SSR 2017-09 A Resolution for: Support for DACA & Students Lacking Documentation

Sponsored by: Senator Covarrubias, Senator Aldape, Senator Smith

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Vote: 14-0-1

Speaker Action: ________________________________________________________________

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WHEREAS: silence in the face of discriminatory policy towards immigration is hypocritical towards the University’s mission statement’s commitment as it relates to diversity; and

RECOGNIZING: the slogan NISG stands behind is “students serving students” without any restrictions; and

RECOGNIZING: the lack of support students under DACA or without documentation receive under the law; and

RECOGNIZING: the prohibitive nature of current immigration policies in terms of cost and social accessibility; and

RECOGNIZING: the national precedent in providing services for undocumented individuals through the efforts of the 1986 Immigration & Control Act gives undocumented persons a path to citizenship and some protection under the law; and

FURTHER RECOGNIZING: the significant contributions the immigrant population has made on American history regardless of documentation status; and

UNDERSTANDING: the loss the University would face if the campus were to stand by silently in the face of an increasingly bellicose federal government; thus

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED: that Northern Iowa Student Government Senate believes these students should be welcomed with open arms as one would any other student; and
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: the University of Northern Iowa Administration should extend efforts to accommodate students with difficult or nonexistent documentation through increased administrative efforts; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: that President Mark Nook should follow in the footsteps of his interim predecessor and make a statement supporting these students; and

BE IT ADDITIONALLY RESOLVED: the polarizing nature of “legal/illegal” ignores factors both localized as well as on a macrolevel that play into immigration, and ignoring those can cause irreparable harm to both the individual as well as the individual’s contributions, both realized and potential; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED: copies of this resolution be sent to the Executive Management Team, Provost Jim Wohlpard, President Mark Nook, Chief Diversity Officer Gwennette Berry, Hispanic Latino Student Union, Panthers for DREAM Iowa, University of Iowa Student Governments (both Graduate/Professional & Undergrad), Iowa State Student Government.