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**Sense of the Senate Resolution: Support for, and Solidarity with,
International Faculty, Scholars, Staff, and Students**

Whereas, the current federal administration is intensifying attacks on international faculty, scholars, and students by denying entry into the country, stripping legal status, revoking visas, and seizing students for deportation, and

Whereas, these actions have occurred without due process, and strike at the heart of academic freedom and the international community of faculty, scholars, staff, and students, and

Whereas, at current count, over 500 academic leaders—including the Presidents of California State University, Chico; Channel Islands; Dominguez Hills; East Bay; Fullerton; Long Beach; Northridge; Sacramento; San Bernardino; San Marcos; Sonoma State; Stanislaus; Cal Poly Pomona; San Diego State University; San Francisco State University; and San José State University—have signed a public statement organized by the American Association of Colleges and Universities, [“A Call for Constructive Engagement,”](#) which denounces the current administration for its “unprecedented government overreach and political interference” in higher education. Additional signatures continue to be added daily, and

Whereas, our campus has taken steps to denounce this overreach and to support our international students, scholars, staff, and faculty colleagues, and more work remains to be done, therefore, be it,

Resolved:

- 1. That the SJSU Academic Senate expresses its grave concern with this “unprecedented government outreach and political interference in higher education”; and*
- 2. That we thank President Cynthia Teniente-Matson for brave leadership in signing the “Call for Constructive Engagement,” and*
- 3. That the SJSU Academic Senate unequivocally condemns the targeting of international students, scholars, staff, and faculty by the current federal administration both on our campus and elsewhere, and,*
- 4. That we ask University leadership to continue its efforts to support and honor the privacy of student information, and*
- 5. That we ask University leadership to consult proactively with Immigration and Customs Enforcement and all local, regional, or statewide law enforcement to determine if and when they may come on campus, and*
- 6. That we ask the University administration to continue to keep international students enrolled in the event of visa revocation, legal status termination, detention, and/or deportation, when possible, and*
- 7. That we ask the University administration to allow impacted international students and scholars to continue their studies and research remotely, if necessary, and*
- 8. That we ask the University administration to work to ensure that international graduate students whose enrollment is contingent upon funding through graduate teaching*

- 50 *appointments or fellowships can continue their coursework, research, and teaching*
51 *appointments, when possible, and*
52 9. *That we ask the University administration to continue to devote resources to*
53 *communicating reliable, timely information to international students and scholars,*
54 *including immediate notification of changes in their legal status, and*
55 10. *That we ask the University administration to continue to provide legal counsel for those*
56 *students, scholars, staff, and faculty, whose visas have been revoked,¹ and*
57 11. *That we ask the University administration to work swiftly and affirmatively, both*
58 *individually and with the CSU, through lawsuits, if possible or necessary, to stop the*
59 *termination of the legal status of students, scholars, staff, and faculty without due*
60 *process, and*
61 12. *That we ask faculty to show support for all SJSU students in this challenging time by*
62 *attending events that honor their accomplishments, including University-level*
63 *Commencements and Honors Convocation, Department and College-level events, as*
64 *well as student-sponsored events throughout the academic year, and*
65 13. *That we encourage faculty to take the [UndocuAllies training offered by SJSU](#), and*
66 14. *That we ask faculty to show support for international students, scholars, staff, and faculty*
67 *by checking in with community members individually, and*
68 15. *That we ask faculty to form tightly-knit communities of respect and care at every level of*
69 *shared governance to support international students, scholars, staff, and faculty*
70 *colleagues.*

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¹ Through a partnership with Immigration Defense League (IDL), SJSU Cares offers free immigration services to all SJSU students, recent alumni, staff, faculty, and their immediate family members. See https://www.sjsu.edu/undocuspartan/docs/Eng_LegalServ_6_30_21_GUIDE.pdf