

Academic Senate

Resolution 16/17-02

Procedure:

1. A motion should be typed or hand-printed.
2. A motion should first be offered to the Executive Board for review and advice on editing and parliamentary implication.
3. If changes are necessary, the motion should be recopied on another form. Amendments may be indicated in the margin or on the reverse of this form.

Resolution 16/17-02: “Response to January 27, 2017 Executive Order affecting individuals from 7 countries”

WHEREAS, on December 14, 2016 the USC Academic Senate reaffirmed its shared faculty values, including that:

“We unconditionally reject every form of bigotry, discrimination, hateful rhetoric, and hateful action, whether directed towards one’s race, gender, gender identity, sexual orientation, religion, national origin, disability, citizenship, political views, socioeconomic status, veteran status, or immigration status;”

and that:

“We will support and defend anyone in our community who is oppressed based on these characteristics.”

WHEREAS, on January 27, 2017 in section 3(c) of an Executive Order entitled *Protecting the Nation from Foreign Terrorist Entry into the United States*, the U.S. President proclaimed, “that the immigrant and nonimmigrant entry into the United States of aliens from countries referred to in section 217(a)(12) of the INA, 8 U.S.C. 1187(a)(12), would be detrimental to the interests of the United States, and I hereby suspend entry into the United States, as immigrants and nonimmigrants, of such persons for 90 days from the date of this order,” which means that all citizens of Iran, Iraq, Libya, Somalia, Sudan, Syria and Yemen “excluding those foreign nationals traveling on diplomatic visas, North Atlantic Treaty Organization visas, C-2 visas for travel to the United Nations, and G-1, G-2, G-3, and G-4 visas” will be excluded under this Order.

WHEREAS, this Executive Order has already traumatized many members of the USC community – including faculty, staff, students and their families who have been directly targeted by it – and, if fully enforced, will have enormous impact on their lives and well-being. This is in addition to the broader implications of the Executive Order for all academic pursuits, and its potential impact on not only the University, but also the local region, the nation, and the world.

WHEREAS, USC’s position as a national leader in international education and scholarship, with a strong commitment to diversity, creates a special responsibility to support, defend and speak up for the members of its community so impacted.

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48 Therefore, Be it RESOLVED, That the Academic Senate:

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50 A. Deems the Executive Order to be antithetical to our shared faculty values, as an
51 instance of bigotry, discrimination and hateful action directed towards the citizens
52 of these countries, and as an instance of implied discrimination against the majority
53 religion of those countries.

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55 B. Condemns unequivocally the Executive Order and the negative impact its
56 enforcement would have on the USC community, the local region, the nation and
57 world.

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59 C. Offers our support to the University, the community, and to all affected
60 individuals, as we make our objections to this Executive Order known; and offers
61 our commitment to work to ameliorate the impact that this Order is having and will
62 have in the future.

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64 D. Requests that the PAC-12 Academic Leadership Coalition consider a similar joint
65 resolution from the Academic Senates of its member universities.

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Motion by: Executive Board

68 Date: February 15, 2017

(No second required when moved by committee)