



**THE ACADEMIC SENATE
OF ALLAN HANCOCK COLLEGE**

**Resolution in Support
of the Federal Deferred Action for
Childhood Arrivals (DACA) Program**

WHEREAS, On Sept. 5, 2017, President Donald J. Trump's administration announced plans to eliminate the federal Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) program after a six-month pause to allow Congress to address the issue; and

WHEREAS, the California Community Colleges system is the nation's largest post-secondary education system in the country and is committed to serving all residents, regardless of immigration status; and

WHEREAS, California is home to 223,000 people who are participating in the DACA program that provides eligible immigrant youth who came to the United States as children protection from deportation and work authorization if they meet stringent conditions; and

WHEREAS, over the past nine months, the California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office has

- reassured students and colleges that our campuses will remain safe, welcoming places for students of all backgrounds to learn;
- informed students that no changes have been made with regard to admissions or financial aid;
- informed students that financial aid for certain undocumented students is protected by state law; called on then President-elect Donald J. Trump to preserve DACA;
- and joined with the University of California, the California State University and the California Community Colleges to defend the right of all students to obtain a higher education in California; and

WHEREAS, the Allan Hancock College Academic Senate and Board of Trustees passed resolutions in 2016-17 in support of *Diversity, Unity, and Undocumented Students*, * now therefore be it

RESOLVED that the Allan Hancock College Academic Senate reaffirms its commitment to the values of inclusion and diversity for all students, regardless of immigration status, and opposes the elimination of DACA;

RESOLVED that the Allan Hancock College Academic Senate urge the Board of Trustees to resolve that it remains in support of DACA recipients and other undocumented students, and that it call on the Congress of the United States to preserve the DACA program and to work toward comprehensive immigration reform so that all students can strive to reach their educational goals.

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President, Academic Senate of
Allan Hancock College

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*Academic Senate resolution adopted December 6, 2016

*Board of Trustees resolution adopted February 14, 2017