

RESOLUTION NO. 612

RESOLUTION ON THE PROTECTION AND SAFETY OF ALL STUDENTS

The Lane Community College Board of Education reaffirms Board Policy 505 which prohibits discriminatory conduct that targets persons based on any of the following protected groups: age, sex, race, color, religion, physical or mental disability, national origin, veterans, familial relationship, marital status, gender identity, pregnancy, sexual orientation, and expunged record or association with any members of these protected groups.

WHEREAS Lane Community College is composed of a board of education, administration, faculty and staff who support the college's vision, values and mission including providing access to higher education for all students regardless of race, ethnicity, national origin, immigration status, religion, age, gender, gender identity, disability; and

WHEREAS Lane Community College complies with all federal and state laws such as the Family Education Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) the Oregon Tuition Equity Act which provides in-state tuition for undocumented students and Oregon law (ORS 181A.820) that prohibits state law enforcement or other state political subdivisions or agencies from using state funds for the purpose of detecting or apprehending persons whose only violation of law is that they are persons of foreign citizenship residing in the United States in violation of federal immigration laws; and

WHEREAS Lane supports the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) Program that provides a temporary reprieve from deportation for students who were brought to this country as children; and

WHEREAS the Lane Community College board of education, faculty and staff believe that our community, state and nation are richer as a result of its diverse population.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Lane Community College board of education affirms its continuing support for the college's diverse student population including students from other countries and those representing a variety of religious beliefs; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the board of education directs the President to ensure that these students receive support and assistance and are assured that Lane Community College welcomes them to access higher education at the college; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the board of education supports the continuation of current practices that are in accordance with federal and state law: Lane will not: 1) Share student records containing immigration or citizenship status without a court order, other legal authority or evidence of a pending criminal investigation with law enforcement agencies including officials for the U.S. Immigration and Customs enforcement (ICE) or the U.S. Customs and Immigration Service (USCIS) or the U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP); or 2) allow federal immigration officials to perform immigration enforcement exercises on campus without legal authority, unless there is a pressing safety issue pertaining to the college or in the surrounding area; or 3) act on behalf of federal agencies to enforce immigration laws or aid in deportation; or 4) allow any college employee during working hours to participate in any voluntary program of immigration enforcement on behalf of federal agents and will neither investigate nor inquire about a student's immigration status; and the college will not participate in the use of the e-Verify program; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the college will protect students from intimidation, unfair investigation and deportation and will take every legal measure to support students; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the college will support the proposed Bridge Act (Bar Removal of Individuals who Dream and Grow our Economy Act) a bipartisan piece of legislation to provide "provisional protected presence" and work authorization for eligible young people for three years from the date of enactment; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the board of education will not cooperate with any federal effort to create a registry of individuals based on any protected class characteristics such as religion, national origin, race or sexual or gender identity; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the board of education supports each individual's freedom of speech and freedom of religious expression and will protect student rights to actively exercise these rights on behalf of their values and beliefs within state and federal constitutional boundaries.

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THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Lane Community College Board of Education hereby declares that the college shall operate as a sanctuary campus as defined by the aforementioned principles and reaffirms current practice within the boundaries of state and federal law.

Adopted by the Board of Education this 8th day of February, 2017.

LANE COMMUNITY COLLEGE

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