



Associated Students of Western Washington University
Board of Directors

A Resolution in Support of DACAmented Students

October 2017

WHEREAS, President Donald Trump ordered an end to the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals program on September 5, 2017, affecting over 800,000 people brought to the United States as children; and,

WHEREAS, President Trump demanded on October 12, 2017 that an overhaul of the green card system, funding for a border wall, more border security, and stricter immigration enforcement must go along with a DACA replacement; and,

WHEREAS, Western Washington University has already made a commitment to supporting its undocumented students, both before¹ and after² the announcement of the ending of DACA; and,

WHEREAS, Western Washington University's Ethnic Student Center has a club called Blue Group specifically by and for undocumented students; and,

WHEREAS, the Associated Students passed a resolution regarding undocumented student services committing to offer more services to undocumented students on campus³; and,

WHEREAS, the 2017-2018 AS Board finds themselves impacted directly by this decision because of one of its members, VP for Governmental Affairs Ana Ramirez is undocumented; and,

WHEREAS, an Undocumented Students Support Working Group has already been created by the Associated Students⁴, the purpose of which will be to find ways to pay undocumented students for their work and create more resources; and,

WHEREAS, the ending of DACA will affect the ability of students on campus to learn and live safe and fulfilling lives with the threat of deportation; and,

WHEREAS, the organization NASPA - Student Affairs in Higher Administration put out a statement showing their support for undocumented students and encouraging campuses to do the

¹ <https://president.wvu.edu/western-supports-our-undocumented-students>

² <https://president.wvu.edu/president-randhawas-statement-regarding-decision-end-daca>

³ <http://media.as.wvu.edu/up/2017/01/16-17-undocumented-students-services-resolution.pdf>

⁴ <http://media.as.wvu.edu/up/2017/08/undocumented-students-support-working-group.pdf>

same, saying “We are a nation of immigrants and though that national foundation is stained by the blood of innocents, now is not the time to turn our backs on history”⁵; and,

WHEREAS, Western Washington University keeps all students’ personal information, including documentation, confidential, and;

BE IT RESOLVED, the Associated Students supports the undocumented students enrolled at Western, as well as any undocumented students considering enrolling here, because not only do their educations matter, their lives matter, and they should feel safe wherever they are.

BE IT ALSO RESOLVED, the Associated Students and the Board of Directors will continue to educate themselves on this issue and listen to the voices of undocumented students.

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⁵ Kevin Kruger, "NASPA calls on Congress to save DACA", September 5, 2017