



A Resolution In Support of Undocumented and DACA Students

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WHEREAS, The Associated Students, Incorporated (ASI) is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization that operates as an auxiliary organization of California State University, Fullerton; and

WHEREAS, ASI is governed by ASI Board of Directors, sets policy for the organization, approves all funding allocations to programs and services, and advocates on behalf of student interests on committees and boards; and

WHEREAS, it is ASI's mission to provide students and campus community members with important social, cultural, and recreational opportunities as well as a wide range of programs and services; and

WHEREAS, the role of ASI at CSU Fullerton is to facilitate participation across a spectrum of fields relating to the promotion of student life on the campus; and

WHEREAS, an undocumented individual is defined as a foreign-born person who does not have the legal right to remain in the United States;¹ and

WHEREAS, the Presidential Executive Order, Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals or DACA, allowed 728,000 young undocumented people to receive relief from deportation, and work permits to pursue higher education in the United States;² and

WHEREAS, in 2015 an estimated 10,000 students in California's Higher Education Institutions received in-state tuition waivers through California State Law, AB 540;³ and

WHEREAS, undocumented college bound students in California exceed 550,000;⁴ and

WHEREAS, the educational goals of DACA, further the mission statement of ASI and the California Master Plan for higher education; and

WHEREAS, Chancellor White of the California State University (CSU) System, in collaboration with the California Community College and the University of California system leadership, have taken a stance in support of the DACA Program in a letter written to the White House⁵ and

WHEREAS, the CSU System does not track students' immigration status;⁶ and

¹ <http://www.nolo.com/legal-encyclopedia/who-is-undocumented-immigrant.html>

² <http://www.nolo.com/legal-encyclopedia/who-is-undocumented-immigrant.html>

³ Fact Sheet; An Overview of College-Bound Undocumented Students http://www.e4fc.org/images/Fact_Sheet.pdf

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⁵ <https://www.universityofcalifornia.edu/sites/default/files/UC-CSU-CCC-DACA-Letter-11-29-16.pdf>

⁶ Cal State will not help deport undocumented students under Trump, chancellor says.

<http://www.latimes.com/local/lanow/la-me-cal-state-undocumented-students-In-20161116-story.html>



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WHEREAS, Chancellor White, of the CSU System, has stated that Cal State Universities will not support the enforcement of federal immigration laws;⁷ and

WHEREAS, CSU Fullerton is the first university in the CSU System to create a resource center with specific space, programs and services for undocumented students;⁸ and

WHEREAS, the Academic Senate of CSU Fullerton passed ASD 16-162, a Resolution in Support of Undocumented Students;⁹ and

WHEREAS, many immigrant students on our campus have reported feeling unprotected, anxious, and uncertain about their academic and personal future;¹⁰ and therefore let it be

RESOLVED, that with the adoption of this resolution, ASI officially supports undocumented students in their efforts to pursue their educational goals regardless of their legal status, background and will advocate for the protection of all undocumented students on campus; and let it be further

RESOLVED, ASI shall publically support state and federal legislation that addresses additional resources for undocumented students in the CSU system; and let it be further

RESOLVED, ASI officially supports the DACA program and supports the mission of the Titan Dreamers Resource Center and the role it plays in our campus community; and let it be further

RESOLVED, ASI officially supports the Academic Senate Resolution 16-162; and let it be further

RESOLVED, ASI requests that the Legal Clinic expand services offered to include legal advice on immigration, applying for DACA, and legal status inquiries; and let it be further

RESOLVED, ASI shall increase the visibility of resources for undocumented students through the ASI webpage and ASI social media by sharing important information such as deadlines to the California Dream Act application, how to apply to AB 540, how and when to renew DACA and other helpful information for the undocumented student population; and let it be further

RESOLVED, ASI shall establish one additional ASI scholarship per Fall and Spring semester in the amount of \$500 for undocumented students to support their academic success; and let it be further

RESOLVED, ASI supports current procedures that do not require University Police to check the legal status of our students; and let it be further

⁷ <http://www.latimes.com/local/lanow/la-me-cal-state-undocumented-students-In-20161116-story.html>

⁸ <http://www.ocregister.com/2014/04/25/cal-state-fullerton-opens-center-for-undocumented-students/>

⁹ <http://news.fullerton.edu/2016fa/resolutions-supporting-undocumented.aspx>

¹⁰ California Dreamers - And Their Nightmares <https://www.insidehighered.com/news/2017/04/14/dreamers-grapple-increased-stresses-and-challenges>



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RESOLVED, ASI encourages the University to continue providing services and resources that shall benefit our undocumented student population; and let it be further

RESOLVED, ASI urges the University to maintain a trained specialist in Student Financial Aid Services for undocumented and DACA students to have better support and to more easily navigate the financial aid process; and let it be further

RESOLVED, ASI urges the University to seek additional private funding to provide additional services and financial resources for our undocumented student population; and let it be further

RESOLVED, ASI encourages the CSU Fullerton Study Abroad Director and staff to continue to provide guidance and travel advice for students who may deem it necessary; and

RESOLVED, in order to ensure that progress is made on the expectations outlined in this resolution, the ASI President shall provide one status update to the ASI Board of Directors per semester and continue until no further action is required; and let it be finally

RESOLVED, that this resolution be distributed to the California State University Board of Trustees, California State Student Association, the Governor of California, the California State Senator of the 29th district, the California State Assembly Member of the 65th district, and the following CSU Fullerton departments, divisions, and/or entities for their support and consideration: Office of the President, the President's Advisory Board, Office of the Vice President for Student Affairs, Office of the Vice President of Administration and Finance, Office of the Vice President for University Advancement, Office of the Dean of Students, the Academic Senate, and California Faculty Association.

Adopted by the Board of Directors of the Associated Students, California State University, Fullerton, Inc., on the ninth day of May in the year two thousand and seventeen.

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