

**The University of Alabama**

**22nd Student Senate 2017-2018**

**Agenda for February 1st, 2018**

**Regular Session**

1. Call to Order and Roll Call
2. Recitation of the SGA Mission statement and the Capstone Creed by Senator Heatley and Senator Smith
3. Announcements:
4. Break for committees
5. New Business:
   1. R-16: A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF EXPANDING CAMPUS FOOD PANTRY **Senator Marissa Alayna Navarro**
   2. R-17: A RESOLUTION TO SUPPORT DACAMENTED STUDENTS, AS WELL AS THE CONTINUATION OF THE DEFERRED ACTION FOR CHILDHOOD ARRIVALS (DACA) PROGRAM **Senator Marissa Alayna Navarro**
6. Adjourn

**Resolution** **R-16-18**

**The** **University** **of** **Alabama**

**22nd** **Student** **Senate** **2017-2018**

Authors: Senator Marissa Alayna Navarro

Co-Sponsors: Sen. Daniela Bishop, Sen. Cara Clay, Sen. Parnab Das, Sen. Mitch Doran, Sen. Katie Judson, Sen. Baily Martin, Sen. Darby Mcqueen, Sen. Kelsey Montgomery, Sen. Harrison Smoak

**A** **RESOLUTION** **IN SUPPORT OF EXPANDING CAMPUS FOOD PANTRY**

**WHEREAS,** hunger and food insecurity are serious problems in our community; and

**WHEREAS,** food insecurity is defined as a situation where consistent access to adequate food is limited by a lack of money and other resources; and

**WHEREAS,** as a college education becomes increasingly expensive, more students are being forced to live near or below the poverty level; and

**WHEREAS ,** college students often have limited transportation options and community-based food resources are typically not located close to campuses; and,

**WHEREAS ,** college students, while food insecure, might not meet community-based agency requirements and/or may be uncomfortable in accessing services off campus; and,

**WHEREAS ,** food insecurity cuts across all demographic statuses, enrollment levels, and geographic locations; and,

**WHEREAS ,** as a campus community, we have a responsibility to help students who are in need of assistance; and,

**WHEREAS,** currently there is a meal donation program located within the Dean of Students Office and Student Care and Well Being for students who are food insecure; and

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT**, that The University of Alabama Student Government Association supports the expansion of a campus food pantry at The University of Alabama; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** that The University of Alabama Student Government Association commits to providing support by promoting and assisting with food drives; and

***BE* *IT* FINALLY *RESOLVED* *THAT* ,** copies of this resolution be sent to the following: Dr. Stuart Bell, President of the University of Alabama; Dr. Ruperto Perez, Associate Vice President of Student Health and Well-Being; Shannon Hubbard, Coordinator, Alabama REACH, Casey Nelson, 2017-2018 SGA President; Mollie Gillis, 2017-2018 Vice-President of Student Affairs; SGA Lobby Board; the Crimson White Media Group

**RESOLUTION** **R-17-18**

**The** **University** **of** **Alabama 22nd**

**Student** **Senate** **2017-2018**

**Author** : Marissa Alayna Navarro

**Sponsors** : Sen. Salvatore Arena, Sen. Daniela Bishop, Sen. Cara Clay, Sen. Parnab Das, Sen. Clay Gaddis, Sen Katie Judson, Sen. Darby Mcqueen, Sen. Robert Pendley, Sen. Harrison Smoak, Executive Secretary Stephanie Gaytan

**A** **RESOLUTION** **TO SUPPORT DACAMENTED STUDENTS, AS WELL AS THE CONTINUATION OF THE DEFERRED ACTION FOR CHILDHOOD ARRIVALS (DACA) PROGRAM**

**WHEREAS,** the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals program (DACA),

established in 2012, provides eligible undocumented immigrants with the ability to

“apply for temporary deferrals of deportations and [for] work permits”[1]; and

**WHEREAS,** DACA has enabled more than 700,000 individuals brought to the

United States before their 16th birthday to stay in the United States[2]; and

**WHEREAS,** some the beneficiaries of this program include students previously or

currently enrolled in postsecondary educational institutions, such as The University

of Alabama; and

**WHEREAS,** in a recent national survey, conducted in June 2015 to analyze the

impact of DACA, 92% of respondents who were then enrolled in school noted that

DACA allowed them to “pursue educational opportunities [they] previously could

not” have pursued[3]; and

**WHEREAS,** recently there has been a serious discussion about ending the DACA

program[4]; and

**WHEREAS,** in light of such discussions, more than 510 other college and

university presidents across the United States signed a letter, which called the need

to uphold and continue the DACA program a “moral imperative” and “national

necessity”[5];

**THEREFORE BE IT** **RESOLVED,** that The University of Alabama Student

Government Association joins other higher education student governments in their

call to uphold and continue the DACA program; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** that The University of Alabama Student

Government Association reaffirms its support of DACAmented students at The

University of Alabama and across the country; and

**BE IT FINALLY** **RESOLVED THAT COPIES BE SENT TO THE FOLLOWING:** Dr. Stuart Bell, President of The University of Alabama, President Casey Nelson, Student Government Association; Dr. Ruperto Perez, Associate Vice President of Student Health and Well-Being; Shannon Hubbard, Coordinator, Alabama REACH, Vice President Ross D’Entremont, Student Government Association; Vice President Charlie Steinmetz, Student Government Association; Elizabeth Elkin, Editor-in-Chief of *The Crimson White.*

[1]<https://www.americanprogress.org/issues/immigration/news/2015/07/09/117054/results-from-a-nationwide-survey-of-daca-recipients-illustrate-the-programs-impact/>

[2] Ibid. 1.

[3] Ibid. 1.

[4]<http://www.nytimes.com/2016/11/20/us/immigrants-donald-trump-daca.html>.

[5]<https://www.pomona.edu/news/2016/11/21-college-university-presidents-call-us-uphold-and-continue-daca>.