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Faculty Senate Resolution 2017-2018/2: Responding to the Ending of the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) Policy

Date approved: November 4, 2017

- 1 *WHEREAS* Middle Tennessee State University (MTSU) faculty, staff, and administration welcome, support, and
2 pledge to ensure DACA students, like all other MTSU students, receive the best education possible,
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4 *WHEREAS* we know that, like many other MTSU students, DACA students have persisted against the odds and
5 succeeded and have demonstrated the commitment to determination and hard work typical of our students,
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7 *WHEREAS* we recognize that DACA students are covered by FERPA, and we are dedicated to protecting the
8 identities of these students as we would that of any other student,
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10 *WHEREAS* the MTSU faculty believes that all MTSU students and alumni should have the opportunity to serve
11 their communities and engage in the careers for which they have been educated,
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13 *WHEREAS* under DACA our students and alumni have been able to pursue opportunities in business, education,
14 healthcare, high-tech industries, nonprofit sectors, and more,
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16 *WHEREAS* we believe that all Tennesseans have the right to benefit from the skills and talents of all MTSU
17 graduates, in whose education we have invested the resources of our state,
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19 *WHEREAS* the True Blue Pledge reminds us, "The MTSU community is composed of individuals representing
20 different races, ethnicities, sexual orientations, cultures, and ways of thinking. We respect individual
21 differences and unique perspectives and acknowledge our commonalities"; therefore, be it
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23 RESOLVED that the MTSU Faculty Senate asks the University to identify ways that MTSU can mitigate the
24 disruption that DACA's termination may have on the lives of our students and investigate ways to ensure the
25 retention and graduation of undocumented students at MTSU; and be it further
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27 RESOLVED that we call on our legislators to enact the DREAM Act or other appropriate federal legislation to
28 provide an alternative to DACA by the administration's March 5, 2018, deadline.