



Undocumented Student Advisory Board Vision, Mission & Structures

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Advisory Board Vision

Leading as a national university model of justice and action, by prioritizing humanity, as well as equity, access and inclusion for individuals who are undocumented, UConn's Undocumented Student Advisory Board strives to ensure unimpeded opportunity for students without regard to citizenship or immigration status.

Advisory Board Mission

UConn's Undocumented Student Advisory Board centers student voices to confront systemic racism by identifying policy and procedural impediments for Undocumented Students. It proactively and urgently addresses them in collaboration with institutional leadership, students, and community members. The Advisory Board builds and sustains a coalition of individuals across all areas of the institution to listen, create change, and advocate for the needs of Undocumented Students.

Structure Composition

- Students
 - Storrs & Regionals and Farmington, Undergraduate & Graduate/Professional, Law, Medicine, Dental Medicine
- Staff & Administration
 - Enrollment, Financial Aid, ODI, Student Affairs, Global Affairs, General Counsel, Regional Campuses, Provost, Graduate School, SHaW-MH, Career Development
- Faculty
 - Academic & Research Expertise
- Community
 - Connecticut Students for a Dream (C4D)

Structure

Committees

- Executive Committee
 - Includes Co-Chairs & Committee Chairs
 - Responsible for setting an agenda and convening
 - Meets monthly and as needed
- Committees
 - National Legal & Legislative Updates and Actions
 - UConn Foundation (new)
 - University Services, Policy & Procedures
 - Training, Education, & Internships
 - Student Engagement

Structure

Committee Tasks

- **National Legal & Legislative Updates**

Reviews ongoing and emerging federal government laws, programs, and initiatives and advising on how the university should prepare for and respond to best serve students.
- **UConn Foundation (new)**

Identifies and provides access to existing Foundation funds eligible for our undocumented community.
- **University Services, Policy & Procedures**

Identifies existing policy and procedures for evaluation for capacity to serve needs of Undocumented Students at UConn. Also conducts regular assessments and surveys of key services to identify areas for improvement.
- **Training, Education, & Internships**

Guides training and continuing education for university community. Also works to conduct assessment of internship on scholarship initiative and recommend enhancements.
- **Student Engagement**

Coordinates engagement opportunities for current UConn students, including town halls, peer education and more.

National Legal & Legislative Updates

January 20, 2021

- Biden issued order directing USCIS to preserve and fortify DACA – starts APA administrative regulation writing process.

July 16, 2021

- Federal judge in Texas ruled DACA illegal because it didn't follow APA. BUT, stayed DACA in place for current recipients; prohibited any new DACA issuance.

October 2022

- Affirmed by 5th Circuit, but continued stay for current DACA recipients; remanded to same Texas federal judge to determine in Biden Administration's formal regulations corrected the APA deficiencies.

October 31, 2022

- Federal release of formal regulations codifying DACA, but Texas judge's injunction continued to prohibit new DACA issuance.

September 13, 2023

- Texas federal judge ruled the DACA regulations *STILL* were unlawful by exceeding executive authority with action that should be reserved for Congress; but maintained stay for current DACA recipients.

November 9, 2023

- Department of Justice announced it intends to again appeal this federal court decision.

as of November 27, 2023

- Recipients of DACA prior to July 16, 2021, maintain their DACA status and work authorization and can seek renewals; but no new DACA requests will be issued; awaiting the 5th Circuit Court of Appeals.

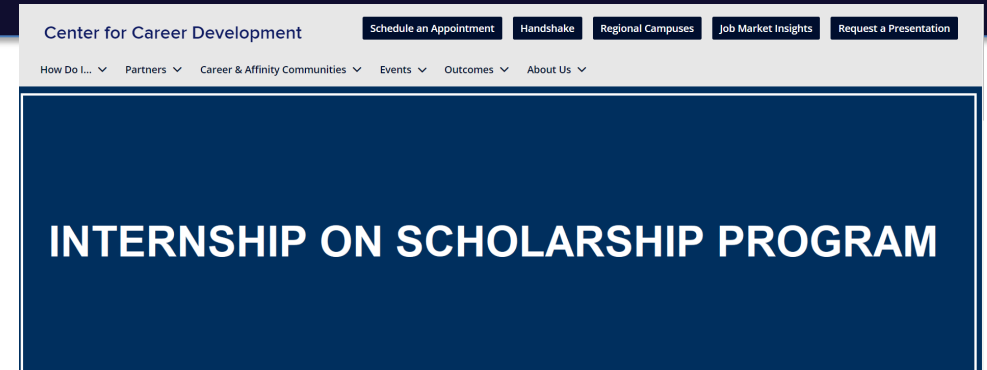
University Services, Policy & Procedures Toolkit Assessment

- **Purpose** - mini-assessment of how UConn policies and practices are being built around addressing the needs of undocumented/DACAmented students across functional areas (e.g., academic advising, career services, admissions). For example, what elements (e.g., staff training, websites, department policies) should colleagues in these functional areas be especially mindful of in their efforts to better support undocumented/DACAmented students?
- **Delivery** - mini-assessment to be shared via Qualtrics to collect the data submitted by functional areas at UConn. A guide/manual will accompany the assessment in addition to a feedback inquiry at the end of the Qualtrics form in order to find areas of improvement.
- **Structure** - this initiative will first be performed on a small scale by engaging in a pilot with a handful of functional areas during Spring 2024 in which data and feedback will be collected to carry out a full campus launch in Fall 2024.

University Services, Policy & Procedures Toolkit Timeline

- December 2023 - Reach out to functional areas to inquire about interest and capacity to complete our toolkit assessment.
- January 2024 - Launch toolkit assessment pilot and begin collecting data.
- March 2024 - Analyze data and modify documents for an expansive toolkit assessment launch in AY 2024-2025.

Training, Education, & Internships



Undocumented Student Resources Brochure

Developed a brochure outlining campus, state, and national resources for undocumented and DACAmented students at UConn

English version is complete; translation to Spanish in progress

Intended for distribution at admissions events and orientation

Internship on Scholarship Program

Offers on-campus and virtual internships, regardless of citizenship status, hosted by UConn departments and supported via scholarship funds.

Officially launched in Fall 2022

To date: 5 departmental hosts, 17 student applications

Student & Community Engagement

- Designed badges for faculty and staff for students to identify resource advocates
 - For advisory board and people who attended undocu training
- UndocuHuskies Organization (@undocuhuskiesct)
 - Student organization to create community
 - Hosts events to inform of available resources
 - Collaborate with Financial Aid Office and Center for Career Development
- Foster connection with Husky for Immigrants and CT Students for a Dream



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