

SENSE OF THE SENATE REGARDING DACA POLICY

WHEREAS the President of the United States, on September 5, 2017, rescinded the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) policy that allows children of undocumented immigrants to pursue a future in this country without fear of deportation;

AND WHEREAS we, the Faculty Senate of the University of Nevada, Las Vegas, are committed to quality teaching of, and providing a nurturing intellectual environment for, students without regard to race, gender, sexual orientation, age, religion, national origin or immigration status;

WE, the Faculty Senate of the University of Nevada, Las Vegas, express our ardent support for all members of the University community eligible for or enrolled in the DACA program as they work to improve their lives and integrate into the fabric of our shared country. Among the reasons for our support is that DACA enrollees or eligible individuals were brought to the United States as minors, undocumented and through no choice of their own; that DACA enrollees have proven to be law abiding residents; and that they have, in the main, grown up and been educated in the United States and make positive contributions to our society.

FURTHERMORE, we, the Faculty Senate of the University of Nevada, Las Vegas, call on our state and national leaders to reform immigration policy such that DACA enrollees retain legal status and are granted a pathway to United States citizenship.

AND FURTHERMORE, BE IT RESOLVED that we, the Faculty Senate of the University of Nevada, Las Vegas, commit our best efforts to assist our DACA students in achieving educational objectives and professional success: goals that are in the best interest of the University, the city of Las Vegas, the state of Nevada, and our United States.