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RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF TULANE AS A SANCTUARY CAMPUS

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- NOTING** President Fitts was among more than 450 college and university presidents to recently offer to meet with US officials to ask that DACA —Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals— be upheld, continued, and expanded,¹
- RECOGNIZING** The recent election of Donald Trump has placed many members of Tulane University in fear for their safety and the safety of their peers--threatening the fabric of our educational community,
- CONSIDERING** President-Elect Trump’s anti-immigrant stance and his cabinet appointments including the chief strategist and attorney general nominees who have publicly espoused white nationalist and anti-immigrant beliefs threaten Tulane students, faculty, and staff (including contracted workers) especially those who identify as people of color, women, LGBTQ, Muslim, disabled, Jewish, or undocumented,
- FURTHER CONSIDERING** Those who are undocumented and/or who have been granted temporary status through DACA represent our university’s most vulnerable demographic,
- FURTHER NOTING** It is anticipated that President-Elect Trump will either revoke DACA on the first day of his presidency or let DACA expire,
- AFFIRMING** No student or staff member whom Tulane has welcomed as part of its community should be left vulnerable to the personal or financial endangerment that may result from these developments,

¹ <https://www.nomona.edu/news/2016/11/21-college-university-presidents-call-us-unhold-and-continue-daca>

- FURTHER AFFIRMING** Tulane is both defined and strengthened by the diversity of its members, including people of different ethnicities, class backgrounds, genders, sexual preferences, religious faiths, nationalities, and immigration statuses,
- EMPHASIZING** Declaring Tulane as a sanctuary campus would not only be an important step toward protecting members of our campus who have been imperiled, but also would be a meaningful act of leadership that would characterize Tulane as an unwavering student advocate in this chapter of our country's history,
- The Undergraduate Student Government of Tulane University,*
- CALLS UPON** President Michael A. Fitts, Provost Robin Forman, and Vice President for Student Affairs J. Davidson "Dusty" Porter: to join other prominent institutions in declaring Tulane University a sanctuary campus,
- REQUESTS** The Tulane University administration,
- Continue accepting students regardless of legal status and ensuring that financial aid is not contingent upon immigration status.
 - Take steps to guarantee the protection of current and future students' financial aid packages and/or fellowships by setting up a special fund that is separate from federal monies.
 - Create special funds that offer stipends for students in exchange for research and work study positions on campus, if students lose their ability to work part time
 - Ensure that students, faculty, staff and all Tulane affiliates who may lose their DACA status by January 20th, 2017 are welcomed back to Tulane and have a plan ready for these individuals.
 - Ensure that all contract workers who may lose their DACA status by January 20th, 2017 are welcomed back to Tulane and have a plan ready for these individuals.
 - Refuse all voluntary information sharing with Immigration Customs and Enforcement (ICE) and Customs and Border Protection (CBP) across all aspects of the University.
 - Prohibit campus security from inquiring about or recording an individual's immigration status, enforcing immigration laws, or coordinating with ICE/CBP.
 - Prohibit housing discrimination at the University based on immigration status.
 - Block ICE agents and CBP, in addition to any local, state, or federal authorities, from entering campus for the purpose of immigration enforcement actions. The 2011 ICE policy of presumptive non-entry applies to educational and religious institutions, hospitals, and sites of public demonstrations.
 - Ensure that the step-by-step legal process is followed in the event that any federal, state, or local authorities present a legal reason to enter the campus; as well as provide University-designated advocates for any impacted individuals.
 - Protect members of the University's community from unfair deportation, investigation, or other forms of intimidation.
 - State our absolute commitment as a University that no forms of bullying, harassment, or intimidation will be accepted.
 - Protect academic freedom and ask the University to assure faculty that we will be able to express our views in the classroom and create a space for the open exchange of ideas without being disciplined or suppressed.

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- Ensure that any student is given the opportunity to complete their degree through online means in the case that they are deported and/or denied re-entry.
- Commits to remaining a sanctuary campus whether or not the city decides to remain a sanctuary city,

URGES A detailed response to this legislation, and the letter submitted by the Sanctuary Campus Committee, no later than Friday, December 9th, 2016,

REQUIRES The Undergraduate Student Government posts the following from their Facebook page:
“In the wake of the 2016 election, which has placed many members of our student body in fear for their safety and the safety of their friends and classmates, the Undergraduate Student Government affirms our support for undocumented students on our campus. If your rights are threatened, we will be there for you. If your safety is threatened, we will speak out for you. If your opportunity to live and thrive on our campus is threatened, we will show up for you. We are here for you, and we will be here for you. The Undergraduate Student Government stands with you. You are not alone.”