Resolution 1617-40 – Asking Ohio University to Address the Needs of International, Immigrant, and Undocumented Students

1. *Whereas*, Ohio University’s harassment policy states, “The University's goal is to provide an environment where students, faculty, and staff can thrive, and that is welcoming, and free of fear;” and,

2. *Whereas*, Ohio University’s Core Values and Guiding Principles state that our university “community benefits from our commitment to international education and the inclusion of global perspectives in our curricula” and that, “All members of the Ohio University community are important contributors to our shared success;” and,

3. *Whereas*, the Trump Administration has threatened to overturn the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) program, an Obama-era policy enacted in 2012 that defers deportation action for specifically eligible undocumented individuals and grants them work authorization; and,

4. *Whereas*, the Trump Administration has expressed a commitment to issue executive orders that undermine the ability of citizens of certain countries from entering the country, therefore threatening their freedom of movement, academic freedom, and family ties, creating an immediate threat the education, work, and wellbeing of some faculty, staff, and students at Ohio University; and,

5. *Whereas*, the current threats to the safety and wellbeing of our international and undocumented students, staff, and faculty have a detrimental impact on our entire Ohio University community and the mission of the University; and,

6. *Whereas*, Ohio University Police Department’s primary goal is the safety and security of our campus community, including all its members, irrespective of citizenship status; therefore, be it,

7. *Resolved*, that Ohio University reaffirm its existing values by taking immediate action to concretely support all of its students regardless of immigration status; and, be it further,

8. *Resolved*, that Ohio University updates its current University harassment policy to include citizenship status as a protected category to explicitly recognize the struggles of undocumented, immigrant, and international students, faculty, and staff at Ohio University; and, be it further,

9. *Resolved*, that the University not share any information of students, staff, and faculty with local, state, and federal law enforcement authorities unless legally obligated to do so; and, be it further,

10. *Resolved*, that Ohio University will not allow Immigrations and Customs Enforcement (ICE), the Department of Homeland Security (DHS), or other federal immigration agencies, into restricted-access spaces on the University campus unless required by law; and, be it further,
11. **Resolved**, that the Ohio University Police Department will not enforce immigration law on behalf of Immigrations and Customs Enforcement (ICE) or the Department of Homeland Security (DHS), as is its right under existing laws; and, be it further,

12. **Resolved**, that qualifying DACA students continue to be allowed to pay in-state resident tuition; and, be it further,

13. **Resolved**, that the university invest in voluntary faculty and staff training for UndocuAlly modules, which provide training for those who wish to be allies for undocumented students; and, be it further,

14. **Resolved**, that the university assign an administrative office with the responsibility for confidentially referring non-US-citizen students, staff, and faculty to non-governmental local, state, and national resources that may assist in understanding their legal rights and immigration/visa status in the United States; and, be it further,

15. **Resolved**, that the Office of the President issue a public statement addressing the specific requests in this resolution; and, be it further,

16. **Resolved**, that a copy of this resolution be sent to the current Ohio University Board of Trustees Chair, President or Interim President, Vice President for Student Affairs, Provost, all Vice Provosts, Deans, Department Chairs, Resident Directors, and the media.

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