



Resolution Supporting the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) Students

WHEREAS, The Associated Students, Inc. (ASI) of California State University, Stanislaus is the official voice of the students, with many of those students (as the result of a recent presidential announcement) currently under a cloud of uncertainty with the threat of possible deportation; and

WHEREAS, the *Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals* (DACA) program was a plan which outlined and was put into place as an executive order on June 15, 2012, by then-President Barack Obama, which allowed for qualified persons to remain in the United States without fear of deportation; and

WHEREAS, on September 5, 2017, President Trump announced that in six months he will begin phasing out the benefits and protections offered by the DACA program, urging Congress to pass replacement legislation before his six months deadline; and

WHEREAS, if Congress fails to act by the President's imposed deadline, immigrants who were brought to the United States illegally as children will conceivably face deportation as early as March 6, 2018, to countries where many have no independent recollection or sense of belonging; and

WHEREAS, since the President's September 5th announcement, a climate of extreme and increasing fear and anxiety has gripped not only those DACA students who may be directly impacted, but also by those who respect and support those students facing possible deportation; and

WHEREAS, there are _____ DACA students in the California State University system as a whole, with _____ of those students attending CSU Stanislaus; and

WHEREAS, Stanislaus State University is a diverse campus made up of students from a rich and wide variety of cultures, ethnicities, racial make-up, beliefs and socio-economic backgrounds - a diversity we embrace and cherish as a campus community.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Associated Students, Inc. stands firmly behind and supports our DACA students in their current precarious situation, pledging to assist in working towards a positive outcome; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, we strongly support Stanislaus State being designated as a sanctuary campus, offering any protections possible to those students negatively affected by President Trump's actions; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED to encourage Congress to pass new immigration legislation that will eliminate the uncertainty currently being experienced by our DACA students; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that this resolution be distributed widely, including, but not limited to the President of CSU Stanislaus, Dr. Ellen Junn; the Speaker of Faculty & Academic Senate Chair, Cathlin Davis; Provost, Kimberly Greer; Vice President for Student Affairs, Suzanne Espinoza; CSU Stanislaus’s Student Newspaper “The Signal”; Movimiento Estudiantil Chicano de Aztlan (MEChA), Students Advocating for Equality (SAFE), and Students for Quality Education (SQE)

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Directors of the Associated Students, Inc., at a regularly held meeting on

Brandon Demers
ASI President

Date

Michelle Nungaray
ASI Secretary

Date