

DREAMers Task Force Meeting

Wednesday, December 7, 2022 1:00 pm - 2:00 pm <u>Zoom Link (click here)</u>

Attendance: Marlene Torres-Magaña, Elisa Chavez, Julie Carey, Jilian Gomez, Adolfo Leiva, Melissa Maldonado, Gonzalo Arrizon, Wissem Bennani, Maria Huning

AGENDA

1:00 pm | Introductions

- Name, pronouns (optional), position/organization
- Check in question: What is a winter tradition you practice?

1:20 pm | Matriculation Process for Undocumented Students

E Matriculation Process for Undocumented Students at Cañada

- Received many questions about this process and there have been many changes this semester
- FAQs for 6 or Fewer units Waiver: https://canadacollege.edu/dreamers/docs/faq6orfewerunits.pdf
- Should create a compendium document, show examples
- Who can be the contact person about the waiver?
 - Diana Espinoza & Liliana are supporting students often
 - Is the Welcome Center trained to support undocumented students?
 - There was a lot of initial misinformation, need to demystify process
- Additional questions:
 - How do I communicate with my student about the matriculation process when this is such a touchy subject?
 - How does SB 893 work with financial aid?
- Perhaps we need a document about free college for undocumented students
 - There was back and forth about this and it was unclear what the right answer was
 - Will collect questions from Mayra that came up after DC workshop
 - Ex: to qualify for SB 893, there is no requirement about the length of time the person must be living in SM County
 - 1. What are the residency requirements to qualify for SB 893?
 - A. Students must be CA residents, meaning that they have lived in CA for at least 1 year and 1 day prior to the start of the term, or they are an undocumented student as defined in the 6 unit or less waiver; AND
 - B. Students must reside in San Mateo County there is no minimum amount of time for this.
- SB 893 has the most impact on students who are not eligible for other forms of Financial Aid (through AB 540 & subsequently Cal Grants or CCPG)

• I'll be taking the recommendation to add one additional layer of detail to the SB893 FAQ document related to this EXACT dynamic (undocumented students and length of stay at point of application).

1:35 pm | DREAMers Task Force Priorities

- Last meeting we discussed wanting to learn more about: getting an ITIN, developing a business, working as an independent contractor, filing taxes
- Next steps?
 - Educating ourselves / Community of Practice Platica
 - Possible workshop

1:50 pm | Announcements/Updates

- Save the dates:
 - Saturday, January 7, 2023 Super Saturday (Registration event)
 - Thursday, January 12, 2023 District Flex Day, Dream Centers are presenting
 - Wednesday, February 8, 2023 LIBRE & IIBA workshop from 12:30-2pm
 - Saturday, March 25, 2023 OYE Latinx Youth Conference
- Spring meetings third Thursday of the month from 3-4 pm

1:55 pm | Next Steps

Next Meeting: TBD in 2023