

**MEMORANDUM**

**DATE:** January 31, 2017

**TO:** President Donald J. Trump  
Senator Dianne Feinstein (California)  
Senator Kamala Harris (California)  
Representative Devin Nunes (22nd District, California)  
Representative Jim Costa (16th District, California)  
Representative David Valadao (21st District, California)  
Jim Boren, Editor, *The Fresno Bee*  
Dr. Timothy White, Chancellor, California State University  
Dr. Joseph I. Castro, President, California State University, Fresno  
The Chairs of the Academic Senates of the California State University

**FROM:** Dr. Kevin J. Macy-Ayotte, Chair, Academic Senate  
California State University, Fresno



**RE:** Academic Senate Resolution on Response to Executive Order from the President of the United States Regarding Restrictions on Refugees, Visas, and Legal Residents

At its meeting on January 30, 2017, the Academic Senate of the California State University, Fresno, approved the attached Resolution on Response to Executive Order from the President of the United States Regarding Restrictions on Refugees, Visas, and Legal Residents.

cc: Venita Baker

**Academic Senate Resolution on Response to Executive Order from the President of the United States Regarding Restrictions on Refugees, Visas, and Legal Residents**

Whereas: The President of the United States has signed an Executive Order which suspends the entry into the country of all refugees for 120 days and suspends visas to all nationals of Iran, Iraq, Syria, Sudan, Yemen, Libya, and Somalia for 90 days; and

Whereas: The status of even green card holders is still unclear under that Executive Order; and

Whereas: This Executive Order has disrupted the plans and lives of university and college students and faculty throughout the United States as well as the plans and lives of students and faculty planning to study, teach, and do research in the future in this country; and

Whereas: This Executive Order directly affects students who are planning to come to California State University, Fresno from the countries under the visa ban; and

Whereas: Reciprocal bans by other nations threaten to disrupt the plans of United States university students and faculty to study, teach, and do research in other countries; and

Whereas: This Executive Order undermines the commitment of the California State University to the principles of academic freedom and diversity, threatening the innovative discoveries that come only with free and open inquiry by all without regard for nationality, religion, or refugee status; therefore, be it

Resolved: That the Academic Senate of California State University, Fresno condemns this blanket ban on refugees and on visas from the said nations and calls for the rescission of the Executive Order; and be it further

Resolved: That the California State University, Fresno Academic Senate support the President of California State University, Fresno and the Chancellor of the California State University in condemning the Executive Order, and communicating to the President of the United States and the Congressional representatives from California the deep dismay of our faculty concerning the Executive Order; and be it further

Resolved: That this resolution be sent to the Academic Senates of the California State University, the President of California State University, Fresno, the Chancellor of the California State University, offices of local U.S. congressional representatives and U.S. senators, the *Fresno Bee*, and the President of the United States of America.

Passed unanimously by the Academic Senate of California State University, Fresno  
January 30, 2017