

Central Connecticut State University
UNIVERSITY SENATE ACTION

Senate Motion Number FS 22.23.001R

TO: President Zulma Toro
FROM: President of the University Senate

1. The attached resolution of the University Senate, dealing with: **Support of Dreamers**, is presented to you for your consideration.
2. This resolution was adopted by the University Senate on **10/17/2022**.
3. After considering this resolution, please indicate your action on this form, and return it together with the original copy to the President of the University Senate.
4. Under the By-Laws of the University Senate, Section 3.7, the following schedule of action is to be observed.
 - a) By **10/24/2022**, Senate resolution reported to the President of the University. (Within five school days of the session in which they are adopted).
 - b) By **11/07/2022**, the President of the University to return the resolution to the President of the Senate. (Within ten school days of its receipt).

10/24/2022

Date



Frederic Latour, President, University Senate

ENDORSEMENT:

TO: President of the University Senate
FROM: President Zulma Toro

1. Motion Approved : _____ ✓
2. Motion Disapproved: _____ (Explanatory statement must be appended).
3. Action "is deferred": _____
4. Resolution Noted: _____
5. Other: _____

11/1/2022

Date



President Zulma Toro

Subject: Supporting DACA Students

Date: Friday, October 14, 2022 at 2:02:05 PM Eastern Daylight Time

From: CSCU-Announcement

To: BOR - General Announcements DL

The Faculty Senate
endorses this
letter.

Dear CSCU Community:

Last week, the Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals upheld a lower court ruling that found that the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) program is unlawful – while keeping protections in place for current participants. As a system of public college and universities that serves a large number of DACA students, we have a long history of advocating for the codification and expansion of the program. That's why I, along with the presidents of our institutions, have signed a joint letter to our congressional delegation supporting a long-term legislative solution for our undocumented students. Please take a moment to read our letter, and know that we will continue to advocate for the rights and protections of our students.

Sincerely,

Terrence Cheng
President, CSCU

October 13, 2022

Honorable Members of the Connecticut Congressional Delegation,

Last week's decision by the Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals to uphold the ruling in *State of Texas, et al., v. United States 2021* that the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) program is unlawful is both disappointing and concerning to our DACA students and all of us as leaders of the Connecticut State Colleges and Universities.

While this decision continues to protect roughly 600,000 participants already in the DACA program while barring new applicants, it is the latest case adding uncertainty and doubt for our DACA students about the future of the program and their individual futures in the state of Connecticut. In the ten years the DACA program has been in place, more than 800,000 individuals have relied on it for work permits, deportation protections, and to pursue their higher education goals.

Even though the program has been robust and has provided valuable protections, it serves only a fraction of our students who were brought to the United States as children, known broadly as our Dreamers. Every year, nearly 100,000 undocumented students graduate from high school in the United States, yet only 25% are estimated to be eligible for the DACA program.

Our DACA students, staff, and our community of Dreamers more broadly deserve the protections, stability, and peace of mind to pursue their lives and dreams here in the place they have called home. We need a long-term, bipartisan, legislative solution for DACA recipients, other Dreamers, their families, the higher education institutions who serve them and the employers who rely on them.

As Presidents of the Connecticut State Colleges and Universities, we write to you today to urge all of you to work with your colleagues in both chambers and on both sides of the aisle to find a permanent solution and pathways to citizenship for these Dreamers and their families. We stand ready to provide

whatever information, expertise, or any other help we can to your offices in this effort.

Thank you for all that you do for our students, our institutions, and the communities we serve.

Respectfully,

President Terrence Cheng
Connecticut State Colleges and Universities

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