

Message from Associated Students (Student Government) President and Board of Directors

Dear Campus Community,

The decision by the current U.S President and his Administration to rescind the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) program, goes against all we stand for as a campus and community. We are deeply disappointed and outraged in 45's decision to end a program that has provided thousands of students across the CSU the basic right to work and to exist without fear.

We join Chancellor White and the CSU in urging congress to implement legislation that will not only honor and defend the program but expand upon it, providing a pathway to citizenship.

Chancellor White also assured students, "The university's enrollment and tuition policies are **not based on DACA status, so enrollment, tuition and financial aid for students are not impacted by the ending of the program.** Additionally, state funding under the **California Dream Act** is not based on DACA status and **will not change.**" **AB540 and the California Dream Act are still in place and are independent of the existence of DACA.**

We are a campus that challenges injustices, but we are not a campus that is unaffected by injustice. We must collectively advocate and fight for the rights of not only DACA students but all undocumented students. **Associated Students urges San Francisco State University to increase support for the Dream Resource Center with the input of and in collaboration with the undocumented student organization, IDEAS, and undocumented students at SFSU,** to create a place where all students, regardless of national origin and/or legal status, can feel safe and supported by their University that stands with the CSU in support of our undocumented students. We want to acknowledge that even though San Francisco State University prides itself on social justice and inclusivity, we are not without our faults as a campus and it is imperative that we acknowledge how we can improve as a campus.

As AS President and the AS Board of Directors, we pledge to support all students regardless of their status. We will defend your rights as students and your right to education. We encourage you to call your representatives and senators and urge them to act and defend undocumented students, we encourage everyone, especially faculty and staff to learn more about the Dream Resource Center and how to become a true UndocuAlly. In moments like these, both knowledge and action are crucial to progress. We are one, and we are SFSU.

We want to hear your experiences, and thoughts on how this campus can acknowledge and learn from its past to move on to a better future for ALL students. As a San Francisco State students, we are angered by such an ill conceived decision, but this will only increase our support of both our DACA and undocumented students.

Associated Students co-sponsored a campus forum last **Friday, September 8th, 2017 in Towers Conference Center from 1-3pm** with the Dream Resource Center (DRC) under the new Division of Equity & Community inclusion and Student Affairs & Enrollment Management. We want to

acknowledge the incredible work of creating an educational outreach plan for promoting equity, advancing social justice and improving campus climate that this division is dedicated to accomplishing. Associated Students supports their mission. This forum provided a brave and safe place for all students, staff and faculty from all backgrounds to come and share their ideas, thoughts and concerns.

Lastly, we leave with a message to our undocumented population on campus; A nine-digit number does not define us, no human being is illegal. Stand unafraid and unapologetic!

Sincerely,

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AS work's for you! Associated Students works to promote a safe place for all students.

Resources:

<https://undocugators.sfsu.edu/>

<https://www2.calstate.edu/attend/student-services/resources-for-undocumented-students/>

<https://www.nilc.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/09/DACA-and-employment-2017-09-05.pdf>

<https://org2.salsalabs.com/o/5009/images/DACA%20Resources%20E-Blast%209.5.17-1.pdf>