

**STUDENT SENATE RESOLUTION 2018-126**

**TITLE: Resolution Recognizing Multicultural and Diversity Affairs and Chispas' Commitment to Advocating for Undocumented Students**

**AUTHORS: Internal Affairs Chairman Brett Oehrle and External Affairs Chairwoman Emily Dempsey**

**SPONSORS: The Judiciary Committee and Budget and Appropriations Chairwoman Emily Dunson**

**WHEREAS**, on September 5th, 2017 President Trump rescinded the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals Program otherwise known as DACA<sup>1</sup>; and,

**WHEREAS**, under this program children of undocumented family members are provided a two year deportation reprieve and are given the option to apply for a work authorization permit, military service and/or higher education opportunities<sup>2</sup>; and,

**WHEREAS**, there are University of Florida students who depend on this program to be a part of the Gator Nation; and,

**WHEREAS**, undocumented and DACA students are more likely to experience increased stress, anxiety, and other mental health issues that may serve as barriers to student success<sup>3</sup>; and,

**WHEREAS**, undocumented and DACA students have no access to state financial aid, such as Florida Bright Futures, or federal aid, such as Pell Grants<sup>4</sup>, and these obstacles are financial barriers to retention and four-year graduation; and,

**WHEREAS**, Chispas at UF is a student group that focuses on immigrant rights and advocacy<sup>5</sup>; and,

**WHEREAS**, Chispas, Multicultural and Diversity Affairs, and other organizations worked together to create Undocupeers; and,

**WHEREAS**, Undocupeers is a training program that empowers students and administrators to support undocumented and DACA students through education and open dialogue; and,

**WHEREAS**, University of Florida President Kent Fuchs<sup>6</sup> and the University of Florida Student Senate<sup>7</sup> have historically declared support for all students, regardless of immigration status, and DACA.

**THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED** that the University of Florida Student Senate reaffirms its support of all students, regardless of immigration status or any other identities.

**THEREFORE, LET IT FURTHER BE RESOLVED** that the University of Florida Student Senate applauds Chispas for their efforts in advocating for students and encourages other student organizations to make strides to support the student body.

**THEREFORE, LET IT FURTHER BE RESOLVED** that the University of Florida Student Senate commends Undocupeers for its efforts to educate and create dialogue surrounding undocumented students in order to support those students.

**THEREFORE, LET IT FINALLY BE RESOLVED** that the University of Florida Student Senate encourages University of Florida departments, administrators, and student leaders to utilize Undocupeers and to support all members of the Gator Nation.

*Proviso: A copy should be sent to Multicultural and Diversity Affairs Senior Director Will Atkins, Multicultural and Diversity Affairs - Hispanic-Latino Affairs Director Gabe Lara, Multicultural and Diversity Affairs Assistant Director Diana Moreno, Hispanic Student Association President Brenda Villanueva, Hispanic Student Association Office of Political Affairs Director Kaylin Bailey, VISA President Preet Kumar*

1 <https://www.nytimes.com/2017/09/05/us/politics/trump-daca-dreamers-immigration.html>

2 <https://www.uscis.gov/archive/consideration-deferred-action-childhood-arrivals-daca>

3 <https://www.insidehighered.com/news/2017/04/14/dreamers-grapple-increased-stresses-and-challenges>

4 <https://studentaid.ed.gov/sa/sites/default/files/financial-aid-and-undocumented-students.pdf>

5 <https://chispasuf.com/>

6 <http://www.sq.ufl.edu/Portals/0/Resources/Senate/Bills/2017/R2017-125%20Resolution%20Supporting%20President%20Fuch%E2%80%99s%20reaffirmation%20of%20the>

[the%20University%20of%20Florida%E2%80%99s%20Commitment%20to%20the%20Deferred%20Action%20for%20Childhood%20Arrivals%20\(DACA\)%20Program.pdf?ver=2017-09-21-104446-433](http://www.sq.ufl.edu/Portals/0/Resources/Senate/Bills/2017/R2017-125%20Resolution%20Supporting%20President%20Fuch%E2%80%99s%20reaffirmation%20of%20the%20University%20of%20Florida%E2%80%99s%20Commitment%20to%20the%20Deferred%20Action%20for%20Childhood%20Arrivals%20(DACA)%20Program.pdf?ver=2017-09-21-104446-433)

7 <http://statements.ufl.edu/statements/2017/09/daca-letter-of-support.html>

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