Council Resolution 03:
Support of UCOP Statement and Policies of Inclusion

WHEREAS (1), the UC San Diego campus community is inclusive and supports all of its members, including undocumented students, staff, faculty, their families, and its other vulnerable members, as attested by various members of the UC San Diego administration;²³⁴

WHEREAS (2), the University of California Office of the President (UCOP) has issued a statement in support of UC community members to reaffirm its nondiscrimination policy and protection of privacy with regard to undocumented students;⁵

WHEREAS (3), the above UC statement pertains primarily to the practices of the UC police;

WHEREAS (4), proposed policy changes under the incoming presidential administration with regard to undocumented people in the United States⁶ have created a climate of uncertainty and fear for UC San Diego’s undocumented community, especially when considering the lack of resources and infrastructure in place to protect them from these proposed policy changes;

WHEREAS (5), there have been multiple incidents expressing harassing language (see examples a and b below) on the UC San Diego campus directed at immigrants, international students, and undocumented individuals;⁷

a) Chalkings in April 2016 in front of Raza Resource Centro and the Chicano 40 Años mural, that included the statements “deport them all,” “build a wall,” and “fuck Mexicans;”

b) Chalkings in September 2016 in front of Raza Resource Centro that included the statement “no sanctuary cities or campuses;”

WHEREAS (6), the state of the campus and community environment has a major impact on the well-being, mental health, and security of its members and is of great importance to them;⁸

WHEREAS (7), UCLA and UC Berkeley now fund comprehensive, on-campus legal consultation and guidance for undocumented students, staff, workers, and their families in addition to any other member of the campus community experiencing immigration law issues;⁹

BE IT RESOLVED (1), that the Graduate Student Association of UC San Diego (GSAUCSD) supports undocumented students, staff, faculty, their families, other vulnerable members of our community, and efforts to protect them, including the UCOP statement and policy;
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED (2), that the administration call a meeting between Chancellor Khosla, VCRMP Gary Matthews, VCSA Juan Gonzalez, VCEDI Becky Pettit, Chief Campus Counsel Daniel Park, representatives from the Academic Senate, Chief David S. Rose, undergraduate representatives, and graduate student representatives to discuss the implementation of the UCOP statement and creation of a plan specific to UC San Diego;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED (3), GSAUCSD requests a written response from the UCSD administration, prior to the GSAUCSD Council meeting at 6pm on January 17, 2017, detailing a plan specific to UC San Diego regarding the statements within this resolution and the UCOP statement;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED (4), that GSAUCSD advocates that all those employed by UC San Diego, including Faculty and Staff, are held accountable to the same regulations applicable to the UC police as stated in the UCOP statement;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED (5), that the GSAUCSD calls for a moratorium on any on-campus activity, including recruitment and advertisement, by Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) at UC San Diego;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED (6), that the University requires recruiters for the Department of Homeland Security (DHS), US Border Patrol, and Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) dress in civilian clothing, and that they neither bring any weapons onto campus, drive or park any officially marked vehicles on campus, nor act in any on-duty capacity aside from their recruitment duties while on campus or any affiliated UC San Diego facilities;

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED (7), that the UC San Diego administration provide ample and strictly confidential legal and counseling services with personnel based at UC San Diego and trained specifically in issues pertaining to immigration status issues for members of our campus community experiencing immigration law issues, including undocumented students, staff, workers, and their families.

References:

1. https://ucsd.edu/about/principles.html
2. See notice below
http://www.motherjones.com/politics/2015/01/jeff-sessions-immigration-reform-border


8. https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdilybUpUdgFg_bNk7mjdzRGvHIFZoPFJbnQaleR4d4VpuVfq/viewform?c=0&w=1&usp

http://undocu.berkeley.edu/legal-support-overview/

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ALL ACADEMICS, STAFF AND STUDENTS AT UC SAN DIEGO

SUBJECT: A Message from Vice Chancellor Petitt

Dear Campus Community:

Over the last few months I have written about the importance of engaging our Principles of Community. I write again today in light of recent incidents occurring on our campus following a particularly acrimonious election season. I am concerned about the number of our campus community members who have reported that they have experienced or fear the increased likelihood of identity-based intimidation on our campus.

The day after the election, our campus was defaced with anti-Semitic graffiti near one of our campus bus stops. The graffiti was removed immediately after it was reported and the incident is being investigated by the UC San Diego Police Department. If you have information about this incident, please contact our campus Police Department. For a second time, anti-immigrant chalking appeared on campus and in front of the Raza Resource Centro. Students responded to the chalking with educational programming. I thank the student leaders for adhering to and engaging UC San Diego’s Principles of Community through their response.

Incidents such as these create feelings of vulnerability and fear in an environment where we should feel a sense of belonging. A climate of fear negatively impacts our ability to learn, teach, and work. Though we cannot control the uncaring actions occurring in the larger world around us, we can control our actions by not allowing the divisiveness of the recent campaign to define us. To members of our campus community who may feel fear or uncertainty at this moment in time, I remind you: You belong here. You matter. Your dignity matters. And you are loved. At UC San Diego, we are unwavering in our commitment to create and maintain a welcoming and vibrant teaching and learning environment.

On behalf of the UC San Diego Administration, I condemn, in the
strongest terms, what appears to be attempts to create an atmosphere of intimidation and fear among members of our campus community. I reaffirm our commitment to equity, diversity, and inclusion and encourage our community of scholars to exemplify our academic mission of engaging difficult issues intellectually and remaining open to hearing and learning from differing perspectives.

In closing, I share with the campus community that on November 15, President Napolitano established a “Working Group in Support of Undocumented Students at the University of California.” The group is charged to explore and provide council regarding UC’s response to any potential changes to Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA). And on November 17, Chancellor Khosla joined a number of our fellow Association of American Universities (AAU) peers as signatory of a strong public statement in support of Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA).

Join me in focusing on a future that leads to our collective wellbeing. Relevant resources accompany this communication.

Sincerely,
Becky Petitt
Vice Chancellor for Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion