

ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION 7-013

**A RESOLUTION TO SUPPORT SCOPE'S 4-POINT LIST OF REQUESTS FOR  
UNDOCUMENTED STUDENTS**

- WHEREAS,** the Student Community of Progressive Empowerment (SCOPE) is a student organization operated by and for undocumented students on campus; **AND**
- WHEREAS,** undocumented immigrants and families across the United States today face anti-immigrant rhetoric that disrupts the daily lives and experiences of undocumented students on the U-M campus; **AND**
- WHEREAS,** undocumented students have felt the implications<sup>1</sup> of recent federal decisions to end the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) program, which supported opportunities for hundreds of thousands of undocumented students to pursue higher education;<sup>2</sup> **AND**
- WHEREAS,** University administrators<sup>3</sup> and Central Student Government<sup>4</sup> have released statements to voice their firm disagreement with the decision to eliminate DACA, and to support undocumented students who have earned their place at the university, regardless of citizenship status; **AND**
- WHEREAS,** in its Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) strategic plan, the University repeatedly outlines its commitment to broader efforts of equity and inclusion, emphasizing diversity as a resource that can be leveraged “to

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<sup>1</sup> “Undocumented students rally for resources on DACA renewal deadline.” October 5, 2017. <https://www.michigandaily.com/section/campus-life/undocumented-students-rally-resources-deadline-daca-renewals>

<sup>2</sup> “Trump Administration Announces End of Immigration Protection program for dreamers.” September 5, 2017. [https://www.washingtonpost.com/news/post-politics/wp/2017/09/05/trump-administration-announces-end-of-immigration-protection-program-for-dreamers/?utm\\_term=.1f06f8201c6b](https://www.washingtonpost.com/news/post-politics/wp/2017/09/05/trump-administration-announces-end-of-immigration-protection-program-for-dreamers/?utm_term=.1f06f8201c6b)

<sup>3</sup> “Statement on DACA from President Mark Schlissel.” September 3, 2017. <https://president.umich.edu/news-communications/statements/statement-on-daca-from-president-mark-schlissel/>

<sup>4</sup> Official Statement For U of M DACA Students.” October 16, 2017. <https://csg.umich.edu/2017/10/16/official-statement-for-u-of-m-daca-students/>

advance our collective capabilities”<sup>5</sup> and promising to “work to equip individuals with the support and opportunities necessary for their success”;<sup>6</sup> **AND**

**WHEREAS**, SCOPE has compiled a 4-point list of requests of the University that offer direct solutions and resources to institutionally meet some of the needs of the undocumented student community;<sup>7</sup> **AND**

**WHEREAS**, the first request is for increased financial support from the Office of Financial Aid, in the form of scholarships for undocumented students whose financial needs are otherwise unmet; **AND**

**WHEREAS**, the second request is for an expansion of the strict and time-sensitive guidelines for obtaining in-state tuition that currently impose unrealistic standards on undocumented students during the application process; **AND**

**WHEREAS**, this request was previously addressed and supported by the Fifth Assembly of the Central Student Government;<sup>8</sup> **AND**

**WHEREAS**, the third request is for the appointment of a primary staff contact who will act as a liaison between the undocumented student community and the University administration, ensuring that no information is lost between them and all resources are made available to the undocumented student community throughout their academic career; **AND**

**WHEREAS**, the fourth request is for the implementation of more accessible outreach and recruitment efforts, beginning with a resource page on the University website to encourage undocumented prospective students to apply; **THEREFORE BE IT**

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<sup>5</sup> “Overarching Strategy 1: Create an Inclusive and Equitable Campus Climate” in *Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Strategic Plan*, p. 21. <https://diversity.umich.edu/wp-content/uploads/2016/10/strategic-plan.pdf>

<sup>6</sup> “Executive Summary” in *Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Strategic Plan*, p. 5

<sup>7</sup> “SCOPE’s List of Asks”

<https://www.facebook.com/scope.umich/photos/gm.219002791965673/912839375535556/?type=3&theater>

<sup>8</sup> “A Resolution Encouraging the University to Extend In-State Tuition to Undocumented Graduate and Non-Traditional Students in Michigan.”

<https://umcsg.files.wordpress.com/2016/09/a-r-5-048.pdf>

- RESOLVED,** that Central Student Government will continue to uphold its commitment to representing the best interests of undocumented and DACAmented students on campus; **AND BE IT FURTHER**
- RESOLVED,** that Central Student Government will support SCOPE's 4-point list of asks; **AND BE IT FURTHER**
- RESOLVED,** that a web-page will be created on Central Student Government's website that will compile resources from relevant local groups, University units, and student organizations for undocumented and DACAmented students; **AND BE IT FINALLY**
- RESOLVED,** that a delegate from SCOPE will coordinate with the Central Student Government webmaster to develop and publish content to the undocumented and DACAmented student resources page in a timely manner.

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