



Resolution No. 1718-01
An Emergency Resolution Regarding The September 5th DACA Decision

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY HERE GATHERED THAT:

- WHEREAS,** Section 3.6 of the Bylaws for the Graduate Professional Council allow for the handling of emergency resolutions; and
- WHEREAS,** Pursuant to Section 3.6 of the Bylaws, the GPC Executive Officers held an emergency meeting and voted in favor of moving to add consideration of this resolution to the meeting agenda for the September 5, 2017 General Assembly meeting; and
- WHEREAS,** In June of 2012, President Barack Obama implemented the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) program; and
- WHEREAS,** DACA allows certain undocumented immigrants who entered the country as minors, to receive a renewable two-year period of deferred action from deportation and eligibility for a work permit. The policy was a way to remove immigration enforcement attention from “low priority” individuals with good behavior. DACA’s largest acknowledgement was towards students graduating from high school that were undocumented since when it was implemented the student population at the time was approximately 65,000 undocumented immigrant students that graduated from U.S. high schools on a yearly basis; and
- WHEREAS,** As of August 5, 2017, President Donald Trump has decided to end DACA; and
- WHEREAS,** President Trump has pushed for Congress to draft legislation addressing those who were protected by the DACA program; and
- WHEREAS,** The University of Missouri System has already sent out a statement of support for the more than 35 DACA students in the UM System; and
- WHEREAS,** UM System has lobbying power with state and national leaders; therefore be it
- RESOLVED,** By majority vote of the General Assembly here gathered that the Graduate Professional Council supports the statement made by the UM System President and the Chancellors of all four UM Campuses on September 5, 2017 titled “Statement from University of Missouri Leadership Regarding DACA Students”; and be it further
- RESOLVED,** The Graduate Professional Council supports the University of Missouri Administration in pursuing every action possible to influence state and national politicians to keep the protections DACA gave to undocumented children and students; and be it further
- RESOLVED,** The Graduate Professional Council supports the continuation of DACA and/or the passage of legislation in the spirit of the DREAM Act; and be it further
- RESOLVED,** The Graduate Professional Council is strongly encouraged to advocate on behalf of undocumented students via Intercampus Student Council (ISC), Associated Students of the University of Missouri (ASUM), Joint Session, and both the National and State Affairs Committees.



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SUBMITTED,
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