

**Council Resolution 04**  
**Statement on Travel Ban Executive Order**



WHEREAS, On January 27, 2017 President Donald J. Trump signed an Executive Order entitled “Protecting the Nation from Foreign Terrorist Entry Into the United States” which states that there will be “Suspension of Issuance of Visas and Other Immigration Benefits to Nationals of Countries of Particular Concern”<sup>1</sup>; and “the immigrant and nonimmigrant entry into the United States of aliens from countries referred to...[are] hereby suspend[ed from] entry into the United States, as immigrants and nonimmigrants, of such persons for 90 days from the date of this order,”<sup>2</sup>

WHEREAS, This policy shift, and the suggestion by The University of California Office of the President (UCOP) that affected students not travel due to the changes in policy<sup>3</sup>, demonstrably negatively impacts the academic and personal lives of thousands of graduate students and faculty, by inhibiting their ability to participate in conferences, travel to archives, labs and other research sites, or to meet with research partners from other countries,

WHEREAS, On February 9, 2017, the United States 9th Circuit Court of Appeals continued a stay on the Executive Order<sup>4</sup>, but an appeal to the Supreme Court is still possible and likely, and the futures of those affected are still uncertain,

WHEREAS, The UC San Diego Graduate Student Association (GSA) represents and serves to protect the interests and wellbeing of our graduate student body,

BE IT RESOLVED, That GSA condemns the aforementioned Executive Order, named “Protecting the Nation from Foreign Terrorist Entry Into the United States,”

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, GSAUCSD endorses the statement released by NAGPS<sup>5</sup> on January 29, 2017,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, GSAUCSD supports the UCSD Community Response to the January 2017 Immigration Ban Executive Order (See Appendix 1),

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<sup>1</sup> Section 3, <https://www.whitehouse.gov/the-press-office/2017/01/27/executive-order-protecting-nation-foreign-terrorist-entry-united-states>

<sup>2</sup> Section 3c,

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

<sup>3</sup> <https://gspp.berkeley.edu/news/news-center/ucop-statement-on-refugee-ban>

<sup>4</sup> <http://www.cnn.com/2017/02/09/politics/travel-ban-9th-circuit-ruling-full-text/index.html>

<sup>5</sup> <http://nagps.org/wordpress/wp-content/uploads/2017/01/Vahideh-Statement.pdf>

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the administration compile a report on the total number of those affected by this Executive Order including a) the total number of international students, b) the total number of staff, faculty, and student spouses who currently maintain F1, F2, J1, J2, H1-B, or other relevant impacted Visas and c) the total number of students, faculty, and staff personally affected by this Executive Order, as voluntarily reported to any university administrator, and d) voluntary case studies of individuals within the UCSD community affected by the aforementioned Executive orders either directly or indirectly,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, The administration should include a data security plan that clearly describes measures to ensure that individuals on the report cannot be identified, including the process for secure data collection and de-identification of data, and plans for the redaction and disposal of the identifying information,

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, That the university administration publicly release the findings of this report, excluding all personal information, to the general campus body in writing by March 31, 2017.

#### APPENDIX 1:

#### UCSD Community Response to the January 2017 Immigration Ban EO

Dear Members of the Academic Senate, President Napolitano, Chancellor Khosla, and Interim Executive Vice Chancellor Cowhey,

President Donald Trump has signed an Executive Order (EO), which, among other things, proposes a 90-day suspension of visas to all nationals of Iran, Iraq, Syria, Sudan, Yemen, Libya and Somalia. The EO also bans legal US residents, including green card holders, from re-entry into the US. The order would also further allow the Department of Homeland Security to ban more countries at any time, thus making it likely it will lead to a permanent ban.

As members of the UCSD community we denounce this EO as a violation of the UC system's commitment to diversity as outlined in the UC's Diversity Statement and UCSD's Principles of Community. In addition to being unethical, this ban severely limits the ability of faculty and students to participate in all aspects of university and academic life, including the ability to conduct research, attend conferences and even classes toward the completion of their degrees.

While we acknowledge the UC administration's reaffirmation of its support of all members of the UC community impacted by the EO, we also believe that the seriousness of the order requires each campus to outline concrete responses and communicate them to its own stakeholders. This order directly affects thousands of members of the UCSD community, as well as tens of thousands of residents of San Diego. We call upon the UCSD administration to do the following:

- 1) Demand a repeal of the EO, as it constitutes a violation of academic freedom and destroys our ability to make admission and hiring decisions based on quality instead of nationality, religion, ethnicity, or race
- 2) To maintain a policy of not disclosing the immigration status of those impacted by the ban and not allowing immigration officers or other forms of targeted policing on campus property, including housing
- 3) To set up an anonymous system, such as a hotline, providing information about campus resources for those affected and commit to continued university-wide communications
- 4) To provide those affected by this ban the necessary legal assistance to respond to the Executive Order and any future action on immigration policy taken by the current administration at no cost to them or their families
- 5) To provide for those who cannot leave due to concerns about re-entry: The University guarantee free or subsidized housing, including summer housing and summer employment
- 6) To provide for those who cannot re-enter: Where possible, to allow undergraduate and graduate students who are stranded abroad to maintain progress-to-degree in conjunction with faculty advisors; or, where not possible, the university guarantee continued admission for students to continue their degree upon their eventual return
- 7) To fully staff and fund the International Faculty and Scholars Office (IFSO), the International Students and Programs Office (ISPO), as well as the staff equivalent so that they can assist all members of our community with immigration status and documentation concerns
- 8) To provide accessible specialized mental health and counseling support to those who have been affected through the Faculty and Staff Assistance Office and Counseling and Psychological Services (CAPS)
- 9) To coordinate with peer institutions on furthering its commitment to these goals, and advocate for international students in the United States, regardless of immigration status, nationality, race, or religion

**Voted and Passed at Council Meeting #9, February 27, 2017.**

**Certified: Tatiana S. Zavodny, 03/06/17.**