

SCFA

Sierra College Faculty Association
AGENDA

MEETING LOCATION:

LRC 201

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 5, 2017

OPEN SESSION: 4:00 – 5:00 p.m.
CLOSED SESSION: 5:00 – 6:00 p.m.

- I. Visitors Comments: Please keep comments to 3 minutes
 - II. Approval of minutes
 - III. Reports
 - A. Treasurer
 - B. Vice President
 - C. President
 - D. Executive Board Members
 - IV. Open Session
 - A. DACA Advocacy Week: SCFA Resolution and Activities
 - B. Discussion: Board Member Attendance via SKYPE or other technological means.
 - C. Review of Updated BYLAWS and Standing Rules
 - V. Closed Session
 - VI. Check Out
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- **From:** Oakley, Eloy
Sent: Friday, September 29, 2017 9:23 AM
Subject: Call to Action: DACA Advocacy Week

Dear Colleagues,

In response to President Trump's recent decision to rescind the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) program, my office has been working with the Community College League of California (League), the Faculty Association of California Community Colleges (FACCC), and the Student Senate of California Community Colleges (SSCCC) to encourage local advocacy in support of DACA and the over 200,000 young people in California impacted by the decision to rescind the program. The educational future of thousands of our students is in doubt and thus I am pleased to join with our organizational partners in announcing the week of October 16–20 as **DACA Advocacy Week** and to encourage community colleges to take the following actions to express support for DACA:

1. **Pass a Resolution in Support of DACA.** Last week, the Board of Governors approved a resolution, available [here](#), expressing steadfast support for DACA recipients and other undocumented students in the California Community College system, and calling on Congress to take immediate and permanent action to preserve the DACA program and further work toward comprehensive immigration reform. I want to thank the many local governing boards across the state that have passed resolutions in support of DACA. I encourage those who have not to consider similar action. A model resolution can be found by clicking [here](#).

2. **Congressional Advocacy Meeting.** During the week of October 16-20, the U.S. House of Representatives is scheduled to recess for members to be home in their districts. I am calling on all community colleges to set a district meeting with congressional representatives or field staff to express support for the continuation of the provisions of DACA and ask for a permanent legislative solution. This meeting should emphasize the broad support for the DACA program, and represent a wide coalition of supporters, including students, families, faculty and employees, college administrators, influential statewide organizations, and local community college district trustees. The attached *DACA Congressional Visit Instructions* has been designed to help guide your meeting

planning. The *DACA Advocacy Week Talking Points* will help frame your conversation with your representative. After your meeting please return the attached *DACA Advocacy Meeting Report Form* to Vice Chancellor Laura Metune at lmetune@cccco.edu. This information will be used to facilitate and support additional system advocacy efforts.

3. Support Student and Staff Advocacy. In addition to the meetings that I hope your college will be scheduling during DACA Advocacy Week, the SSCCC will be coordinating phone banks and gathering postcards to demonstrate student support for DACA. My office and the League will be supporting these efforts and raising awareness of these activities over the coming months. In order to facilitate their actions and help make our student voices heard, I ask that when possible, you also support them in their efforts.

DACA Advocacy Week provides an opportunity to join a statewide community college effort to defend this vital program. I encourage college leaders at all levels to collaborate with like-minded groups for purposes of assembling advocacy teams and scheduling meetings with congressional representatives during this week in October. Only by joining together – students, faculty, staff and college leadership – will we make it clear to our congressional representatives the need for a permanent solution for DACA participants which includes a path for citizenship for our students.

Additional resources will continue to be made available on the Chancellor's Office website. During this time of uncertainty, I urge all community colleges to stand strong in support of our students, which begins with a legislative remedy for those protected by DACA.

If you have any questions, please contact Vice Chancellor of Governmental Relations, Laura Metune, at (916) 323-5951 or lmetune@cccco.edu.

Eloy Ortiz Oakley

Resolution of the Sierra College Faculty Association

WHEREAS, the California Community Colleges is the nation's largest post-secondary education system in the country and is committed to serving all residents, regardless of the immigration status; and

WHEREAS, the California Community Colleges Board of Governors is unwavering in its support and promotion of programs, initiatives and policies designed to instill values associated with community and inclusion; and

WHEREAS, California is home to 223,000 people who are participating in the federal Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) program that provides eligible immigrant youth who came to the United States as children protection from deportation and work authorization if they meet stringent conditions; and

WHEREAS, California's diversity is a great source of innovation and industry, making California one of the largest economies in the world and an economic engine for the United States; and

WHEREAS, The California Community College's new Vision for Success notes that California must close a projected shortfall of college educated workers by 2030 if it is to remain economically competitive, and the Vision further articulates bold goals for increasing completion of certificates and degrees and transfer rates to four-year institutions; and

WHEREAS, Studies show that deporting all of the DACA recipients in the United States would cost the federal government \$60 billion and cause \$280 billion in losses to the U.S. economy over 10 years, according to the CATO Institute; and

WHEREAS, over the past nine months, the California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office has reassured students and colleges that our campuses will remain safe, welcoming places for students of all backgrounds to learn; informed them that no changes have been made with regard to admissions or financial aid; informed students that financial aid for certain undocumented students is protected by state law; called on then President-elect Donald Trump to preserve DACA; and joined with the University of California, the California State University and the California Community Colleges to defend the right of all students to obtain a higher education in California; and

WHEREAS, On September 5, 2017, President Donald J. Trump's administration announced plans to eliminate the DACA program after a six-month pause to allow Congress to address the issue; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED that the Sierra College Faculty Association stands allied with the California Community Colleges Board of Governors in declaring that it remains steadfastly in support of DACA recipients and other undocumented students in the California Community College system and calls on Congress to immediately and permanently preserve the DACA program and further work toward comprehensive immigration reform, so that all of our students can realize their full

potential and continue to make meaningful contributions to their communities and the state of California.

Dated:

Johnnie D. Terry, President
Sierra College Faculty Association