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Resolution Establishing a Dream Center on Campus
Jordan Walsh, AS Commissioner of Diversity Affairs

Whereas, The University has created a "Dream Student Support Team" consisting of faculty and staff to help support Chico State students;

Whereas, The number of Dream students attending Chico State has doubled each year since 2012. In the 2012/2013 school year 25 Dream applicants attended CSU, Chico. In the 2013/2014 school year the number doubled to 56 Dream applicants and in the 2014/2015 school year the number has doubled again to 114 Dream applicants;

Whereas, There are students who do not apply for the California Dream Application out of fear of deportation;

Whereas, There are many undocumented students who do not qualify for AB540 and are paying international fees;

Whereas, The resources provided by Chico State to Dream students is decentralized and unsystematic;

Whereas, In order to ensure student success among diverse populations Chico State continues to enroll, it is important to uphold the commitment to diversity by providing sufficient support for Dream students; and

Whereas, A majority of the undocumented students on Chico State's campus identify as Hispanic or Latino/a

Whereas, The university is working towards becoming a Hispanic Serving Institution (HSI) and needs to be equipped with the resources necessary to support these students

Whereas, many students involved with the Leaders Educating for the Advancement of DREAMers club on campus are supportive of creating a Dream Center, these students also voiced concerns that the visibility of such a Center could threaten the privacy and thus the status of undocumented students who utilize this resource and attract protest, hate speech, or violence directed at students and community members affiliated with the Center.

Whereas, The Student Academic Senate supports the establishment of a Dream Center.

Resolved, That a Dream Center consisting of Administrative support, offices, and programming space be established

Resolved, That the Dream Center be a space developed in an intentional way that prioritizes the safety and security of all students and community members who utilize or are affiliated with the Center

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Resolved, That a dedicated staff member be appointed to coordinate the wide ranges of services needed to support these students; and

Resolved, That the university adopts an Executive Memorandum outlining the authorization of a Dream Center on campus.

Resolved, This resolution will be distributed to the Campus Facility Use Committee, Space Advisory Committee, University Diversity Committee, Academic Senate, Staff Council, Office of Diversity and Inclusion, Office of Student Affairs, Office of the Provost, and the Office of the President.