



Senate Bill #7
of the 2016-2017 Session

To Charter the Undocumented Student Support Service Network Working Group

Introduced by
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Passed on
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GRIFFIN THOMAS, Student Association President, 2016-2017
Presiding Officer

Whereas, The Student Association, with the purpose of “enhanc[ing] the value of the Rice University experience, with a particular focus on the undergraduate experience”;

Whereas, Rice University’s mission is to “[cultivate] a diverse community of learning and discovery that produces leaders across the spectrum of human endeavors”;

Whereas, Rice University “welcomes all applicants, and considers candidates for undergraduate admission (as first time entering students or transfer students) without regard to nationality or citizenship”;

Whereas, Rice aspires to promote the success of students regardless of their immigration background;

Whereas, Rice offers considerable resources to all students in their collegiate success through several outlets including but not limited to the Office of Student Success Initiatives, the Office of Academic Advising, the Center for Career development, and the Wellbeing Office;

Whereas, Rice has displayed praiseworthy efforts in facilitating diversity and creating opportunities for low income and first generation student, but currently lacks undocumented student specific support services and resources;

Whereas, Undocumented student support services could further Rice's mission as a place that aspires to promote the success of all students; and

Whereas, The Student Association is committed to working alongside University administrators to achieve this mission and help all students succeed; therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Undocumented Student Support Service Network Task Force shall be created with the purpose of investigating resources currently available to undocumented students, assessing undocumented student needs, facilitating discussion around this issue, and creating tangible solutions alongside the Rice University administration;

Resolved, That the task force shall focus on understanding the problems that undocumented student face once in a university setting and identify any needs to better succeed at Rice;

Resolved, That the task force shall work with the Rice University administration, including but not limited to the undergraduate admissions department, the Center for Career Development, the Office of Academic Advising, the Study Abroad Office, Student Success Initiatives, the Office of International Student Services, and the Wellbeing Center, to better understand how to increase support and what additional support may be needed;

Resolved, That the Undocumented Student Support Service Network Task Force shall be chaired by Ariana Engles;

Resolved, That the Undocumented Student Support Service Network Task Force shall consist of a Chair, a Vice Chair, and four committee members;

Resolved, That the Committee Vice Chair and committee members will be selected by the Chair through an application and approved by a majority vote of Senate;

Resolved, That the application will be sent out within two weeks following the passage of this Bill and will be open for one full week;

Resolved, That the committee membership may be expanded upon recommendation of the Chair and approval of Senate;

Resolved, That progress reports will be delivered to Senate as deemed necessary by the Task Force Chair, in consultation with the Student Association President and Internal Vice President; and

Resolved, That the Undocumented Student Support Service Network Task Force will run through and conduct a final presentation to the Student Association by the end of the 2017 fall semester.