TITLE: Protect Undocumented and DACA Broncos

DATE OF INTRODUCTION: January 25, 2017

INTRODUCED BY: SHADES (Students Honoring Active Demarginalization Efforts)

I. Purpose

The resolution will place Boise State University alongside other universities that have pledged to protect the privacy, safety, and rights of any undocumented members of their university community who may face intimidation, unfair investigation, and imminent deportation due to their vulnerable status.

II. Rationale

WHEREAS, our statement of shared values proclaims “Campus community members enjoy the same rights and freedoms that all U.S. citizens enjoy, including personal responsibility for one’s own conduct, behavior and speech.”

WHEREAS, our statement of shared values also extends the notion that campus community members can “expect equality, impartiality, openness and due process by demonstrating a balanced standard of justice without reference to individual bias.”

WHEREAS, immigration and/or citizenship status is protected under the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA).

WHEREAS, according to U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) policy 10029.2 Boise State University is designated as a Sensitive Location and therefore enforcement actions should be avoided as not to deter any participation.

WHEREAS, this resolution will help to secure the mental, physical, and emotional health of its historically marginalized students by demonstrating our commitment to diversity and inclusion.

WHEREAS, this resolution will continue to ensure that Boise State remains an institution of higher learning that actively protects the safety of all members of our community.

WHEREAS, by adopting this resolution, students will feel encouraged to fully participate in university classes and activities without fear or hesitation.

III. Provisions
1. Prohibit school funds or resources from furthering restrictive immigration laws that may prohibit current and future students from completing their education at Boise State.

2. Protect student privacy by communicating to the Boise State’s Department of Public Safety, Boise Police Department representatives, and university administrators that inquiries about a student’s citizenship status are protected under the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) and should be denied.

3. Communicate to Boise State’s Department of Public Safety, Boise Police Department representatives and university administrators that universities are designated as Sensitive Locations by U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) and enforcement actions (arrests, interviews, and searches for the purposes of immigration enforcement or surveillance) “should generally be avoided, and require either prior approval from an appropriate supervisory official or exigent circumstances necessitating immediate action”.

4. Offer a public statement and pledge that the university will exercise its rights under FERPA and its designation as a Sensitive Location to protect the privacy and safety of all students, especially undocumented students.

5. Dedicate a section of Boise State’s Admissions website to a list of resources for undocumented/DACAmented students.

6. Work actively and intentionally toward an environment in which all students receive a campus, classroom, and community experience free from hostilities, aggressions, and bullying by promoting campus dialogues.

7. Communicate unequivocally and repeatedly that undocumented/DACAmented students are full members of the Boise State community who will be protected to the fullest power of the administration.

8. ASBSU president will join other student leaders in signing “Student Leaders’ Letter to President Trump” which urges the president-elect to uphold DACA and H-1B visas.

9. ASBSU will work with student leaders to develop and sponsor an educational program that highlights the need for safety on campus.

IV. Fiscal Impact

This resolution will have no fiscal impact.

TO BE COMMUNICATED TO:

University President, Dr. Bob Kustra; Vice President for Student Affairs, Dr. Leslie Webb; Assistant Vice President for Student Affairs, Dr. Jeremiah Shinn; Dean of Students, Dr. Chris Wuthrich; Director For Student Involvement and Leadership Center, Charlie Varland; Director for Student Diversity and Inclusion, Francisco Salinas; The Arbiter; Idaho Governor, C.L. “Butch” Otter; U.S. Senators Mike Crapo and Jim Risch; U.S. House Representatives Raul Labrador and Mike Simpson; The Idaho State Senate; The Idaho State House of Representatives; The Idaho Statesman; The Boise Weekly; The Spokesman Review: Eye on Boise
APPROVAL:
By the ASBSU Student Assembly on 2/22/2017 by a vote of 16 (in favor) and 4 (opposed) and 7 (abstaining).

By the ASBSU Vice President, Assembly Chair

Jade Donnelly

Date: 2/27/17

By the ASBSU Executive Council on 2/27/17 by a vote of 3 (in favor) and 3 (opposed) and 0 (abstaining).

By the ASBSU President

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