

Provost's UndocuTask Force Charge

CONTEXT

Undocumented students at the University of New Mexico add tremendous value to our university community. UNM is richer and stronger because of them. As an institution, UNM is committed to do all it can to support and empower our undocumented students to reach their full potential at the university.

Different colleges and schools within UNM have established, and are formulating, their own responses to issues related to undocumented students, but UNM has lacked an integrated framework for addressing issues and problems.

CHARGE

The Provost's UndocuTask Force is a collaborative effort to strengthen resources and support services for undocumented students at UNM and establish a formal network that includes internal units and community partners. The task force will (1) identify and articulate the issues and needs for undocumented members of the UNM community, and (2) implement campus initiatives to support undocumented students, including:

- Work with IT and UNM Communications and Marketing to establish a centralized repository for resources for undocumented students in the form of a UNM maintained website
- Establish formal fundraising efforts for undocumented students, including scholarships for undocumented professional students who are ineligible for federal aid and scholarships for undocumented students to apply for or renew their DACA status.
- Establish free UNM sponsored legal assistance and consultation for undocumented students
- Partner with the NM Dream Team to understand student needs and assist existing, ongoing efforts
- Assess campus climate for undocumented students, and evaluate campus services, assets, and allies, including their accessibility and effectiveness
- Compile all relevant campus policies related to undocumented students
- Work with the Office of Governmental Relations and University Counsel to initiate legislative solutions to ameliorate problems for undocumented students. (for example: professional licensure and loan-for-service for undocumented students.
- Engage community partners outside the umbrella of UNM stakeholder organizations such as non-profits serving immigrants, and bar associations and others, who would be invited to appoint a liaison to become either a member of the Task Force or another similar capacity. The goal of this interrelationship would be coordination of existing and ongoing efforts and information sharing.

- Make recommendations to the Provost for key policy and service changes in the form of a Task Force Report
- Insure continued implementation and monitoring of key policy and service changes after the Taskforce

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