

Cañada Undocumented Student Advocacy Coalition Meeting

Thursday, February 1, 2024

3:00 pm - 4:00 pm

[Zoom Link \(click here\)](#)

Attendance: **Maggie De Paz, Kiran Malavade, Candice Johnson, Luis Vargas, Adolfo Leiva, Jose Manzo, Michiko Kealoha, Elisa Chavez, Mahitha Rao, Wissem Bennani, Chris Rico, Gonzalo Arrizon**

AGENDA

3:00 pm | Introductions

- Name, pronouns (optional), position/organization
- Check in question: What is an intention you have set for this year?

3:15 pm | Recap of Fall 2023 + Spring 2024 Meetings

- [EAPC Approved Proposal to rename group](#)
- Next steps:
 - Suggestion 1: Update website to perhaps a subpage in EAPC?
 - [Former website](#)
 - Suggestion 2: work group / sub group to make updates to website
 - Kiran & Michiko have editing access to EAPC, if we moved in this direction, would want us to give guidance
 - Support moving under EAPC as long as it is easily searched and found, easy to find through EAPC & UCC websites
 - **Team supporting this effort:** Nimsi, Kiran, Adolfo, Marketing person, Michiko
- Upcoming meetings:
 - Mar 7, 2024 - CCC Apply & ID.me
 - Apr 4, 2024
 - May 2, 2024

3:30 pm | Financial Aid Updates

- FAFSA Changes
 - Application itself is more simple
 - Changed process for parents to request FSA ID, parents w/o a SSN need to go through a longer / more complex multi-step process
 - This process is currently NOT working & timeline to resolve it is not clear
 - Refer students to the Financial Aid office for support!
- CADAA Changes
 - Streamlined application process, embedded AB 540 affidavit in the application
- Financial Aid deadline has been pushed to April 2nd

- Schools likely not receiving financial aid applications until ~ march, impacts transferring students whose financial aid officers will not be clear
- financial aid is creating workshops, drop in hours, have **appointments available (call office)**
- SMCCCD Scholarship Application is still due March 2nd - <https://canadacollege.edu/financialaid/scholarship.php>
- Cash for College, District-wide virtual event, all day drop in, all financial aid applications - <https://events.canadacollege.edu/event/90380-smcccd-2024-2025-virtual-cash-for-college>
- Internal Financial Aid Assistance Drop ins - <https://calendly.com/floresjm/financialaidworkshops?month=2024-02>

3:45 pm | Open Forum

- Upcoming UCC Events
 - UndocuSpeaker Forum on Wednesday, February 7 from 5-6:30 pm @ Cultural Center
- Save these dates:
 - March 19, 2024 Sanson & Me Film Screening
 - May 3, 2024 Unlocking Futures Fellowship Symposium @ Skyline College
 - May 11, 2024 Migration Celebration @ College of San Mateo
- Queer Students of Color Conference (QSOCC) on Friday, March 8, 2024 @ Skyline College
- Dreamers Unite Conference on Saturday, March 9 @ Sequoia High School
- OYE Latinx Youth Conference on Saturday, March 23 @ Cañada!
- CSU East Bay Education Summit on Saturday, February 10th!
 - FREE transportation and food!
 - [Sign](#) up soon!
- Angel Island Trip, April 11
- <https://canadacollege.edu/culturalcenter/events.php>
- Black History Month:
 - Check out the banners outside the Cultural Center!
 - Feb 8 - Game Night
 - Feb 22 - Museum Visit
 - Feb 29 - Open Mic Night
- UndocuSupport Initiative community workshops in April & May focused on addressing the 2024 election, followed by two more workshops in the fall
- SparkPoint is preparing to launch food lockers to support evening students
- New SparkPoint Coordinator, Brianna Chavez!

3:58 pm | Up next

Next Meetings: March 7, 2024