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WHEREAS: The U.S. President Elect has committed to deporting up to three million U.S. residents; and

WHEREAS: The U.S. President Elect’s deportation plan could likely include many law-abiding and promising students and campus community members within the CSU system; and

WHEREAS: The U.S. President Elect’s deportation plan has a chilling effect on undocumented students and campus community members within the CSU system; and

WHEREAS: Four hundred and twenty five campus Presidents or system Chancellors have signed a statement in support of Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) program and undocumented immigrant students; and

WHEREAS: The CSU is committed to educating the residents of California; and

WHEREAS: Federal law protects the privacy of student records under FERPA; federal administrative rulemaking protects childhood arrivals to the United States from the deportation under DACA; and California law provides educational financial assistance to qualified undocumented California residents under AB 540 and the California “Dream” Act (AB 130 & 131); and

WHEREAS: The CSU has a moral and economic imperative to protect students and campus community members within the CSU system; and

WHEREAS: The threat to students and campus community members requires a concrete and tangible response from the CSU system; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the CSUSB Faculty Senate supports the following policies for undocumented students and campus community members:

- Guarantee student privacy by refusing to release information regarding the immigration status of our students and campus community members.
- Refuse to comply with immigration authorities regarding deportations or raids.
- Refuse ICE (U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement) physical access to all land owned or controlled by the CSU.
- Provide healthcare stipends for students who do not have access to Medicaid due to lack of documentation and who cannot afford to pay for school insurance.
- Offer over-break housing for students who cannot return home due to fear of deportation.
- Provide priority, confidential mental health services for students and campus community dealing with issues associated with potential deportation of either themselves or their family members.
- Provide legal clinics to campuses to provide legal counseling to undocumented students and campus community members concerning their legal status and those of their undocumented family members.
- Provide CSUSB police protection for students or campus community members that may be “attacked” (whether physical or psychological) on the grounds of color/language/implied status/religion/gender; and be it further
RESOLVED: That in the event DACA (Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals) is reversed, the CSUSB Faculty Senate supports the following policies for undocumented students and campus community members:

- Ensure affected students continue to receive their financial aid and fellowship stipends by creating special funds, segregated from federal monies and guarantee in-state tuition to students previously deemed DACA recipients.
- Create special funding sources to provide undocumented students with stipends, which they can receive in exchange for performing research under the guidance of faculty member or other meaningful educational projects; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the CSUSB Faculty Senate supports a public statement consistent with the polices articulated in the first two resolves, expressing a commitment to cultivating a space of inclusivity and an express declaration to establish CSU campuses as “sanctuary campuses” without exceptions for all its students, faculty, staff, alumni and families of these individuals who are at risk of deportation; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the CSUSB Faculty Senate supports the formal adoption of the “Trust Act” (Cal. AB 4-Ammiano) for the CSU campuses in furtherance of the first two resolves; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the CSUSB Faculty Senate distribute this resolution to the CSU Board of Trustees, CSU Chancellor, CSU campus Presidents, CSU campus Senate Chairs, Academic Senate of the CSU, California Faculty Association (CFA), California State Student Association (CSSA), CSUSB chapter of Associated Students Inc. (ASI), and Governor of the State of California.

Approved by the CSUSB Faculty Senate    Unanimously

Karen Kolehmainen, Chair

January 17, 2017
Date