

Whereas, the Connecticut General Assembly passed, and Governor Malloy signed, PA 11-43, An Act Concerning Access to Postsecondary Education, which grants equitable access to higher education for undocumented immigrant students;

Whereas, the Connecticut General Assembly passed, and Governor Malloy signed, PA 11-70, which directs the Planning Commission for Higher Education to address the challenges related to the disparity in the achievement gap between minority students and the general student population;

Whereas, the Board of Regents for Connecticut State Colleges and Universities identified elimination of achievement disparities among different ethnic, racial, economic, and gender groups as one of 5 goals for the system;

Whereas, all students, including qualified undocumented students, pay tuition, and 15 percent of that tuition is designated as institutional aid for students;

Whereas, qualified undocumented students are unable to access this institutional aid;

Whereas, the Board of Regents cannot promulgate regulations concerning financial aid nor grant such benefits without legislative action by the General Assembly;

Resolved, that the Faculty Senate at Central Connecticut State University supports a legislative solution to the current inequities in access to financial aid for qualified, undocumented students, and urges the Faculty Advisory Committee to the Board of Regents, the Board of Regents, and the Connecticut General Assembly to address this inequity and allow qualified, undocumented students access to financial aid.