

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES**  
**UNIVERSITY OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA**  
**UDC RESOLUTION NO. 2015-24**

**SUBJECT: Board of Trustees Approval of Undocumented Student In-State Tuition Rates and Local Financial Aid Eligibility**

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to D.C. *Code §38-1202.06 (8)*, the Board of Trustees of the University of the District of Columbia shall fix tuition, and fees in addition to tuition, to be paid by resident and nonresident students attending the University; provided, that such tuition and fees are adopted by the Trustees in accordance with the provisions of D.C. Official Code §2-505(a); and

**WHEREAS**, Federal law (8 U.S.C. 1621(d)) provides that a “State may provide that an alien who is not lawfully present in the United States is eligible for any State or local public benefit for which such alien would otherwise be ineligible under subsection (a) of this section only through the enactment of a State law after August 22, 1996, which affirmatively provides for such eligibility;” and

**WHEREAS**, the University currently admits undocumented students who are bona fide District residents, however, without producing certain documents as proof of residency or meeting the special population requirements, they are charged the international student tuition rate; and

**WHEREAS**, currently, undocumented students who are bona fide District residents are ineligible for State or local aid; and

**WHEREAS**, the District of Columbia has a proven commitment to making the city more hospitable to undocumented immigrants, and has demonstrated its commitment by enacting policies that remove administrative barriers so that undocumented District residents may work and live in the District, but does not have a law which affirmatively provides for undocumented students who are Bona Fide District residents to be eligible to receive in state tuition rates nor receive local or state financial aid at the District of Columbia’s only public institution of higher learning; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Trustees seeks to remove administrative barriers for undocumented students seeking to pursue educational opportunities at the University of the District of Columbia and its components;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that it is the University of the District of Columbia policy that undocumented DC residents; undocumented DC public, private and charter

high schools graduates or GED recipients be eligible for in-state tuition rates and local financial aid at the University of the District of Columbia and the University of the District of Columbia Community College; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Board of Trustees approves the attached policy and directs the Administration to submit a legislative proposal to the Council of the District of Columbia recommending the enactment of legislation which provides in-state tuition rates and local financial aid for undocumented residents; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that, consistent with the legislation, the Board of Trustees of the University of the District of Columbia hereby directs the President to establish and adopt a process which grants undocumented DC residents in-state tuition rates and state financial aid if the undocumented DC resident either attended high school in the District and obtained a high school diploma or equivalent in the District and/or otherwise demonstrates that they are a bona fide DC resident.

Submitted by the Operations Committee

June 18, 2015

Approved by the Board of Trustees

July 14, 2015

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Elaine A. Crider", written over a horizontal line.

Elaine A. Crider  
Chairperson of the Board