

Institutional Support of and Protection for Undocumented Students at CSUN

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3 WHEREAS: There are over 2.6 million undocumented immigrants in California, including
4 more than 553,000 undocumented K-16 students and approximately 1,300 undocumented
5 students at California State University, Northridge; and
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7 WHEREAS: The President of the United States has committed to the deportation of
8 undocumented immigrants, which may include and/or affect CSUN undocumented students,
9 staff, and/or their family and community members; and
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11 WHEREAS: The President of the United States has threatened to eliminate the Deferred Action
12 for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) program, which grants undocumented immigrants—including
13 some but not all undocumented students and staff at CSUN—who meet certain requirements
14 two-year “deferred action” or temporary relief from deportation, an Employment Authorization
15 Document (EAD) that they can use to seek employment, eligibility for a social security number
16 that can be used to access state-issued identification, and eligibility to travel out of the U.S. for
17 educational, employment, or humanitarian reasons under the advanced parole program; and
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19 WHEREAS: Federal law protects the privacy of student records under FERPA, and California
20 law provides educational financial assistance to some undocumented California residents
21 qualified for AB 540 and the California “Dream” Act (AB 130 and 131); and
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23 WHEREAS: The President of the United States’ anti-immigrant agenda has had a chilling
24 effect on undocumented students at CSUN, including the reported hesitancy by students who are
25 eligible to apply for/ submit required documentation for DACA, AB 540, and California Dream
26 Act; and emotional distress by students ineligible for any federal or state protections; and
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28 WHEREAS: CSUN President Dianne F. Harrison in a letter dated November 9, 2016
29 acknowledged the anxiety expressed by undocumented students regarding immigration reform,
30 and affirmed institutional support for our undocumented students and a commitment to advance
31 policies and resources that provide a context for their success; and
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33 WHEREAS: CSUN President Dianne F. Harrison in a letter dated November 16, 2016
34 confirmed that policy of CSUN Police Services is that CSUN Police officers shall not contact,
35 detain, question or arrest individuals solely on the basis of known or suspected immigration
36 status; and
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38 WHEREAS: CSU Chancellor Timothy P. White in a letter dated November 17, 2016 stated
39 immediate concern for students and other members of the CSU community who lack
40 documentation and fear actions based on the emerging national narrative of potential changes in
41 immigration policy and related enforcement action. He outlined a flexible CSU policy that
42 affirms: the CSU will not enter into agreements with state or local law enforcement agencies,
43 Homeland Security or any other federal department for the enforcement of federal immigration
44 law; University police departments will not honor immigration hold requests; and University
45 police do not contact, detain, question or arrest individuals solely on the basis of being – or
46 suspected of being – a person that lacks documentation. And that the CSU will partner with

47 elected officials at the state and national level to inform and work to prevent negative
48 developments regarding immigration for our undocumented students, including those with
49 DACA status; and

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51 WHEREAS: The threat to students and campus community members requires a concrete and
52 tangible response from the CSUN Faculty; and therefore be it

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54 RESOLVED: That the CSUN Faculty fully support and stand by the opportunity for
55 undocumented students to access and pursue educational opportunities at CSUN, as well as
56 professional opportunities for staff and faculty with undocumented status; and be it further

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58 RESOLVED: That the CSUN Faculty commend the work of the EOP DREAM Center, and
59 recommend greater institutional support to ensure its sustainability and expand efforts to provide
60 educational opportunities for undocumented students; and be it further

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62 RESOLVED: That the CSUN Faculty recommend the University create special funding sources
63 segregated from federal monies to expand scholarship opportunities, develop a work study
64 program or stipends in exchange for performing research under the guidance of faculty members
65 or other meaningful educational projects, for undocumented students who might lose work
66 authorization with the elimination of the federal DACA program and/or those undocumented
67 students who do not qualify for AB 540 or CA Dream Act; and be it further

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69 RESOLVED: That the CSUN Faculty recommend the University create a legal center and/or
70 bring legal experts to campus, so that they can provide legal counseling to undocumented
71 students, students with undocumented family members, and other minoritized students; and be it
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74 RESOLVED: That the CSUN Faculty recommend the University to offer housing for students
75 who cannot return home due to fear of deportation; and be it further

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77 RESOLVED: That the CSUN Faculty recommend the University to ensure that mental health
78 services are equipped with mental health professionals who have cultural competency in working
79 with politically marginalized communities and trauma-related issues of familial separation and
80 the chronic threat of deportation; and be it further

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82 RESOLVED: That the CSUN Faculty recommend the University to guarantee student privacy
83 by refusing to release information regarding the immigration status of our students and
84 community members. Refuse to comply with immigration authorities regarding deportations or
85 raids; and be it further

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87 RESOLVED: That the CSUN Faculty recommend the University to refuse U.S. Immigration
88 and Customs Enforcement (ICE) physical access to all land owned or controlled by the CSU; and
89 be it further

90 RESOLVED: That the CSUN Faculty encourage faculty to increase program, department, and
91 college-level efforts to symbolically and materially support undocumented students and staff
92 within their respective units; and be it further

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94 RESOLVED: That the CSUN Faculty encourage faculty to include a statement in their course
95 syllabi informing students that there are campus resources such as the CSUN EOP DREAM
96 Center located in the USU available to all students including undocumented students where they
97 may request help in applying for financial aid, social support, and referrals to counseling and
98 immigration services, as well as other resources; and be it further
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100 RESOLVED: That the CSUN Faculty express a commitment to cultivating a space of inclusivity
101 and declaration to establish CSU campuses as sanctuary campuses without exception for all its
102 students, faculty, staff, alumni and families of these individuals who are at risk of deportation;
103 and be it further
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105 RESOLVED: That the CSUN Faculty support the formal adoption of the Trust Act (CA AB 4-
106 Ammiano) for the CSU campuses in furtherance of the first two resolves; and be it further
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108 RESOLVED: That the CSUN Faculty Senate distribute this resolution to:

- 109 • CSU Board of Trustees
- 110 • CSU Chancellor
- 111 • CSUN President
- 112 • CSU campus Senate Chairs
- 113 • Academic Senate of the CSU
- 114 • California Faculty Association (CFA)
- 115 • California State Student Association (CSSA)
- 116 • CSUN chapter of Associated Students Inc. (ASI)
- 117 • Governor of the State of California
- 118 • Mayor of Los Angeles
- 119 • CSUN Vice President of Student Affairs and the Dean of Students
- 120 • CSUN Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs
- 121 • Director of Educational Opportunity Programs
- 122 • Coordinator of the CSUN DREAM Center
- 123 • USU Board of Directors
- 124 • CSUN Today
- 125 • The Daily Sundial