

## College Council on Community Policy

### Meeting Minutes

April 6, 2018

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The meeting began at 12:10.

Undocumented Students. “Dreamers” and DACA (Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals) Presentation by Professor Josh Miller from the School for Social Work. Professor Miller was the Lead Coordinator of the Smith Presidential Innovation Grant supporting undocumented students at Smith College.

As part of the grant Professor Miller worked with a group of students from OUSR (Organizing for Undocumented Students’ Rights) to put together a two day conference at Smith with the goals of identifying undocumented students’ challenges and determining what Smith can do to support undocumented students.

Challenges that undocumented students face include: travel home, travel for sports, feeling vulnerable in the classroom, wondering if mental health counselors understand their situation, support infrastructure at Smith and other organizations, anxiety about all of the above and more.

What can Smith College and the Smith Community do to support undocumented students: identify a point person for students to contact, establish a high-level committee to look at undocumented student issues (this has recently been established), explore additional funding, identify mentors and allies, outline protocol in the event of a visit by I.C.E (Immigration and Customs Enforcement) to campus, identify resources in the Northampton area for additional support as needed such as legal advice.

Smith has developed a website that outlines Resources and Responses to the current immigration environment in the United States.

<https://www.smith.edu/about-smith/immigration-policy-resources>

The meeting ended at 1:00