Resolution by Oxnard College Academic Senate in Support of Students with Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) Status

Whereas: Faculty throughout the country are concerned about the ending of the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) program, which has allowed undocumented immigrants who were brought to the United States before their 16th birthday prior to June 2007 to remain in the United States under specific conditions and to apply for renewal of this program every two years;

Whereas: To be eligible for the DACA program, applicants must have demonstrated lawful conduct, and must be either currently enrolled in school, be a high school graduate, or be honorably discharged from the military;

Whereas: Significant numbers of DACA students have attended and continue to attend California community colleges; and

Whereas: DACA students are representative of the students on whom the future of the State of California depends, and their removal from California and the United States would be a devastating loss;

Resolved: That the Academic Senate of Oxnard College affirms its support for students with Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals status in the California community college system, the other segments of education in California, and across the nation and conveys this affirmation to the Chancellor of the Ventura County Community College District, the Chancellor of the California Community Colleges, the Board of Governors, and other interested stakeholders both in the State of California and nationally.

By Acclamation on the 9th day of October, 2017 in Oxnard, California.

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