



Gonzaga Student Body Association
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Sponsors: Sean Kimball, Senior Senator

Co-Sponsors: Sophia Zink, On Campus Senator; Kevin Snow, Freshman Senator; Ines Marti Devolx, International Senator

Title: Undocumented Student Scholarship Resolution

Purpose: To demonstrate GSBA's support for the creation of the Undocumented Student Scholarship and commitment to help raise funds.

Text:

Section 1: Whereas, students with undocumented status are ineligible for federal aid and therefore face unique financial barriers to their education.

Section 2: Whereas, the eligibility for the Undocumented Student Scholarship will be distributed to currently enrolled students of undocumented status to assist with basic living expenses, educational expenses, and tuition-related expenses.

Section 3: Whereas, Gonzaga's mission statement aims to "[foster] a mature commitment to the dignity of the human person, social justice, diversity, ... [and] solidarity with the poor and vulnerable," which would be embodied in the creation of this scholarship.

Section 4: Whereas, support for undocumented students has been expressed by Gonzaga University's President Thayne M. McCulloh:

The DACA program is not a remote, theoretical issue; it is a local matter, affecting students and individuals who are part of the Gonzaga Community. Together with colleagues from the Center for Global Engagement, Student Development, Gonzaga Student Body Association and its affiliated clubs and organizations, and the Office of General Counsel, we will continue our work to understand how this recent action affects current Gonzaga community members and their families, and are committed to working with, and on behalf of, these individuals as we together navigate this continually evolving

situation. (President’s Statement on DACA Recession, September 5, 2017, President McCulloh)

Section 5: Whereas, GSBA’s mission statement “promises to support and advocate for our fellow students” and the creation of this scholarship would follow through on GSBA’s promise of promoting equitable opportunities for all.

Section 6: Whereas, GSBA passed a resolution in April 2017 concerning undocumented students: “GSBA Resolution of Solidarity and Support for the Advancement of Undocumented Students at Gonzaga University.” Specifically, Section 14 in part states:

Moreover, GSBA recommends a renewed commitment to collaborative efforts with the administration to continue the discussion regarding undocumented students, while also working to foster a comprehensive agenda on how to best improve upon, or facilitate, services for the advancement of undocumented students. (Resolution Number SRSD041006, Section 14)

Section 7: Whereas, other Jesuit institutions have created similar scholarships for undocumented students including, but not limited to, Santa Clara University’s Cabrini Fund, Loyola University - Chicago’s Magis Scholarship Fund, and University of San Francisco’s Magis Fellowship & Jesuit Community Magis Endowment Scholarship. The University of California School System DREAM Loan Program is also a resource for undocumented students to apply for state financial aid that advocates for the Undocumented Students’ Scholarship used for comparison.

Section 8: Whereas, the scholarship will be funded by community sources and GSBA strongly encourages community members and the entire student population to fundraise to provide equal educational opportunities for their peers.

Section 9: Whereas, the groundwork of this scholarship has been laid out by President Athena Sok, Director of Diversity and Inclusion Fese Elango, and Speaker of the Senate Julianna Pendleton in collaboration with University Administration, Student Development, Unity Multicultural Education Center (UMEC), Admissions, and Financial Aid.

Section 10: Whereas, the executive staff of GSBA supports the implementation of this scholarship and the fundraising for it.

Section 11: Therefore, GSBA shall firmly support the creation of a scholarship for Gonzaga students of undocumented status in order to provide equitable opportunities for all students.

Section 12: Therefore, GSBA shall support fundraising efforts by working with University Advancement and Financial Aid until the scholarship is fully endowed.



President



Speaker of Senate