BOD 2016-2017 – 8R Resolution in Support of and Protection for Undocumented Students at California State University, East Bay.

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Adopted by the Board of Directors

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors of the Associated Students Incorporated (ASI) of California State University, East Bay (CSUEB) are the elected representatives of the 15,700\(^1\) student body of California State University, East Bay; and

WHEREAS, it is the mission of the ASI Board of Directors to advocate and provide responsible leadership, and to advocate for ALL students; and

WHEREAS, the role of ASI is to facilitate participation across a spectrum of fields relating to the promotion of student life on this campus; and

WHEREAS, CSUEB is committed to the Eight Shared Strategic Commitments that values, honors, and respects diversity by responding to the backgrounds and interests of our diverse community and promoting their academic, professional and personal development; and

WHEREAS, ASI recognized that there are over 2.6 million undocumented immigrants in California, including more than 553,000 undocumented K-16 students and approximately 279 undocumented students at California State University, East Bay; and

WHEREAS, The President of the United States has committed to the deportation of undocumented immigrants, which may include and/or affect CSU East Bay undocumented students, staff, and/or their family and community members; and

WHEREAS, The President of the United States has threatened to eliminate the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) program, which grants undocumented immigrants—including some but not all undocumented students and staff at CSU East Bay—who meet certain requirements two-year “deferred action” or temporary relief from deportation, an Employment Authorization Document (EAD) that they can use to seek employment, eligibility for a social security number that can be used to access state-issued identification, and eligibility to travel out of the U.S. for educational, employment, or humanitarian reasons under the advance parole program\(^2\); and

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\(^1\) [http://www.csueastbay.edu/students/campus-life/index.html](http://www.csueastbay.edu/students/campus-life/index.html)

\(^2\) [Institutional Support of and Protection for Undocumented Students](http://www.csueastbay.edu/students/campus-life/index.html)
WHEREAS, the ASI Board of 2010-2011 passed a Resolution in support of AB 540 Students and the condition that Promote their Access to a Quality Public Higher Education; and

WHEREAS, this Resolution expands on said Resolution; and

WHEREAS, The Academic Senate of the California State University (ASCSU) expressed its support DACA/undocumented Students in its January 27, 2017 resolution AS-3279-17/FGA; and

WHEREAS, CSU Chancellor Timothy P. White in a letter dated November 17, 2016, affirmed CSU’s support for immigrant students regardless of their legal status and stated that the CSU will not voluntarily assist with the federal enforcement of immigration law. And that the CSU will partner with elected officials at the state and national level to prevent negative developments regarding immigration for our undocumented students, including those with DACA status; and

WHEREAS, the threat to students and campus community members requires a concrete and tangible response from the Associated Students, Inc.; therefore let it be

RESOLVED, that ASI of CSU East Bay fully support and stand by the opportunity for undocumented students to access and pursue educational opportunities at CSU East Bay, as well as professional opportunities for students with undocumented status; and be it further

RESOLVED, that ASI of CSU East Bay will support California State University, East Bay on assisting undocumented students to complete their degrees if their educations are disrupted by changes in immigration enforcement practices; and be it also

RESOLVED, the copies of resolution are distributed to the Office of the President, Office of Academic Affairs, Office of the Provost, Office of Student Affairs, Student Life and Leadership Office, Student Housing and Residence Life, Academic Advising and Career Education, Athletics Director, California State Student Association, The Pioneer Newspaper, Office of

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Online Education, the Office of Diversity, CSUEB Academic Senate, the Alumni Director, Campus Police Department, and the Office of the Chancellor.

Approved on: 04/26/2017

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