

Supporting DACA and Dreamers

Relative to the recent decision by the 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in the State of Texas vs. the United States, which agreed with a district court ruling that the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) policy is unlawful.

Recognizing the October 18th, 2022 [letter](#) published by the MSU Denver Board of Trustees in support of DACA and Dreamers, as well as the October 19th, 2022 [letter](#) sent by President Janine Davidson to Colorado’s legislative delegation, with signatures from all the public college and university leaders in the state; and

WHEREAS: The mission of MSU Denver provides: “a high-quality, accessible, enriching education that prepares students for successful careers, post-graduate education, and lifelong learning in a multicultural, global, and technological society;” and

WHEREAS: The core values of MSU Denver provide commitments to: “[breaking] down traditional boundaries and [taking] responsibility for meeting the challenges of access to education in the 21st century;” “diversity, equity, and inclusive excellence;” “a climate of mutual respect;” “a student-first mentality;” “student-centered teaching and scholarship;” and “the delivery of high-quality wraparound services for all students;” and

WHEREAS: MSU Denver was the first university in Colorado and among the first in the nation to provide in-state tuition for undocumented students, prior to the creation of DACA; and

WHEREAS: MSU Denver has served and continues to serve as a national leader in providing academic pathways for Dreamers; and

WHEREAS: Article II of the MSU Denver Faculty Senate Constitution provides that our purpose as a faculty senate is to “officially represent the faculty in all matters of interest and concern to the faculty,” which include matters that impact our undocumented students, staff, and campus community members.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the MSU Denver Faculty Senate supports DACA and Dreamers; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the MSU Denver Faculty Senate stands in solidarity with the MSU Denver Board of Trustees and President Davidson in their ongoing advocacy for DACA and Dreamers at the state and national level.