

UNIVERSITY SENATE

UNIVERSITY AT ALBANY
STATE UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK

**RESOLUTION: CONDEMNATION OF EXECUTIVE ORDER ON
IMMIGRANTS**

Introduced by: Senators Karin Reinhold and James Fossett
Date: January 31, 2017

Whereas the Executive Order entitled “Protecting the Nation from Foreign Terrorist Entry Into the United States,” signed by the President on January 27, 2017, which bars entry to United States to all people, including legal Permanent Residents and authorized visa holders from Iran, Iraq, Libya, Somalia, Sudan, Syria, and Yemen for 90 days, prohibits all refugees from entering the United States for 120 days; and bans Syrian refugees for an indefinite period of time; and

Whereas such executive order is a discriminatory measure that unfairly targets people on the basis of their countries of origin, a list of countries with a majority Muslim population, in direct opposition to the principles of diversity and multicultural inclusion of which this university is so proud of and the democratic principles of the United States; and

Whereas freedom of movement, association, expression and communication are essential for leadership in higher education and for the practice of academic research and scholarship; therefore restrictions on the free movement of peoples are in direct obstruction to the responsible exercise of educational and academic endeavors; and

Whereas the Executive Order poses undue burden on members of our community: the students with families in the targeted list of countries, and the scholars with working relationships in listed countries; and

Whereas implementation of portions of the order have been stayed by four different federal district judges; and

Whereas the order is being contested in the judicial system by seventeen state attorneys general and the American Civil Liberties Union, and has been found to be unlawful by the then acting Attorney General of the United States; and

Whereas the Executive Order has been condemned by numerous corporations including Airbnb, Apple, Facebook, Google, Microsoft, Netflix, Nike, Uber; and

Whereas 50 [Nobel Prize](#) laureates, over 18 thousand of scholars, 82 awards winners including winners of Fields/Dirac/Clark/Turing/Poincare Medals, Breakthrough Prize, Pulitzer Prize, MacArthur Fellowship and more than 440 Members of the National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, Arts have signed a petition condemning the Executive Order, because of its "unethical and discriminatory treatment of law-abiding, hard-working, and well-integrated immigrants fundamentally contravenes the founding principles of the United States" and was detrimental to the national interest¹; and

Be it Resolved that the University Senate ~~condemns President Trump's Executive Order~~ and joins Interim President Stellar in support of SUNY Board Chairman H. Carl McCall and Chancellor Nancy L. Zimpher commitment and actions to support the members of our community that are affected by executive orders, regulations, laws, and other federal interventions that restrict, or will restrict, the movement of people with regard to nation of origin, race, ethnicity, religion, sexual orientation, gender identity, disability, or socioeconomic status.

Be it further resolved that the University Senate implores all branches of the federal government to facilitate the movement across the USA borders of students, academics and other law-abiding persons without regard to nation of origin, religion, race, ethnicity, sexual orientation, gender identity, disability or socioeconomic status.

¹ <https://notoimmigrationban.com/>