A RESOLUTION ENCOURAGING THE UNIVERSITY TO EXTEND IN-STATE TUITION TO UNDOCUMENTED GRADUATE AND NON-TRADITIONAL STUDENTS IN MICHIGAN

WHEREAS, in 2013, the University of Michigan granted in-state tuition\(^1\) to undocumented and DACAm\(^2\)ented individuals who either entered the United States (U.S.) without authorization or entered legally but remained in the U.S. past their authorized stay; AND

WHEREAS, before 2013 in-state tuition was inaccessible to the 65,000 undocumented/DACAm\(^2\)ented students who graduate from high school every year\(^3\), so undocumented in-state students had to pay out-of-state tuition; AND

WHEREAS, out-of-state tuition is significantly higher than the cost of in-state tuition; AND

WHEREAS, federal law forbids undocumented/DACAm\(^2\)ented students from receiving federal or state financial aid\(^4\); AND

WHEREAS, the new Michigan residency requirements to qualify for in-state tuition mandate that undocumented individuals must have attended a Michigan high school for at least 3 years or obtained their GED; and

- Attended a Michigan middle or junior high school for 2 years preceding high school; and
- Are starting their education at the University within twenty-eight months of graduating from the Michigan high school or receiving their GED; and
- Undocumented/DACAm\(^2\)ented individuals are not required to be U.S. citizens to receive in-state tuition under this policy\(^5\); AND

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1. [https://publicaffairs.vpcomm.umich.edu/key-issues/u-m-guidelines-for-in-state-tuition/](https://publicaffairs.vpcomm.umich.edu/key-issues/u-m-guidelines-for-in-state-tuition/)
5. [http://ro.umich.edu/resreg.php](http://ro.umich.edu/resreg.php)
WHEREAS, the current policy discriminates against undocumented/DACAmented individuals pursuing graduate degrees, since obtaining an undergraduate degree constitutes a 48 month time span between high school and graduate school; AND

WHEREAS, the current policy discriminates non-traditional students who did not follow a direct high school to college pathway and waited more than 28 months to enroll at the University of Michigan; AND

WHEREAS, graduate schools have do not have the authority to provide their accepted students with in-state tuition, independent from the University, and therefore must require undocumented graduate students to pay out-of-state tuition; AND

WHEREAS, 38% of DACAmented Michigan residents are still living at 100% below the poverty level, making out-of-state tuition highly inaccessible⁶; AND

WHEREAS, the University of Michigan has publicly declared a goal for Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion⁷, creating policies that deny in-state tuition to graduate and non-traditional undocumented Michigan students stands in the face of this goal; AND

WHEREAS, the University of Michigan has inspired other institutions to pass similar in-state policies for undocumented students⁸; AND

WHEREAS, the University of Michigan’s rates of minority enrollment fall significantly lower than peer institutions with more inclusive in-state policies for undocumented students; AND

WHEREAS, in supporting tuition equality in 2013, the University demonstrated support for undocumented students; AND

WHEREAS, Undocumented non-traditional Michigan students who waited more than 28 months to start their college career and undocumented graduate

⁶ http://www.migrationpolicy.org/data/unauthorized-immigrant-population/state/MI#income
⁷ http://diversity.umich.edu/our-commitment/
students deserve equal access to a higher education at UM;  
**THEREFORE BE IT**

RESOLVED, that Central Student Government affirm support for extending in-state tuition to undocumented Michigan non-traditional students and graduate students, based on proof-of-residency requirements set forth by the Office of Financial Aid, by working with the University to remove the requirement of students starting their education at the University within twenty-eight months of graduating from a Michigan high school or receiving their GED; **AND BE IT FINALLY**

RESOLVED, that Central Student Government work with the Coalition for Tuition Equality (CTE), Migrant and Immigrant Rights Advocacy (MIRA), and other organizations to encourage the University of Michigan to extend in-state tuition to non-traditional and graduate undocumented students in the state of Michigan.

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