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University of South Florida Student Government Senate



JB [R] 54-011

Resolution to the Student Trustee to
Advocate for a Policy of In-State Tuition for Undocumented Students
54th Term
Fall 2013

A JOINT RESOLUTION

Be it resolved by the University of South Florida Student Government assembled,

Whereas, the U.S. Congress has failed to pass the Development, Relief, and Education for Alien Minors Act.

Whereas, the U.S. Congress has yet to pass an immigration reform bill that effectively solves the problems and issues with our immigration system that has contributed to presence of over 11 million undocumented immigrants in the United States.

Whereas, the State of Florida has failed to pass a bill offering in-state tuition for many of the children of these undocumented immigrants.

Whereas, over 9,000 students in the State of Florida's college and university system are children to undocumented immigrants.

Whereas, over 65,000 undocumented students graduate from American high schools each year.

Whereas, the President of the United States ordered Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals in June of 2012 granting prosecutorial discretion towards those individuals who entered the country as children prior to 2011 and meet certain criteria such as having graduated from high school or being honorably discharged from the military.

Whereas, Florida International University (FIU) has become the state's first public university to offer in-state tuition to some immigrants who have yet to achieve full legal status.

Whereas, under FIU's new policy, Florida students who are granted temporary federal protection from deportation (DACA) are charged in-state tuition, which is one third the cost of non-resident tuition.

Whereas, the University of South Florida, being one of the leading research universities in the State of Florida, wishes to maintain its image as a university friendly to those of other nations.

Therefore, be it resolved by the Senate of the University of South Florida Student Government Assembled, that on behalf of the student body, our student trustee should put forward to the University of South Florida Board of Trustees a policy of allowing students who have graduated from a Florida high school, or who has been designated as an out of state student due to their immigration status and have continually been enrolled at USF at least part-time for 12 consecutive months to pay in-state tuition rates, regardless of their current immigration status.

ATTEST:



William Warmke

William Warmke
Student Body President

11/21/2013

Shyam Patel

Shyam Patel
Senate President

November 21st 2013

*This is a true and correct copy of Joint Resolution 54-011,
adopted by the Senate on November 12th, 2013.*