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JANET NAPOLITANO, PRESIDENT
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Re: Council Statement in Support of Undocumented Students Enrolled at UC

Dear Janet:

At its January 31, 2018 meeting, the Academic Council unanimously endorsed the enclosed statement in support of the educational success of DACA students, other undocumented students enrolled at the University of California, and students who are U.S. citizens with undocumented families, who may be forced to leave the United States before completing their UC degree.

The statement was drafted by a joint Task Force affiliated with the UC-Mexico Initiative that also included representation from a broad range of UCOP units. The statement signals the faculty's strong aspirational commitment to helping enrolled UC students attain their educational, career, and developmental goals. We hope it will help empower faculty and administrators on the campuses to develop the best possible options for protecting and supporting our students and families at risk of deportation in this uncertain time.

Thank you again for your ongoing commitment to undocumented students and your leadership on the DACA issue. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have additional questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Shane N. White".

Shane N. White, Chair
Academic Council

Encl.

Cc: Academic Council
Senate Executive Directors

Academic Council Statement in Support of Undocumented Students Enrolled at UC January 31, 2018

The University of California enrolls students – undergraduate and graduate – from all over the world. Consistent with our Principles of Community, once UC has enrolled these students, we have a moral and ethical obligation to help them attain their educational, career, and developmental goals and dreams. Our commitment is to enable our students to finish their education and, as needed, help them to navigate external forces that may alter their intended paths.

DACA and other undocumented students, as well as US citizens whose families are potential targets for deportation, are at particular risk. Ideally, these students will achieve their goal of obtaining a UC degree, regardless of immigration status. To assist them in achievement of their academic goals, these students will be given full access to all UC and other support programs for which they are eligible. As circumstances demand, however, UC will aid these students by facilitating a smooth transition to an institution of higher education in the country to which they relocate. UC will also assist them in exploring other pathways of educational achievement. UC recognizes that these students may have additional needs, such as academic proficiency in the language of the country to which they are locating, and will make every reasonable effort to assist them in meeting such needs.

Other countries are beginning to respond to political circumstances in the US by offering alternative paths for UC students to continue their education. UC is committed to working with partner institutions in these countries to develop options in support of our students.