faced by students who are undocumented or have a mixed status;

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<https://foundationccc.org/Portals/0/Documents/WhatWeDo/Equity/DreamersProject/dreamers-report-final.pdf>

RESOLVED, that MiraCosta College Associated Student Government (ASG) calls for the establishment of a Dream Center at MiraCosta College to serve, support, and advise current and future students who are undocumented or have a mixed status, and to provide a site and resources for inclusion, conversation, advocacy, education, and community building;

AND BE IT RESOLVED, that MiraCosta College Associated Student Government supports the institutionalization of the Undocumented People Rise in Solidarity and Empowerment (UPRISE) program to continue to offer free services to students and loved ones, bolster academic success, enhance professional opportunities, improve personal wellness, strengthen institutional support, and increase allies for students and their families who are undocumented or have a mixed status in North County San Diego.

