Undocumented Student Administration Support Resolution

1. WHEREAS, the Student Association supports all students at University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee (UWM) regardless of status; and creating an educational and inclusive learning environment requires setting standards for UWM employees to know how to serve all students.

2. WHEREAS, students who may identify or be recognized as Undocumented, DACA-mented, Mixed-status, or Transnational Adoptee are currently provided limited assistance and support by UWM administration, faculty, and staff.

3. WHEREAS, students who are part of the Undocumented, DACA-mented, Mixed-status, and Transnational Adoptee population may not be receiving adequate assistance, even though these populations pay higher tuition rates and are fully responsible for paying associated financial costs of enrolling in higher education institutions.

4. WHEREAS, in the State of Wisconsin, qualified undocumented students were eligible for in-state tuition from 2009 to 2011, but Assembly Bill 40 revoked eligibility in 2011. Undocumented students now must pay out-of-state tuition rates at Wisconsin public colleges and universities.

5. WHEREAS, UWM states that their guiding values incorporate the following: (1) a caring, compassionate, and collegial community characterized by mutual respect and safety, (2) diversity in all of its definitions, including who we are, how we think, and what we do, (3) ethical behavior, based on integrity, accountability, and responsibility, (4) transparent and inclusive decision making, (5) stewardship of resources that promote sustainability, prosperity, and equity for all in the local and global communities.

6. WHEREAS, providing adequate student services requires those who hold ranking positions at UWM to take responsibility and leadership to ensure UWM values align with serving the Undocumented, DACA-mented, Mixed-status, and Transnational Adoptee students populations by improving the current resources available.

7. THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Student Association encourages UWM leaders/department representatives to attend, and also provide for their colleagues, the training by the Inclusive Excellence Center about how to properly serve the Undocumented, DACA-mented, Mixed-status, and Transnational Adoptee population.

8. THEREFORE IT BE FURTHER RESOLVED, SA also urges the Chancellor, Vice Chancellor of Student Affairs, UWM Undocumented Task Force, and student representatives from the Inclusive Excellence Center to create a discussion that will lead to improved services for students and outline accountability for UWM faculty, staff, and administrative personnel to be capable of serving all members of the student population.

9. THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, SA endorses equipping staff and faculty with the knowledge and how to properly serve and assist [identified populations], so that services and support will be accountable and present within UWM.

10. THEREFORE BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, This resolution will be forwarded to the office of the Chancellor Mark Mone, the Vice Chancellor of Student Affairs Jim Hill, the Interim Director of the
Inclusive Excellence Center Warren Scherer, UWM Undocumented Task Force, and one representative of each college/school at UWM.

1 State of Wisconsin Assembly Bill 40: https://docs.legis.wisconsin.gov/2017RELATED/proposals/ab40
2 UWM’s Vision, Values and Mission Statements: http://uwmg.edu/mission/

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