**Academic Senate of California State University, Fresno**

**“Fresno State Resolution In Support of CSU Students and Staff Admitted or Employed Under Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) and In support of the DACA Program”**

WHEREAS September 5th, 2017, the Attorney General Jeff Sessions announced the Trump Administration's intentions to officially rescind the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) program within six month; and

WHEREAS the *Los Angeles Times* reported on September 6, 2017 that this decision will impact close to 800,000 recipients, the majority of whom are under 25 years old; and

WHEREAS the *Los Angeles Times* also notes 44.9% of all DACA recipients are students, 91.4% are currently employed; and

WHEREAS the *Los Angeles Times* continues California has among the highest populations of DACA recipients, numbering approximately 222,795 people; and

WHEREAS the September 6th *Collegian* reports nearly 1200 students will be impacted at Fresno State alone, and thus we know thousands of students and hundreds of staff in the CSU system will be impacted by this decision; and

WHEREAS Federal law protects the privacy of student records under FERPA and California law provides access to higher education and financial assistance to qualified undocumented California residents under AB 540 and the California “Dream” Act (AB 130 & 131); and

WHEREAS CSU Fresno’s Academic Senate was among the first in the state to call for protection of our immigrant population in its 11/21/16 in “Academic Senate Resolution in Support of Campus Diversity and Freedom of Expression” which called “on President Castro, Chancellor White, and the Board of Trustees to do all they can to resist Immigration and Customs Enforcement officials and other immigration officials from conducting enforcement on our local campus or the wider CSU”; and

WHEREAS the Academic Senate of the California State University (ASCSU) expressed its clear and unequivocal support for DACA recipients in its 4/16-17/16 resolution AS-3287-17/FA entitled “In Support of Students Admitted to the CSU Under Deferred Action Childhood Arrivals (DACA)” which included the resolve “That if DACA were repealed, the ASCSU stand ready to advocate for legal resources and material support to ensure that the rights that would otherwise be available to DACA and DACA-eligible students are preserved”; and

WHEREAS upholding DACA is both a national necessity due to the need for educated talent in the United States and a moral and ethical imperative if we are to live up to the core mission of the CSU to provide the opportunity for all students in the state of California to pursue their education; therefore be itRESOLVED that the Academic Senate of California State University, Fresno publically state and declare, in solidarity with the wider ASCSU, that “we stand in solidarity with our DACA and DACA-eligible students” and staff and call on all faculty to “work to ensure the preservation of DACA”; and be it further

RESOLVED that the Academic Senate of California State University, Fresno, in keeping with AS-3287-17 FA, encourage the Chancellor and Board of Trustees of the CSU take bold legal leadership on this issue by joining and supporting the legal effort of University of California President Janet Napolitano, and/or pursuing legal action on the CSU’s behalf, thus lending the weight of the largest university system in the United States to legal efforts to remedy this situation; and be it further,

RESOLVED that in keeping with our own November resolution, and inspired by more specific and detailed resolutions passed by other CSU campuses, we call on the administration on campus and system-wide particularly to:

* guarantee student privacy by refusing to release information regarding the immigration status of our students and campus community members;
* refuse to comply with immigration authorities regarding deportations or raids;
* refuse I.C.E. physical access to all land owned or controlled by the CSU;
* offer over-break housing for students who cannot return home due to fear of deportation;
* and find existing resources and/or continue to pursue special funds segregated from federal monies to support legal action on behalf of and guarantee in-state tuition for students previously deemed DACA recipients, as well as continue operation of campus based Dream Centers; and be it finally

RESOLVED that this resolution be distributed to:

* CSU Board of Trustees
* CSU Chancellor
* CSU, Fresno, President
* CSU campus Senate Chairs
* Academic Senate of the CSU
* California Faculty Association (CFA), Statewide President
* CFA Fresno Chapter President
* California State Student Association (CSSA)
* President of CSU, Fresno, chapter of Associated Students Inc. (ASI)
* Coordinator of CSU, Fresno, Dream Center
* Both California U.S. Senators
* Regional U.S. Congressional Representatives for Districts 16, 21, and 22
* The website of the CSU, Fresno in an area reserved for the academic posting of resolutions

Approved by the Academic Senate without dissent on Monday, September 11, 2017