Dear Campus Community,

Earlier today U. S. Attorney General Jeff Sessions announced the rescission of the Deferred Action on Childhood Arrivals (DACA) program. We are deeply disappointed by this action and pledge our commitment to urge Congress to work toward a solution that will serve our DACA students and employees.

We recognize that the move to rescind DACA has activated one of the greatest fears "Dreamers" have long-held. Many Dreamers were brought to the United States when they were children and, therefore, do not know any other country. When DACA was implemented, Dreamers openly divulged their status in exchange for an opportunity to work toward legal citizenship. They have contributed greatly to this country and represent a massive resource of talent. While we can't begin to understand the emotions and impact this action has on Dreamers, our hearts go out to them and we stand with them in our extreme disappointment.

We at Cal Poly, along with the California State University (CSU) system, remain committed to DACA students, faculty and staff (see letter from CSU Chancellor Timothy White). Cal Poly has demonstrated its commitment to DACA and undocumented students by establishing a DREAM Center and hiring a full-time coordinator. In addition, an Undocumented Student Ally Working Group has been identifying student needs and providing appropriate support. Either of these groups can provide information and assistance as needed.

We at Cal Poly stand in support of our undocumented students, faculty and staff. Cal Poly leadership will continue to ensure that the university remains a welcoming, inclusive and safe environment for every member of our campus community. In addition, our Student Affairs staff and our Employee Assistance Program (EAP) are ready to be of assistance to those who may have questions or need counseling to address their feelings during this difficult time.

We will continue to report information and provide resources as they become available over the next few months. In addition, the CSU site will be updated regularly and includes information on Dreamers' rights, the implications of the DACA repeal and the steps that Dreamers can take to complete their education.

We at Cal Poly remain absolutely committed to our DACA students, faculty and staff who make our university a rich and vibrant community. We will do everything in our power to urge Congress to offer a workable solution.

President Jeffrey D. Armstrong and the President's Leadership Cabinet