TO: The Academic Senate

FROM: The Faculty Diversity and Equity Committee

SUBJECT: 18-19 FDEC 1: Statement on Protecting Vulnerable Populations

PURPOSE: Information to the Academic Senate

ACTION REQUESTED: That the Academic Senate accept as information the statement below as provided by FDEC

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:
There is an increase in oral history assignments regarding immigrants and particularly undocumented students. We want to caution the University community to help maintain anonymity unless consent is given. Please find the following statement as written by the Faculty Diversity and Equity Committee; to be distributed to college Deans, Chairs and ASI.

FACULTY DIVERSITY AND EQUITY COMMITTEE (FDEC)
STATEMENT ON PROTECTING VULNERABLE POPULATIONS

The FDEC encourages faculty to use best practices for human research subjects when creating student assignments related to undocumented students and other vulnerable student populations. We strongly recommend that faculty recognize potential harms and utilize the principles of confidentiality and anonymity when including respondents from vulnerable populations.