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1 [Support of Institutional Financial Aid for Students Affect by the Provisions of Assembly Bill  
2 540]

3 **Resolution supporting institutional financial aid for students affected by the provisions**  
4 **of Assembly Bill 540.**

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6 WHEREAS, 65,000 undocumented students graduate from high school every year  
7 who are potentially eligible for AB540 status; and,

8 WHEREAS, AB540 students are not currently eligible for any form of financial aid; and,

9 WHEREAS, 33% of fees paid to the University of California are supposed to return to  
10 students in the form of institutional financial aid on merit and need basis; and,

11 WHEREAS, AB540 students pay into this pool but are currently ineligible to compete  
12 for this institutional financial aid; and,

13 WHEREAS, The 32% fee hike passed by the University of California Regents has left  
14 many undocumented AB540 students without access to affordable education; and,

15 WHEREAS, A proposal for the ability to an equal opportunity to institutional financial  
16 aid will be presented to the Committee of Chancellors; and,

17 WHEREAS, The Chancellor of the University California, Los Angeles recently  
18 discussed the proposal for equal opportunity to access institutional aid at the Council of  
19 Chancellors' meeting in January; and,

20 WHEREAS, The Chancellor of the University of California, Los Angeles and the UC  
21 Student Regent will propose institutional aid eligibility for undocumented students to the  
22 University of California Regents at the next UC Regents meeting on March 23<sup>rd</sup> to the 25<sup>th</sup>.  
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RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of San Francisco endorses the proposal being presented to the UC Regents securing the right of AB540 students to be eligible for institutional financial aid.

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## Expected Plan Would Aid Undocumented Students

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Steps may be taken toward granting financial aid to undocumented University of California students when the UC Board of Regents meets in March.

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UC Student Regent Jesse Bernal and UCLA Chancellor Gene Block are expected to propose an extension of university financial aid to undocumented students who fall under the provisions of California Assembly Bill 540, according to UC Student Association officials.

The bill states that any student in California who spends at least three years at and graduates from a California high school, regardless of his or her citizenship, is eligible for resident student fee rates.

While the proposal has not been formally drafted, the association is optimistic that it would pass if put before the board, according to Victor Sanchez, president of the association.

"California has always been a trailblazer when it comes to policy decisions," he said. "Other states will look at California and feel inclined to step forward and meet the challenges. More than ever it needs to be passed first."

Neither Bernal nor Block could be contacted by press time to confirm that they would bring this proposal before the board at the March 23 to 25 meeting.

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But UC Berkeley Chancellor Robert Birgeneau said at Wednesday's ASUC Senate meeting that, while he supported the extension of some financial aid to undocumented AB 540 students, doing so through the board may not be legal.

"We need to be allowed to give financial aid to undocumented students," Birgeneau said. "The legal judgment we got is that the lawyers in the (UC) Office of the President said no-this violates the law."

The association published a "Resolution in Support of Institutional Financial Aid for AB 540 Students" on Feb. 7 supporting Block and Bernal's anticipated proposal at the regents' meeting scheduled for March.

Other organizations, such as the ASUC and BAMN, support the association's resolution and the extension of financial aid to undocumented AB 540 students.

"If the UCSA is supporting this, it highlights the urgency of institutional aid for AB 540 undocumented students," said ASUC CalSERVE Senator Cynthia Nava.

An ASUC bill authored by Nava and passed unanimously Feb. 17 calls on ASUC President Will Smelko to encourage campus administrators to express support for Bernal and Block's anticipated proposal.

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