

A Resolution to Defend the Rights of International Students at The Ohio State University

David Glass (for himself, Shamina Merchant, Tony Buss, Vincent Liu, Samer Abusway, Yousef Yacoub, and Michael Frank) introduced the following resolution to the Steering Committee, where it passed.

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Whereas the Undergraduate Student Government represents all undergraduate students at The Ohio State University, and

Whereas on January 27th, 2017, President Donald J. Trump issued an Executive Order effectively allowing the President to ban the entry of foreign nationals into the United States,¹ and

Whereas this Executive Order suspends “nearly all travelers”² on passports from Iraq, Syria, Sudan, Iran, Somalia, Libya, and Yemen from entering the United States,³ and

Whereas this Executive Order does not protect foreign nationals with approved visas issued for the purpose of pursuing higher education,⁴ and

Whereas this Executive Order further states that “at any point” any additional nations may be submitted for similar treatment,⁵ and

Whereas The Ohio State University has over 3,000 international undergraduate students,⁶ and

Whereas the Undergraduate Student Government is obligated to represent the best interests of its constituents, without regard to nationality;

Therefore Let it Be Resolved that the Undergraduate Student Government at The Ohio State University opposes the aforementioned Executive Order, and

Let it Be Further Resolved that the General Assembly of the Undergraduate Student Government recognizes its constitutional duty to “defend the rights of each individual student.”⁷

¹ <https://www.whitehouse.gov/the-press-office/2017/01/27/executive-order-protecting-nation-foreign-terrorist-entry-united-states>

² <https://www.whitehouse.gov/the-press-office/2017/01/27/executive-order-protecting-nation-foreign-terrorist-entry-united-states>

³ <https://www.dhs.gov/news/2017/01/29/protecting-nation-foreign-terrorist-entry-united-states>

⁴ <https://www.whitehouse.gov/the-press-office/2017/01/27/executive-order-protecting-nation-foreign-terrorist-entry-united-states>

⁵ <https://www.whitehouse.gov/the-press-office/2017/01/27/executive-order-protecting-nation-foreign-terrorist-entry-united-states>

⁶ http://oesar.osu.edu/pdf/student_enrollment/15th/enrollment/15THDAY_SPRING_2017.pdf

⁷ As stated in the Constitution of the Undergraduate Student Government of The Ohio State University, Article VI, section A.

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Floor Vote: Passed.

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Date Adopted: 2/8/17

Date Terminated: _____