

University of California releases principles in support of UC community members

UC Office of the President

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The University of California today (Nov. 30) announced that it will vigorously protect the privacy and civil rights of the undocumented members of the UC community and will direct its police departments not to undertake joint efforts with any government agencies to enforce federal immigration law.

“While we still do not know what policies and practices the incoming federal administration may adopt, given the many public pronouncements made during the presidential campaign and its aftermath, we felt it necessary to reaffirm that UC will act upon its deeply held conviction that all members of our community have the right to work, study, and live safely and without fear at all UC locations,” said UC President Janet Napolitano.

The University issued its Statement of Principles in Support of Undocumented Members of the UC Community after Napolitano met earlier today with UC staff coordinators who support undocumented students at all 10 UC campuses. Napolitano also reviewed the recommendations of a UC task force that she established to study the most effective ways to protect undocumented students and other undocumented members of the UC community.

The principles [<https://www.universityofcalifornia.edu/sites/default/files/Statement-of-Principles-in-Support-of-Undocumented-Members-of-UC.pdf>] are to be implemented through policies and procedures at all UC campuses and medical facilities. They include the following:

- The University will continue to admit students consistent with its nondiscrimination policies so that undocumented students will be considered for admission under the same criteria as U.S. citizens or permanent residents.
- No confidential student records will be released without a judicial warrant, subpoena or court order, unless authorized by the student or required by law.
- No UC campus police department will undertake joint efforts with local, state or federal law enforcement agencies to investigate, detain or arrest individuals for

violation of federal immigration law.

- Campus police officers will not contact, detain, question or arrest any individual solely on the basis of (suspected) undocumented immigration status.
- The University will not cooperate with any federal effort to create a registry of individuals based on any protected characteristics such as religion, national origin, race or sexual orientation.
- UC medical centers will treat all patients without regard to race, religion, national origin, citizenship or other protected characteristics and will vigorously enforce nondiscrimination and privacy laws and policies.

For additional information:

- President Napolitano's Nov. 30 op-ed in The New York Times
[<http://www.nytimes.com/2016/11/30/opinion/the-truth-about-young-immigrants-and-daca.html>]
- California higher education leaders call upon the President-elect to continue DACA with joint letter [<https://www.universityofcalifornia.edu/sites/default/files/UC-CSU-CCC-DACA-Letter-11-29-16.pdf>]
- UC statement on presidential election results
[<https://www.universityofcalifornia.edu/press-room/university-california-statement-election>]
- Announcement of multiyear support for UC's Undocumented Student Initiative
[<https://www.universityofcalifornia.edu/press-room/uc-president-napolitano-proposes-multi-year-support-undocumented-students>]