MEMORANDUM

September 5, 2017

Dear FIU Family,

Earlier today, the Trump administration announced that the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) program is being rescinded.

This action means that after today, no new applications for the DACA program will be considered. Persons currently granted DACA status will be able to maintain their status through expiration of their deferred action period. Also, DACA recipients whose status expires before March 5, 2018 have until October 5, 2017 to reapply.

I encourage all DACA students who are enrolled at FIU to stay in school and work hard to finish their degrees as soon as possible. In the face of uncertainty, please do not despair. Like you, I am hopeful that Congress will take positive action in the coming months to give “dreamers” permanent status and a path to pursue the American dream.

It is important for our community to remember that Florida law provides for all students, including undocumented students, who graduate from Florida high schools and meet other conditions, to receive a waiver of the out-of-state fee for tuition purposes. Thus, today’s announcement does not impact those students’ eligibility for the out-of-state tuition waiver granted under Florida law at this time.

Students who are concerned about their particular situation may contact the Carlos Alberto Costa Immigration and Human Rights Clinic at 305-348-7541 or via email (JCAGomez@fiu.edu) or consult a private attorney.

As a university community, we remain supportive of all our hard-working students who look to FIU as a beacon of opportunity. We are proud of the role we play in our community and remain committed to helping all of our students succeed.

We will monitor developments in this area and update you as necessary.

For more information, please click here.

Sincerely,

Mark B. Rosenberg
President