

Resolution Making Santa Rosa Junior College Campuses and Centers Sanctuaries

December 7, 2016

Whereas, According to its Mission, “Santa Rosa Junior College passionately cultivates learning through creative, intellectual, physical, social, emotional, aesthetic and ethical development of our diverse community”: and, according to its value statement, values, “Diversity that supports . . . equal access for all students,” and “Multi-ethnic global cultural perspectives and cultural competencies”;¹ and

Whereas, Santa Rosa Junior College is committed to distinguishing itself as serving a growing and increasingly integrated and contributing Latinx population, evidenced by its establishing the Dream Center and becoming a Hispanic Serving Institution; and

Whereas, Santa Rosa Junior College is committed to providing equal opportunities and equal human dignity for all people who have been historically, and are currently, marginalized by systemic inequality; and

Whereas, Many statements made by the President-Elect of the United States oppose Santa Rosa Junior College’s mission and values, including policies that threaten the students we serve with deportation,² and positions and attitudes expressed by the President-Elect, his advisors and supporters, have directly resulted in an increase of harassment and hate-crime violence;³

Resolved, That the Academic Senate urge the Sonoma County Community College District to declare and establish the Santa Rosa Junior College Campuses and Centers as Sanctuaries, where undocumented students are protected from immigration and customs enforcement; and

Resolved, That the Academic Senate urge the Sonoma County Community College District to refuse to release the names or addresses of undocumented students, or others targeted for discrimination to government agencies seeking their status; and

Resolved, That the Academic Senate urge the Sonoma County Community College District publically reaffirm SRJC’s commitment to equal access and equal rights for all our diverse communities; and

Resolved, That the Academic Senate urge the Sonoma County Community College District to publically reaffirm its commitment to creating a safe learning environment for all that is free of hate-speech and harassment.

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¹ *The Santa Rosa Junior College Catalog, 2016/17*, p. 4

² http://www.nytimes.com/2016/11/15/us/politics/donald-trump-deport-immigrants.html?_r=0

³ <https://www.splcenter.org/hatewatch/2016/11/11/over-200-incidents-hateful-harassment-and-intimidation-election-day>