

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF AB 130 AND AB 131 KNOWN AS THE
2011 CA DREAM ACT

Unanimously approved March 8, 2011

WHEREAS, University of California student fees have increased from \$3,429 in 2000 to \$10,302 in 2010; and

WHEREAS, Assembly Bills 130 and 131 were introduced by Assemblymember Cedillo on January 11, 2011¹; and

WHEREAS, AB 130 would open access to institutional aid to all eligible AB 540 undocumented students¹; and

WHEREAS, AB 131 would allow eligible AB 540 undocumented students access to any financial aid program run by the State of California²; and

WHEREAS, in order to be eligible, an undocumented student would need to have attended a California high school for three or more years, graduated from a California high school or obtained a G.E.D., currently attend a California public institution of higher education and have signed an affidavit with his or her university²; and

WHEREAS, in the event that the State of California passes the bills and that Governor Brown signs them, the Regents of the University of California will still need to approve the provision in order for it to take effect in our system²; and

WHEREAS, Assemblymember Donnelly introduced Assembly Bill 63 on December 10, 2010, which would eliminate the right of AB 540 undocumented students from paying in-state fees at public institutions of higher education³; and

WHEREAS, many states around the country are currently drafting, debating or in the process of implementing hateful anti-immigrant and anti-Dreamer legislation; and

WHEREAS, opponents of undocumented students and immigrants in general constantly rely on the use of degrading and dehumanizing language such as “illegal alien” to describe these communities; and

¹ <http://www.aroundthecapitol.com/billtrack/text.html?bvid=20110AB13099INT>

² http://www.aroundthecapitol.com/Bills/AB_131/20112012/

³ <http://www.aroundthecapitol.com/billtrack/text.html?bvid=20110AB6399INT>

LET IT BE RESOLVED, that the Undergraduate Students Association Council stands in full support of both Assembly Bills 130 and 131 as presented by Assemblymember Cedillo.

LET IT BE FURTHER RESOLVED, that the USAC also stands in opposition to Assembly Bill 63 because it would eliminate many of the opportunities, like AB 540, that undocumented students have worked so hard to attain.

LET IT BE FURTHER RESOLVED, that the USAC strongly urges all students, student organizations, administration, faculty, and workers to drop the use of the words “illegal” and “alien.”

LET IT BE FINALLY RESOLVED, that the Undergraduate Students Association Council commends Chancellor Block for agreeing to express his support of the California DREAM Act at a press conference organized by undocumented students and allies.