

## **Class C Resolution Regarding the Importance of Immigration to American Higher Education**

WHEREAS, the United States as a country has historically been a beacon and a refuge for immigrants who have sought to flee conflict and, more generally, to pursue the many opportunities provided by this country; and

WHEREAS, throughout American history, many of the country's leading scientists and researchers, individuals who have brought great distinction to the United States and its universities, themselves fled violence and oppression; and

WHEREAS, these refugees, and other immigrants to the United States, made profound and lasting contributions to American higher education, to the nation's cultural and intellectual life, and to America's economic and military security; therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED that the University of Washington Faculty Senate urges the government of the United States to recognize that in limiting or denying access to individuals seeking to immigrate to the United States, especially those fleeing violence and oppression, we are very likely undermining the moral, economic, scientific, technological, and military strength of the country.

*Approved by:*  
Senate Executive Committee  
April 10, 2017

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Faculty Senate  
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