

Subject: Supporting Undocumented Students

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Greetings UndocuAlly colleagues (and looping in new colleagues) - Please forward to anyone else at Foothill who may be interested.

UndocuAlly Meeting on Next Steps (from now until Mid-term election)

Tuesday, April 17th

12:30 pm – 1:45 pm

President's Conference Room

Thank you to each and everyone of you for helping with our college's effort to provide a supportive environment for our undocumented students!!!

You may recall we met in December 2016 to brainstorm our plan in light of the incoming Trump administration.

As many of you know, our gathering that day and subsequent gatherings resulted in several services and activities (such as lawyer hired/legal clinic, workshops, webpage resource, UndocuAlly stickers, regional conference, DREAMers mural, increased student scholarships/financial aid. Petition signing — to name a few). Yet it doesn't seem enough, and we don't know how much of the effort is directly helping actual undocumented students at Foothill.

Although it is hard to know exactly how many undocumented students are at Foothill, so far, we have actually seen increases in AB 504 students from last year. Here is our college webpage as a resource:

<https://foothill.edu/dreamers/>.

Little did we know (or maybe some of you had guessed it), the Executive Order for DACA was given an expiration of March 5, 2018. Thanks to the courts enjoining the effort, there was a slowing down of this dismantling effort. Yet, as some of you who are following my tweets of news from the D.C. Legislative visits, "DACA is hanging by a thread" as I was told. The only possible game-changer is the mid-term elections in November.

However, the question is what do we do to support our students and affected communities before and even after the mid-term elections. This email is not a request to be involved in the November election, but to inquire what services and programming could we solidify and add at Foothill. There is also a state grant opportunity that could provide additional funding. Maybe we could focus on:

- Reach out to undocumented students in our dual enrollment classes
- Establish a UndocuAlly physical space for resources
- Continue the legal clinic for consultation
- Continue the workshops
- Establish an UndocuAlly student ambassador-type of group (a Service Leadership project)
- Your ideas?

I will send out an Outlook invitation; please accept if you plan to attend. I know it is the second week of the quarter, but the grant deadline is May 1 and we want to get ideas generated as soon as possible.

Warmly,
Thuy

