

A Resolution Honoring the Work of the Undocumented Student-led Network (USN) Cohort's Report on Resource Accessibility Across the UC Campuses Through Undocumented Students' Experiences

WHEREAS, the Undocumented Student-led Network's (USN) mission is to establish a statewide network of immigrant youth leaders to advance reform agendas on the issue of immigration,¹

WHEREAS, the Undocumented Student-led Network's (USN) Organizing Subcommittee of the UC Cohort 2021 compiled a 40-page evaluation report on resource accessibility across the UC system through undocumented students' experiences,

WHEREAS, the evaluation report aims to raise awareness of resource disparities across the UC, give solutions to better support the academic, professional and personal development of undocumented students, and highlight student experiences,

WHEREAS, the report reveals consistent sentiments regarding resource accessibility and utilization across the UC campuses,

WHEREAS, the University of California has been recognized globally and exists as a highly funded institution that fails to amply support its undocumented students,

WHEREAS, the organizing committee, in spite of having no fellows on 3 campuses, took initiative in examining the resources available on campuses beyond their own,

WHEREAS, the report thoroughly compares the undocumented student services/centers, organizations, financial aid and scholarships, fellowships and internships, professional development, research opportunities, academic counseling, mental health counseling, food access, housing, legal services, and graduate student support across the UC campuses,

WHEREAS, the report highlights students from 7 out of the 8 participating campuses mentioning their use of some form of basic needs assistance,

WHEREAS, the report identifies 5 trends across the system regarding accessibility and barriers to resource access including limited funding, guilt, stigma, outreach efforts and physical location of the services on campus,

WHEREAS, the report emphasizes the unfair condition undocumented students face as required to engage in taxing advocacy for fair access to resources to succeed and are still sometimes not listened to with regards to university policies that impact them,

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<https://www.labor.ucla.edu/wp-content/uploads/2022/02/Resource-Accessibility-Across-UC-Campuses-through-Undocumented-Students-Experiences.pdf>

WHEREAS, the COVID-19 pandemic has exacerbated some of the inequities regarding accessibility to resources for undocumented students,

WHEREAS, the report outlines specific recommendations for the university looking ahead that include providing sufficient funding for undocumented student resources, allowing undocumented individuals to actively take part in the creation of resources for undocumented students, increasing efforts to highlight resources for undocumented students, and reclassifying jobs or creating more internships and fellowships to allow access to undocumented students and making career fairs more undocufriendly,

WHEREAS, the report also includes a list of resources available to undocumented students at each UC Campus,

THEREFORE LET IT BE RESOLVED, that the Undergraduate Student Association Council acknowledges the labor of the organizing committee's work in developing this extensively thorough evaluation report,

LET IT BE RESOLVED, that the Undergraduate Student Association Council actively uplifts and supports the undocumented community at UCLA by inviting undocumented students to administrative meetings that pertain to related campus policy impacting the community,

LET IT BE RESOLVED, that the Undergraduate Student Association Council is inclusive and actively consults community leaders for input on campus initiatives,

LET IT FINALLY BE RESOLVED, that the Undergraduate Student Association Council will publicize and urge administration to review and consider the report in all future decisions regarding campus policies and resource development.