November 26, 2016

Dear faculty, staff, students, and community partners—

Embracing the intellectual contributions and experiential wisdom of undocumented students, we in the School for Cultural and Social Transformation affirm the values expressed in the sanctuary status granted by sanctuary cities across the United States.

As a School, we pledge to work to the fullest possible extent to protect our community members from intimidation and unfair investigation; to encourage all School members and campus members who share our commitment to take the immediate action of contributing to the new DREAMers Scholarship Fund, as established by the President’s letter of November 17, 2016; to advise and lend our labor to key campus leaders so as to establish a new resource space for DREAMers students, an entity that will provide guidance to financial and legal services and will coordinate closely with University mental health services to help assure cultural competency in working with trauma-related issues due to unique circumstances faced by undocumented students; to help create contingency plans for students’ completion of their degrees, should such plans be needed; to use and strengthen our campus ties to University Neighborhood Partners and other entities that can assist in accessing resources for undocumented people in our midst; and to share in fostering, alongside our student groups, knowledge and dialogues concerning undocumented and immigrant experiences.

Signed,

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