



Student Senate
2016-2017 Academic Year

A resolution to reaffirm Wayne State University's commitment to diversity and inclusion and to encourage the creation of a temporary committee to address students affected by Executive Order 13769.

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WHEREAS, Wayne State University and its student body holds diversity as a core value and recognizes the importance of the inclusion, stability, security, and well-being of students from all backgrounds, cultures, nationalities, and religions; **AND**

WHEREAS, The Wayne State University Student Senate reaffirms its commitment to serving the needs of the 2,417 international students enrolled in our institution¹; **AND**

WHEREAS, The Wayne State University Student Senate recognizes that Executive Order 13769, enacted on January 27th, 2017², may affect the stability, security, and well-being, and academic opportunities of international students at Wayne State University by restricting their rights to travel²; **AND**

WHEREAS, The Wayne State Student Senate recommends the creation of a temporary committee to assist students impacted by Executive Order 13769, as well as any other future orders or legislation that may impair the stability, security, well-being, and academic opportunities of international students at Wayne State; **AND**

WHEREAS, A committee can advise the Student Senate and administration to ensure that University Policy reflects the values of the student body to protect the rights, opportunities, and well-being of international students; **AND**

WHEREAS, The committee will centralize resources already available to international students, including but not limited to investigating the provision of legal aid, housing, and all other necessary assistance to allow affected international students to continue their degree programs; **AND**

WHEREAS, The Student Senate representative to this committee will provide a monthly report in writing and/or in person to the Wayne State University Student Senate; **AND**

WHEREAS, This committee may be dissolved upon executive reversal, judicial overturn of Executive Order 13769, or after 120 days, whichever comes first;

1. **NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, the Assembly of the Wayne State University Student Senate highly encourages provisions to provide for the inclusion, protection, and support of international students affected by Executive Order

13769 and other future government action which discriminates on the basis of national origin or citizenship.

2. **NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, the Assembly of the Wayne State University Student Senate highly encourages the creation of a temporary committee to render aid to those affected by this and other future government action which discriminates on the basis of national origin or citizenship.

3. **NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, the Assembly of the Wayne State University Student Senate highly encourages the temporary committee be comprised of representation from the following WSU entities: The Asylum and Immigration Law Clinic, the School of Law, the Office of Multicultural Student Engagement, Dean of Students Office, the Office of International Programs, the Office of International Students and Scholars, WSU Student Senate, two student representatives from two distinct Dean of Student Office-recognized student organizations, and two current students with single or dual citizenships from one of the seven countries specified in Executive Order 13769.

4. **NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, the Assembly of the Wayne State University Student Senate highly be allocated to assist in providing housing for students who are now unable to return to the United States after travel to their countries of origin outside of the academic year (i.e. the Summer term), currently including but not limited to Syrian nationals enrolled full-time or part-time in the Winter 2017 semester at Wayne State University who are subjected to indefinite travel ban included in Executive Order 13769.

6. **AND FINALLY BE IT ORDERED**, the Wayne State University Student Senate will circulate this resolution to all relevant outlets, including the University President, University Vice Presidents, and University administration/officials.



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President



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Vice President

References

1. "Who are WSU's Students?" <https://wayne.edu/facts/2016/students/demographics/>
2. "Executive Order: Border Security and Immigration Enforcement Improvements" (Press release). www.whitehouse.gov. The White House, Office of the Press Secretary. January 25, 2017.