

# SONOMA COUNTY JUNIOR COLLEGE DISTRICT

## Resolution Affirming Santa Rosa Junior College as a Safe Haven for Undocumented Students and Marginalized Populations RESOLUTION NUMBER 5-17

**WHEREAS**, the Vision of Santa Rosa Junior College is “to be an inclusive, diverse and sustainable learning community that engages the whole person”; the Mission of Santa Rosa Junior College calls for the “ethical development of our diverse community” and “critical and reflective civic engagement”; and the Values of Santa Rosa Junior College include “equal access for all students”; and the Board of Trustees is committed to upholding the vision, mission, and values of the college and supporting all students in their pursuit of academic success and excellence; 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**, the Academic Senate drafted a resolution calling on the Sonoma County Junior College District to address the concerns of undocumented students and marginalized populations in our community on December 7<sup>th</sup>; and that this resolution was followed by resolutions drafted by the Classified Senate, SEIU, and Student Government Assembly; and those resolutions have been reviewed by the Board of Trustees; and

**WHEREAS**, the Sonoma County Junior College District and its Board of Trustees affirm that Santa Rosa Junior College is committed to creating a safe learning environment for all, free from harassment and discrimination, and where freedom of speech and academic integrity are held in high regard; therefore, be it

**RESOLVED** that the Sonoma County Junior College District and its Board of Trustees declare that Santa Rosa Junior College, and all its campuses and centers, are a Safe Haven for undocumented students and marginalized populations; and

**RESOLVED** that Santa Rosa Junior College will remain open to all students who meet the minimum requirements for admission; and that it will advocate for educational opportunities for all students in our community, at the state and federal level; and

**RESOLVED** that Santa Rosa Junior College will not release any personally identifiable student information, including any data related to immigration status, without a judicial warrant, subpoena, or court order, unless authorized by the student or required by law; nor will it cooperate with any state or federal effort to create a registry of individuals based on any protected characteristic such as religion, national origin, race, or sexual orientation; and

**RESOLVED** that Santa Rosa Junior College District Police shall not detain, question, or arrest any individual solely on the basis of suspected or known undocumented immigration status; nor shall any district employee ask about a student’s immigration status except when required by law; and

**RESOLVED** that Santa Rosa Junior College shall direct all district employees not to refer students to U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) for questions about their immigration status; nor shall any request by ICE, or other agencies or individuals, to visit a campus or facility, or to obtain student records be addressed by any employee other than the President/Superintendent or designee; and

**RESOLVED** that Santa Rosa Junior College will provide training for staff and faculty on the challenges faced by marginalized communities; and that Santa Rosa Junior College will work to create Safe Spaces for these communities;

and that these safe spaces will have appropriate funding to ensure that resources and support are available for those students who need it; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that, where appropriate, the administration of Santa Rosa Junior College is directed to enact these ideals in the form of policy and procedure to be approved by the Board of Trustees at the earliest possible opportunity.

The foregoing resolution was introduced by Trustee Martinez, who moved its adoption, seconded by Trustee Burns, and adopted on a roll call vote February 14, 2017, by the following vote:

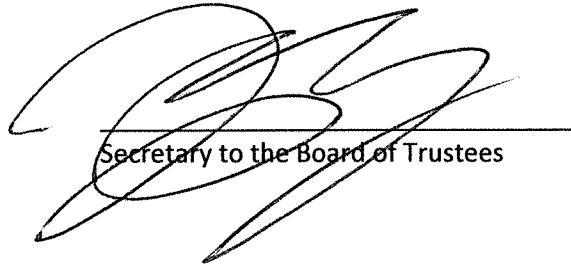
Student Trustee – Sabrina Rawson*	<u>aye</u>
Trustee Dorothy Battenfeld	<u>aye</u>
Trustee Jordan Burns	<u>aye</u>
Trustee Done Edgar	<u>absent</u>
Trustee Maggie Fishman	<u>aye</u>
Trustee Jeff Kunde	<u>aye</u>
Trustee W. Terry Lindley	<u>aye</u>
Trustee Mariana Martinez	<u>aye</u>

Ayes: 6

Noes: 0

Absent/Abstaining: 1

\*Student Trustee – Advisory Vote

  
Secretary to the Board of Trustees