

Faculty Senate Resolution on DACA

Whereas, on Tuesday, September 5, 2017, President Donald Trump moved to end the program known as Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals, or DACA;

Whereas, Congress is being given six months to determine the legal status and ultimate fate of 800,000 immigrants who were brought into the United States as children, and were eligible under the existing DACA program guidelines to apply for temporary residence in the United States;

Whereas, it is unclear what congressional outcomes and executive actions will be taken during that period;

Whereas, DACA beneficiaries whose benefit is set to expire are required to renew by October 5 by submitting required documentation and paying \$495 in processing fees;

Whereas, application requests filed more than 150 days prior to expiration are strongly discouraged by United States Citizenship and Immigration Services, or USCIS;

Whereas, some members of our university community and their families may be directly and negatively affected by DACA's end and temporary rules guiding DACA process during the next six months;

Whereas, Missouri State University values the contributions of every member of its community regardless of color, sex, gender orientation, religion, and nation of origin;

Whereas, Missouri State University's administration has expressed support for members of our community affected by DACA's ending and undertaken actions to support them throughout this difficult period;

Whereas, staff and student organizations have come forward in solidarity with DACA recipients in our community;

Therefore be it resolved, that Faculty Senate joins the rest of the Missouri State Community in extending our support for members of our community that are DACA beneficiaries and for the institutional efforts to support them.