

UNO Faculty Senate Meeting Agenda

Date/Time: Thursday, March 15, 2018, 3:30pm

Location: University Center Innsbruck Room (UC 211 A and B)

- 1. Roll Call
- 2. Approval of the minutes from 2/21/18 meeting
- 3. Update from Faculty Senate President
 - Evaluation of Administrators, DACA update, need for Faculty Council vote on changes to bylaws
- 4. News from UNO Office of the President
- 5. Senate Elections Senate Members, Senate Executive Board, Senate Officers
- 6. Report from University Computing Center
- 7. Report from Academic Affairs: Community Engagement and Partnerships
- 8. Old Business
- 9. New Business
- 10. Adjournment



UNO FACULTY SENATE

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

JANUARY 23, 2018

Introducing Sponsors: James Mokhiber, Faculty Senate Vice President

Christy Corey, Faculty Senate President

Dimitrios Charalampidis, Faculty Senate Secretary

Regarding the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) program

- Whereas the United States federal government has announced plans to rescind the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) program,
- Whereas this program currently extends certain immigration protections to hundreds of thousands of young people across the country and in our region,
- Whereas the New Orleans region, like much of the Gulf South, has deep connections to historic centers of migration throughout the Americas,
- Whereas New Orleans, particularly since Hurricane Katrina, has welcomed a growing immigrant population that has helped to rebuild the city and its economy,
- Whereas the University of New Orleans has a defined and specific mission of serving the metropolitan New Orleans area.
- Whereas the University of New Orleans is currently seeking to extend its reach to new populations of potential students and to retain current students,
- Whereas the University of New Orleans recognizes the high aspirations motivating students from immigrant populations who seek out higher education,
- Whereas the University of New Orleans has sought to strengthen its commitment to diversity on campus, through the creation of a new Diversity Engagement Center and the action of its Diversity Cabinet,



Whereas the University of New Orleans has, through its Quality Enhancement Plan (QEP), sought to strengthen global learning and service on campus,

Whereas UNO this week celebrates International Education Week (IEW), an annual, nationally-recognized event sponsored by the U.S. Departments of State and Education, through which the university seeks to demonstrate its commitment to cross-cultural understanding and global engagement,

Whereas hundreds of higher education leaders and bodies across the United States have urged their local, state and federal representatives to recognize the moral imperative and national need to support the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals program,

Resolved, the UNO Faculty Senate:

Reaffirms the commitment of the faculty to fostering a supportive, diverse and inclusive learning environment for the benefit of all of our students regardless of immigration status,

Urges the university administration to increase support services for its affected student populations,

Supports efforts by the administration, staff and faculty to ensure that all students are able to attend and succeed at the University of New Orleans in an atmosphere free of fear, harassment or intimidation.

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