RES 2017-01
1 March 2017
Introduced by: Senator Stephan Lally
Proposed by: Senator Stephan Lally

Whereas: The Student Government Association (SGA) of Ramapo College of New Jersey is the official persistent voice of the student body and the liaison body to the Faculty, Staff, Administration, the Board of Trustees, and the Board of Governors of Ramapo College; and

Whereas: Members of the student body, faculty, and staff expressed their views regarding Ramapo College becoming or not becoming a “sanctuary campus” in a Student Government Association hosted forum; and

Whereas: The Student Government Association acknowledges that there remains no statutory or legal definition for “sanctuary campus” and, as such, the term is subject to broad variation in meaning and political association; and

Whereas: The Student Government Association has endeavored to identify principles related to immigration and undocumented students at Ramapo College; and

Whereas: As Chief Executive Officer, the College President is responsible, in pertinent part, for ensuring the safety of all students and has welcomed and engaged in dialogue with the SGA and others on this front; now

Therefore It Be Resolved: The Student Government Association recommends to the College President the administration’s adoption of the principles set forth by the Student Government Association on matters related to immigration and undocumented students at Ramapo College.

Article I. Principles Related to Immigration and Undocumented Students at Ramapo College:

a. The College refuses the voluntary sending, receiving, maintaining, or exchanging with
any Federal, State, or local government entity information regarding the citizenship or immigration status of any member of Ramapo College;
b. The College refuses officers from Immigration and Customs Enforcement physical access to all land owned or controlled by The College to the fullest extent of the law;
c. The College prohibits any employee of The College from inquiring about the immigration status of any individual on campus;
d. The College will not use e-verify;
e. The College prohibits housing discrimination based on immigration status;
f. The College will publicly continue to support undocumented and Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) students’ equal access to in-state tuition, financial aid, and scholarships, and the college will continue to publicly support the continuation of the DACA program.

Article II. The College publicly advertises that student counseling services are available on a strictly confidential basis. Students who have concerns about their legal status should solicit input and advice from the Roukema Center for International Education to ensure their academic success at Ramapo College.

Article III. The College contacts other schools in the New Jersey Association of State Colleges and Universities (NJASCU) to create a formal statement that illustrates the legal protections NJASCU institutions provide their students and staff, and work with the Student Government Association to author a position statement noting these principles and will continue to work with its peer institutions to raise awareness around these critical issue.

Resolved: Passed 11-1-0

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