



SAN JOSÉ STATE UNIVERSITY

Associated Students, SJSU, Board of Directors' Resolution 09/10-XX
Resolution Expressing Collective Concern for the Lack of Services
Provided to AB540 Undocumented and Students at San Jose State
University and Failure to Fully Live up to the Expectations of the
Accessibility Component of California's Master Plan for Higher
Education.

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Whereas, Associated Students is the single recognized voice of all 28,000 students at San Jose State University; and

Whereas, California State Assembly Bill 540 ensures that any student who has attended high school at least three years and graduated from any California high school, or with an equivalent degree, will be permitted to pay in-state costs at any public university in the State of California they were accepted into; and

Whereas, Many of these students are non-residents pursuing a degree with neither the eligibility to apply for federal and state financial aid, nor the means to obtain an off-campus job in their field of study within the United States during or after graduation; and

Whereas, AB 540 undocumented students make up a significant portion of the estimated 25,000 out-of-state exempt students that graduate high school every year in California; and

Whereas, That ST. S. Saffold Scholarship offered by Associated Students makes no indication that students ineligible for FAFSA can still apply and qualify based on merit. It simply states "To apply, applicant must file a FAFSA by March 2, 2010" with no guidance to those students who cannot file a FAFSA; and

Whereas, It is difficult for the Associated Students Board of Directors to properly represent AB 540 undocumented students with minimal help from the University, growing population of said students, and the rising cost both fees and textbooks; and

Whereas, It is the mission of San Jose State University "to create and sustain a context of diversity through which all members thrive, feel valued and attain personal and

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professional success”

<http://www.sjsu.edu/diversityplan/about/>); and

- Whereas,** California State University Long Beach has been the most successful institution within the CSU system to successfully and effectively provide resources that truly meet the needs of AB 540 undocumented students on their campus; therefore let it be
- Resolved,** That the Associated Students Board of Directors invites the Administration and units within the Division of Student Affairs to work together in the creation of a resource guide and centralized space for potential and matriculated AB 540 undocumented students, faculty and staff so that they may become more sensitive to the unique situations and needs of undocumented students and the resources at their disposal; and let it be further
- Resolved,** That Associated Students will do all that is within its power to remain an active advocate for AB 540 undocumented student-related campaigns and policies, as a natural extension of our values, mission and dedication to the students in the larger social context; let it be further
- Resolved,** That Associated Students is in strong opposition to the use of the terms “illegal immigrant” or “alien” in any formal or published documentation of San Jose State University; and let it be further
- Resolved,** That the Associated Students Board of Directors supports changing the language of all ST. S. Saffold Scholarship related publicity to provide clear information that reads, “students ineligible for FAFSA can still apply and qualify based on merit;” and let it be further
- Resolved,** That Associated Students is a leader on campus in providing on-campus employment opportunities to all students and will make a concerted effort to extend such positions to AB 540 undocumented students in the future; and let it be further
- Resolved,** That the Associated Students Board supports the idea of working with Human Resources to provide training for academic advisors on the special and unique needs of AB 540 undocumented students so that they may truly have equal access to opportunities such as meeting graduation

requirements, finding scholarships and reaching their full potential as socially responsible members of the community; and let it be further

Resolved, That the Board of Directors supports designating specific monies toward the furtherance of the above initiatives in order to ensure that Board of Directors live up to the mission of continually improving the quality of educational opportunities and experiences; and finally let it be further

Resolved, That Associated Students will make this document public and will forward this resolution to all affected parties, including: CSU Chancellor Charles Reed, SJSU President Jon Whitmore, Vice President for Student Affairs Dr. Veril Phillips (or his replacement), Vice President for University Advancement Fred Najjar, Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs Gerry Selter, Vice President for Administration and Finance Rose Lee, Chair of Academic Senate Michael Kaufman, Director of Media Relations at SJSU Pat Harris, California State Student Assembly, the Spartan Daily, the Metro, and the San José Mercury News.

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Passed and Adopted by the Associated Students of San José State University Board of Directors at a **regular meeting held [date] by a vote of**

xx-Yea xx-Nay xx-Abstention xx-Absent

Azra Cnogorcevic, Vice President and Chair

Date