



We the Associated Students of Whitworth University seek to represent, empower and serve the student body.

We strive to create a more equitable Whitworth by providing a platform for all voices to be heard. We will organize innovative programming and support student-led initiatives to catalyze meaningful relationships for students to thrive locally and globally.

RESOLUTION 2017-2018. 01

February 23rd, 2018

PASSED/FAILED

A RESOLUTION affirming the Associated Students of Whitworth University's support of undocumented students and immigrant communities; stating our support of a bipartisan DREAM Act or similar legislation offering a path to citizenship for undocumented youth without causing harm to other immigrants or undermining family unity; and calling on our Members of Congress, including Representative Cathy McMorris-Rodgers, Senator Maria Cantwell, and Senator Patty Murray to take leadership on this issue and sponsor legislative solutions that protect our fellow students.

WHEREAS, on September 5, 2017, Attorney General Jeff Sessions announced the current presidential administration's policy of rescinding the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrival (DACA) program, which provided over 800,000 undocumented youth temporary employment authorization and protection from deportation, including current Whitworth students, who, along with their families, are now vulnerable to deportation and need immediate protection.

WHEREAS, there are approximately 28,000 DACA-eligible, undocumented youth in Washington State, as well as 1,900 in the 5th Congressional District that is composed in part of Whitworth University, thus we acknowledge that this resolution is urgent and directly impactful to our community.

WHEREAS, President Beck A. Taylor has made clear that "Whitworth has a number of undocumented students who are important and loved members of our learning community," adding that "they contribute greatly to the life and mission of the university" and "simply put, they are us, and we are Whitworth."

