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I write to forward the attached resolution *Institutional Support of and Protection for Undocumented Students at CSUN* passed by the California State University Northridge Faculty Senate as instructed in the final resolved clause.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Adam Swenson".

Adam Swenson, Ph.D.  
President of the Faculty

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**Institutional Support of and Protection for Undocumented Students at CSUN**  
(Approved by the Faculty Senate, March 9, 2017)

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WHEREAS: There are over 2.6 million undocumented immigrants in California, including more than 553,000 undocumented K-16 students and approximately 1,300 undocumented students at California State University, Northridge; and

WHEREAS: The President of the United States has committed to the deportation of undocumented immigrants, which may include and/or affect CSUN undocumented students, staff, and/or their family and community members; and

WHEREAS: The President of the United States has threatened to eliminate the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) program, which grants undocumented immigrants—including some but not all undocumented students and staff at CSUN—who meet certain requirements two-year “deferred action” or temporary relief from deportation, an Employment Authorization Document (EAD) that they can use to seek employment, eligibility for a social security number that can be used to access state-issued identification, and eligibility to travel out of the U.S. for educational, employment, or humanitarian reasons under the advance parole program; and

WHEREAS: Federal law protects the privacy of student records under FERPA, and California law provides educational financial assistance to some undocumented California residents qualified for AB 540 and the California “Dream” Act (AB 130 and 131); and

WHEREAS: The President of the United States’ anti-immigrant agenda has had a chilling effect on undocumented students at CSUN, including the reported hesitancy by students who are eligible to apply for/ submit required documentation for DACA, AB 540, and California Dream Act; and emotional distress by students ineligible for any federal or state protections; and

WHEREAS: CSUN President Dianne F. Harrison in a letter dated November 9, 2016, acknowledged the anxiety expressed by undocumented students regarding immigration reform, and affirmed institutional support for our undocumented students and a commitment to advance policies and resources that provide a context for their success; and

WHEREAS: CSUN President Dianne F. Harrison in a letter dated November 16, 2016, confirmed that the policy of CSUN Police Services is that CSUN Police officers shall not contact, detain, question or arrest individuals solely on the basis of known or suspected immigration status; and

WHEREAS: CSU Chancellor Timothy P. White in a letter dated November 17, 2016, stated immediate concern for students and other members of the CSU community who lack documentation and fear actions based on the emerging national narrative of potential changes in immigration policy and related enforcement action. He outlined a flexible CSU policy that affirms: the CSU will not enter into agreements with state or local law enforcement agencies, Homeland Security or any other federal department for the enforcement of federal immigration

law; University police departments will not honor immigration hold requests; and University police do not contact, detain, question or arrest individuals solely on the basis of being – or suspected of being – a person that lacks documentation. And that the CSU will partner with elected officials at the state and national level to prevent negative developments regarding immigration for our undocumented students, including those with DACA status; and

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

RESOLVED: That the CSUN Faculty fully support and stand by the opportunity for undocumented students to access and pursue educational opportunities at CSUN, as well as professional opportunities for staff and faculty with undocumented status; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the CSUN Faculty commend the work of the EOP DREAM Center, and recommend greater institutional support to ensure its sustainability and expand efforts to provide educational opportunities for undocumented students; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the CSUN Faculty recommend that the University create special funding sources segregated from federal monies to expand scholarship opportunities and develop a work study program or provide stipends in exchange for performing research or other meaningful educational projects under the guidance of faculty members, for undocumented students who might lose work authorization with the elimination of the federal DACA program and/or those undocumented students who do not qualify for AB 540 or CA Dream Act; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the CSUN Faculty recommend that the University coordinate with existing resources to provide on-campus legal counseling to undocumented students, students with undocumented family members, and other minoritized students; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the CSUN Faculty recommend that the University offer housing for students who cannot return home due to fear of deportation; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the CSUN Faculty recommend that the University ensure that mental health services are equipped with mental health professionals who have cultural competency in working with politically marginalized communities; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the CSUN Faculty recommend that the University guarantee student privacy by refusing to release information regarding the immigration status of our students and community members, and by purging and securely deleting all information about student citizenship or immigration status not necessary for immediate University functions, including all citizenship and immigration information on students who have applied but not matriculated, withdrawn from the University, or graduated; and that the University refuse to comply with immigration authorities regarding deportations or raids; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the CSUN Faculty recommend that the University refuse U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) physical access to all land owned or controlled by the CSU; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the CSUN Faculty encourage faculty to increase program, department, and college-level efforts to symbolically and materially support undocumented students and staff within their respective units; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the CSUN Faculty encourage faculty to include a statement in their course syllabi informing students that there are campus resources such as the CSUN EOP DREAM Center located in the USU available to all students including undocumented students where they may request help in applying for financial aid, social support, and referrals to counseling and immigration services, as well as other resources; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the CSUN Faculty express a commitment to cultivating a space of inclusivity and to establishing CSU campuses as sanctuary campuses without exception for all CSU students, faculty, staff, alumni and families of these individuals who are at risk of deportation; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the CSUN Faculty support the formal adoption of the Trust Act (CA AB 4-Ammiano) for the CSU campuses in furtherance of the above resolves; and be it finally

RESOLVED: That the CSUN Faculty Senate distribute this resolution to:

- CSU Board of Trustees
- CSU Chancellor
- CSUN President
- CSU campus Senate Chairs
- Academic Senate of the CSU
- California Faculty Association (CFA)
- California State Student Association (CSSA)
- CSUN chapter of Associated Students Inc. (ASI)
- Governor of the State of California
- Mayor of Los Angeles
- CSUN Vice President of Student Affairs and the Dean of Students
- CSUN Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs
- Director of Educational Opportunity Programs
- Coordinator of the CSUN DREAM Center
- USU Board of Directors
- CSUN Today
- The Sundial