

Associated Students, Inc.  
California Polytechnic State University  
San Luis Obispo

Resolution #20-03

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF DEFERRED ACTION FOR CHILDHOOD  
ARRIVALS

- WHEREAS: The ASI Board of Directors serves as the official voice of students at California Polytechnic State University (Cal Poly), San Luis Obispo, and
- WHEREAS: Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) was created in 2012 to provide temporary deportation relief and work permits to eligible immigrants that arrived to the United States (U.S.) as children<sup>1</sup>; and
- WHEREAS: On September 5, 2017, U.S. Attorney General, Jeff Sessions, announced DACA would be repealed with a six month phase out process<sup>2</sup>; and
- WHEREAS: Subsequently, on February 13, 2018, Judge Nicholas Garaufis of the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of New York granted a preliminary injunction ordering the restoration of the DACA program<sup>3</sup>; and
- WHEREAS: On June 28, 2019, the U.S. Supreme Court agreed to review arguments to determine whether the U.S. government's decision to end DACA was unlawful, and on November 12, 2019 oral arguments are set to begin with an expected outcome no later than June of 2020<sup>4</sup>; and
- WHEREAS: In the event that the U.S. Supreme Court decides to terminate DACA, repercussions for affected individuals include but are not limited to, the violation of personal information and the loss of deportation relief, work permit, social security card, and valid U.S. identification<sup>5</sup>; and
- WHEREAS: According to the Migration Policy Institute (MPI), since DACA was created and up until its suspension in 2017, 242,339 young individuals received DACA status in California. MPI estimates that 72,300 undocumented students are currently enrolled in California's public colleges; 60,000 in the California Community College (CCC) system, 8,300 in the California State University (CSU) system and 4,000 in the University of California (UC) system<sup>6</sup>; and

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1 U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services consideration of DACA - <https://www.uscis.gov/archive/consideration-deferred-action-childhood-arrivals-daca>

2 The United States Department of Justice - <https://www.justice.gov/opa/speech/attorney-general-sessions-delivers-remarks-daca>

3 U.S. District Court Eastern District of New York - <https://www.clearinghouse.net/chDocs/public/IM-NY-0055-0019.pdf>

4 U.S. Supreme Court - [https://www.supremecourt.gov/orders/courtorders/062819zr\\_jgkn.pdf](https://www.supremecourt.gov/orders/courtorders/062819zr_jgkn.pdf)

5 Gonzales, R. G., Terriquez, V., & Rusczyk, S. P. (2014). Becoming DACAmended: Assessing the Short-Term Benefits of Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA). *American Behavioral Scientist*, 58(14), 1852–1872. - <https://doi.org/10.1177/0002764214550288>

6 Migration Policy Institute - <https://www.migrationpolicy.org/programs/data-hub/deferred-action-childhood-arrivals-daca-profiles>

WHEREAS: In 2017, the Academic Senate of California State University, Dominguez Hills affirmed their support for undocumented students by creating a list of policies the university must implement to continue to support undocumented students if DACA is rescinded<sup>7</sup>; and

WHEREAS: In 2018, CSU Chancellor Timothy White released a statement in support of DACA by providing free legal support services and a call to federal policymakers for a permanent solution<sup>8</sup>; and

WHEREAS: In 2019, the Cal Poly ASI Board of Directors passed resolution #19-11 urging Cal Poly to explore alternate forms of compensation for undocumented students without DACA<sup>9</sup>; and

WHEREAS: University President, Jeffrey D. Armstrong, supported the creation of a Dream Center<sup>10</sup> and at the ASI Board of Director's meeting on May 29, 2019 reported that DACA recipients would qualify for the Cal Poly Scholars program; and

WHEREAS: The CSU Board of Trustees joined over 164 colleges and universities from the country in signing an amicus brief in the U.S. Supreme Court case regarding DACA which demonstrates unwavering support for the roughly 700,000 young immigrants who came to the U.S. as children and who hold DACA status<sup>11</sup>; and

THEREFORE  
BE IT

RESOLVED: The ASI Board of Directors urges University President Jeffrey D. Armstrong to formally issue a statement reaffirming his support of the DACA program; and

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RESOLVED: Cal Poly administration provides updates detailing the progress campus departments are making to create financial opportunities for undocumented students; and

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RESOLVED: The Cal Poly Academic Senate works closely with the Dream Center to review and modify university policies which negatively impact undocumented students; and

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RESOLVED: In the event that DACA is terminated, Cal Poly should continue to provide undocumented students the financial support they

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7 California State University Dominguez Hills Academic Senate Resolution - <https://www.csudh.edu/Assets/csudh-sites/academic-senate/docs/fac%2016-11%20amended%20resolution%20affirming%20support%20for%20undocumented%20csu%20students%20and%20community-1.docx>

8 CSU Chancellor White Statement - <https://www2.calstate.edu/csu-system/news/Pages/Chancellor-White-Statement-on-DACA-February-26-2018.aspx>

9 ASI Board of Directors Resolution #19-11 - [http://www.asi.calpoly.edu/admin/img/updocument/1559585208\\_19-](http://www.asi.calpoly.edu/admin/img/updocument/1559585208_19-11%20ASI%20Board%20of%20Directors%27%20Resolution%20in%20Support%20of%20Expanding%20Opportunities%20for%20Undocumented%20Students_BODappr.pdf)

11%20ASI%20Board%20of%20Directors%27%20Resolution%20in%20Support%20of%20Expanding%20Opportunities%20for%20Undocumented%20Students\_BODappr.pdf

10 Mustang News Article - <https://mustangnews.net/cal-poly-supports-undocumented-students-awareness-event-dream-center/>

11 Presidents Immigration Alliance - [https://www.presidentsimmigrationalliance.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/10/2019-10-04-DACA-Higher-Education-Amicus-](https://www.presidentsimmigrationalliance.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/10/2019-10-04-DACA-Higher-Education-Amicus-Brief_FILED.pdf)

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currently receive and rapidly create a formal action plan to ensure affected students are able to continue their attendance at Cal Poly without interruption, which specifically addresses the financial and mental health impacts caused by the termination of DACA; and

THEREFORE  
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RESOLVED:

This resolution will be sent to University President Jeffrey Armstrong, Interim Provost Mary Pedersen, Senior Vice President for Administration and Finance Cynthia Vizcaíno Villa, Vice President for Student Affairs Keith Humphrey, Vice President for Diversity and Inclusion Jozi de Leon, Vice President of Research and Economic Development Renee A. Reijo Pera, Academic Senate Chair Dustin Stegner, Dean of Students Kathleen McMahon, Interim Director of the Cross Cultural Centers Beya Montero-Makekau, Dream Center Coordinator Katherine Zevallos Pastor, and the UndocuAlly Working Group.

Certified as the true and correct copy, in witness thereof, I have set my hand and Seal of the San Luis Obispo Cal Poly Associated Students, Inc. this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2019.

ADOPTED at the regular meeting of the Board of Directors at San Luis Obispo Cal Poly Associated Students, Inc. this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 2019.

Attest:  
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ASI Secretary

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Signed:  
ASI Chair of the Board

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Signed:  
ASI President

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