

Congress of Graduate Students Florida State University

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The 25th Congress of Graduate Students

Resolution 5

Sponsored by Academics & Student Life Committee

Response to President Trump's Intention to Repeal DACA

WHEREAS: The Florida State University Diversity and Inclusion Statement notes "By valuing, celebrating and leveraging the differences and similarities of our students, faculty and staff, we inspire an environment of innovation and passion—one that enables us to create a teaching, research and service environment that better reflects the needs of our students, faculty, staff, customers, constituents, communities and other key stakeholders."

WHEREAS: The Congress of Graduate Students openly and actively supports efforts to advance diversity and inclusion on campus, equal opportunity, non-discrimination, non-retaliation, and proudly stands by all people independently of their race, creed, color, sex, religion, national origin, age, disability, veterans' status, or marital status, sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression, or any other protected group status, and life experiences. These comprise a vital and welcomed part of the Florida State University community.

WHEREAS: The Congress of Graduate Students openly supports President John Thrasher's commitment to protect undocumented students on FSU's campus, manifested on December 7, 2016, during the President's State of the University Address, and reaffirmed on September 6, 2017 in a message to the FSU community.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED: As members of the university community, we support these measures because we believe they are necessary to protect undocumented students from the possible threats that lie ahead. We believe undocumented students are as valuable as any other student in the University. Moreover, they enrich the diversity on campus, which has positive impact on research and culture.

The Congress of Graduate Students would like that FSU reaffirm its commitment to diversity, inclusion and undocumented students by:

1. Guaranteeing that any tuition assistance for Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) or any other undocumented student that has already been awarded will not be withheld or revoked on the basis of their legal status.
2. Guaranteeing that the University will not collect or maintain information on individuals' immigration status unless required by law. If collecting the information is required, it will be kept private from Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) or other immigration enforcement officials, unless otherwise required by law.
3. Guaranteeing, and designating a safe space for confidentiality for any person in need of psychological or legal assistance.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT: Copies of this resolution be sent to:

Sally E. McRorie, Provost

David L. Perry, Chief of Police, FSUPD

Amy Hecht, Vice President for Student Affairs

Mark Riley, Interim Dean of the Graduate School

John E. Thrasher, President of Florida State University

Cynthia Green, Director, Center for Global Engagement

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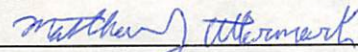
Terry Coonan, Director of the Center for the Advancement of Human Rights

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