***Draft Resolution***

WHEREAS, the California Community Colleges is the nation’s largest post-secondary education system in the country and is committed to serving all residents, regardless of immigration status; and

WHEREAS, California is home to 223,000 people who are participating in the federal Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) program that provides eligible immigrant youth who came to the United States as children protection from deportation and work authorization if they meet stringent conditions; and

WHEREAS​, the deportation of these undocumented students would result in a massive negative impact in the lives of our student population and the country at large, by not allowing for equal educational and professional opportunities for those who are citizens at heart; and

WHEREAS, In California, undocumented students have access to college through the laws: AB 540, AB 130, and AB 131. While these state policies alleviate some financial burden, eligibility for such policies is limited, but combined make college access and retention more realistic for some undocumented students.

WHEREAS, California’s diversity is a great source of innovation and industry, making California one of the largest economies in the world and an economic engine for the United States; and

WHEREAS, Studies show that deporting all of the DACA recipients in the United States would cost the federal government $60 billion and cause $280 billion in losses to the U.S. economy over 10 years, according to the Cato Institute; and

WHEREAS, On Sept. 5, 2017, President Donald J. Trump’s administration announced plans to eliminate the DACA program after a six-month pause to allow Congress to address the issue; and

WHEREAS, since Sept. 5, 2017, Congress has yet to make any advancements on a DACA solution. now, therefore, be it;

RESOLVED that (Insert School Name) (ASO/ASU/ASG/AS/SS) in collaboration with the California Community Colleges Board of Governors, the Community College League of California, Faculty Association of California Community Colleges, and other immigrant advocacy groups declares that it remains steadfastly in support of DACA recipients and other undocumented students in the California Community College system, and call on Congress to immediately and permanently preserve the DACA program and further work toward comprehensive immigration reform.