

Adams State University
Sanctuary Campus Draft Resolution

Whereas Adams State University (ASU) defines sanctuary campus as upholding the principles outlined in this resolution,

Whereas Adams State is Colorado's oldest federally-designated Hispanic Serving Institution, with the most ethnically diverse student body in the state,

Considering that ASU's mission is to "educate, serve, and inspire our diverse populations in the pursuit of their lifelong dreams and ambitions,"

Taking into account that the San Luis Valley is an agricultural region, which means that ASU is different from its counterpart institutions across Colorado because it serves students from different backgrounds who might not otherwise be able to get a quality education,

Remaining ever vigilant that a healthy, safe campus environment is crucial for the recruitment and retention of students, faculty, and staff,

Emphasizing that institutions of learning should be celebrated as promoting a culture of open communication, dialogue, and the free exchange of diverse perspectives,

Deeply disturbed by disparaging rhetoric which has created a climate of fear among individuals and groups that create the diverse community of Adams State, including women, LGBTQ people, Muslims, African Americans, and Hispanic/Latinx,

Concerned for those in the greater community and, indeed, the country who feel threatened by an increasing sense of marginalization and isolation due to policies targeting underrepresented populations (see attached policies)

Further concerned about the potential elimination of Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) and the uncertainty this has created within our community,

Affirming that President McClure, along with more than 550 presidents of other colleges and universities around the country, signed the "Statement in Support of the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) Program and our Undocumented Immigrant Students,"

Appreciating President Beverlee J. McClure's letter to ASU, stating, "I recognize that for women, minorities and the LGBTQ community, fear is very real. On this campus, we will not tolerate any kind of intimidation. For nearly 100 years, Adams State has stood as an institution committed to providing a safe haven for learning, growing and expanding. Here, you are safe,"

Further noting President McClure's letter to all members of Adams State University, which reiterated that "[T]his is a safe place," and finally,

Further recognizing President McClure's letter which requested that we, "our university, our community, and our world: find the courage to be kind. Now is the time for us to be united and continue standing strong in the face of fear and hate."

Adams State LatinX Caucus calls upon Adams State University to:

1. Affirm its mission and commitment to all students;
2. Stimulate intellectual, academic and scholarly activities that promote the mitigation of hatred and prevent the persecution of difference;
3. Pledge its assistance to Trinidad State Junior College, San Luis Valley school districts and other educational agencies seeking assistance in promoting a safe environment for all students;
4. Study and facilitate critical discourse about community, state and national sanctuary efforts;
5. Maintain compliance with all Federal laws;
6. Protect all students to the fullest extent possible, by
 - a. Only sharing information with U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE), U.S. Customs and Border Patrol (CBP) or U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) with a warrant or subpoena;
 - b. Only permitting ICE, CBP or USCIS physical access to property owned or controlled by the University with a warrant or subpoena;
 - c. Continuing to comply with all Family Education Rights Privacy Act (FERPA) regulations, which includes the vigilant safeguarding of our students' personal information;
7. Refrain from the development, implementation and enforcement of policies that could result in the deportation of any student, faculty member, or staff member without proper legal representation, due process, and fair and impartial judicial hearings;
8. Recognize the role of ASU's police force to protect the safety of all students and to cooperate with law enforcement agencies as needed, noting the enforcement of immigration laws is outside the scope of campus police jurisdiction;
9. Immediately notify the Office of the President about all requests for immigration related information by ICE, CBP, USCIS, or any other agency;
10. Prohibit housing discrimination based on immigration status;
11. Support undocumented and DACA students' equal access to in-state tuition, financial aid, and scholarships, and further support the ability of qualified immigrant students to

enroll and sustain their attendance by leveraging institutional funds and scholarships to allow eligible immigrant students to pay the in-state tuition rate or access ordinary financial aid and scholarships on equal footing with other students;

12. Continue to publicly support the continuation of the DACA program and the Colorado Advancing Students for a Stronger Economy Tomorrow (ASSET) Program;
13. Oppose state and federal government plans mandating a registry for individuals based on their nationality, religious belief, or other criteria;
14. Continue to promote the values of:
 - opportunity and access for all
 - excellence in teaching and learning
 - growth through inclusion of diverse cultures and ideas
 - a learning and civic community of trust, respect, and civility
 - caring and personal relationships
 - innovation, integrity, and ethical leadership
 - responsible stewardship
15. And stand unified against divisive forces that would undermine the core purpose of Adams State and the educational aspirations of our diverse student body.