

Congress of Graduate Students Florida State University

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The 25th Congress of Graduate Students

Resolution 3

Sponsored by Academics & Student Life Committee

Support for President Thrasher's Statements About Undocumented Students

WHEREAS: The Florida State University Diversity and Inclusion Statement notes that "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 who comprise a vital and welcomed part of the Florida State University community.

WHEREAS: FSU SGA and the Faculty Senate recognize the opportunities for students provided by the out of state tuition waiver for the children of undocumented immigrants and supports the continuance of the program,

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

WHEREAS: Other Universities in Florida have adopted similar policies, such as University of Florida, Florida International University, Florida Atlantic University, Florida

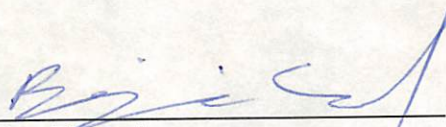
Golf Coast University, University of Central Florida and University of South Florida. Other top Universities in the country have done the same, such as New York University, Portland State University, Reed College, Wesleyan University, Pitzer College, University of Pennsylvania, Connecticut College, Drake University, Swarthmore College.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED: As members of the university community, we support these measures because we believe they are necessary to protect immigrant students from the possible threats that lie ahead. Immigrant 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.

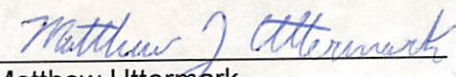
The **Congress of Graduate Students** request that FSU reaffirms its commitment to diversity and inclusion by:

1. Guaranteeing that any tuition assistance for Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) or undocumented student has already been awarded will not be withheld or revoked on the basis of their legal status.
2. Guaranteeing, and designates a safe space with confidentiality to any person in need of assistance

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT: Copies of this resolution be sent to:
Edward E. "Ed" Burr, Chair of the Florida State University Board of Trustees
John E. Thrasher, President of Florida State University
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