Whereas, Rice University’s mission is to “[cultivate] a diverse community of learning and discovery that produces leaders across the spectrum of human endeavors”;

Whereas, Rice University “welcomes all applicants, and considers candidates for undergraduate admission (as first time entering students or transfer students) without regard to nationality or citizenship”;

Whereas, Rice University accepts undocumented students and has undergraduate undocumented students currently enrolled;

Whereas, The administration of Rice University supports the opportunity for all students to pursue their academic goals without fear of discrimination;
Whereas, Rice University President David Leebron and the Association of American Universities have stated that “DACA should be upheld, continued, and expanded” as both “a moral imperative and a national Necessity”;

Whereas, the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals Program (DACA) was announced to be repealed by Homeland Security on September 5th, 2017. DACA will be repealed and ended on March 5, 2018;

Whereas, there are an estimated 790,000 DACA recipients in the United States\(^1\);

Whereas, there are an estimated 3.4 million potential DREAMers\(^2\);

Whereas, DACA, a work permit program, induced the following benefits to recipients according to the Center for American Progress\(^3\):

- DACA recipients received an average hourly wage increase of 42%
- Recipients work in all economic sectors, and 21% work in education or healthcare
- 46% of DACA recipients are in school currently, with 70% of those students pursuing a bachelor’s degree or higher
- 90% obtained a driver’s license

Whereas, the Development, Relief, and Education for Alien Minors Act of 2017 (DREAM) is a bill designed to allow current, former, and future undocumented high school graduates and GED recipients a three-part pathway to US citizenship through pursuing higher education, working, or enlisting in the armed services. The three pathway steps include:

1. Conditional Permanent Residence:
2. Lawful Permanent Residence
3. Naturalization; and

Whereas, This is a bipartisan bill which encompasses the shared values reflected amongst Rice students with varied ideologies; therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Student Association stands in support of undocumented students;

Resolved, That by supporting the DREAM Act, the Student Association wants to extend its support also to students of color, immigrants, international students, and undocumented students, and ensure that all parties feel welcome at Rice;


\(^3\) Wong et al., “New Study of DACA Beneficiaries Shows Positive Economic and Educational Outcomes”, (Center for American Progress, October 18, 2016).
Resolved, That the Student Association, by supporting the DREAM Act, does not support any specific political party or mindset; and

Resolved, the Student Association supports the passing of DREAM Act of 2017 in the United States Senate in a timely manner.