

Rec. #2017-02-09 UNIVERSITY SENATE RECOMMENDATION TO THE PRESIDENT

University Senate Resolution (endorsed unanimously on February 16, 2017):

***University Senate Resolution on the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) Program***

The University Senate strongly encourages the President to endorse this resolution and requests a response to the Senate on this matter by its next meeting.

### **University Senate Resolution on the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) Program**

Whereas Western Kentucky University is committed to the search for truth, justice, and human dignity that involves our scholarship, research, teaching, and other endeavors;

Whereas continuing engagement with and support of students of all backgrounds furthers WKU's stated purpose and mission, which are to prepare students of all backgrounds to be productive, engaged, and socially responsible citizen-leaders of a global society, and to be a leading American university with international reach;

Whereas undocumented immigrant students at WKU have been accepted into the University family under legal provisions such as the DACA Program and are valued members of our community;

Whereas leaders of more than 600 universities, including the University of Louisville, have signed the "Statement in Support of the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) Program and our Undocumented Immigrant Students;"

Whereas ending the DACA program would harm WKU students and adversely impact the WKU community;

Be it resolved that the University Senate expresses its support of the DACA Program;

Be it also resolved that the University Senate urges WKU's President to express his support of the DACA Program and sign the "Statement in Support of the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) Program and our Undocumented Immigrant Students."