



ASSOCIATED STUDENTS INCORPORATED OF
CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY, STANISLAUS

Resolution Supporting International Students During July 6th, 2020 ICE Directives

1. WHEREAS: Associated Students, Inc. is a part of the California State University (CSU) system which is over 487,000 students in the California State University (CSU), including the 16,122 international students within the CSU, 24 being enrolled at Stanislaus State in the Spring of 2020; and
2. WHEREAS: The mission of Associated Students, Inc., is to be a representative body and the official voice of the students at California State University, Stanislaus; and
3. WHEREAS: International students and their right to an equitable education through California State University is just as important as any and all other CSU students; and
4. WHEREAS: CSU Chancellor Timothy P. White announced on May 12th, 2020 that all 23 CSU campuses will be offering courses in the Fall 2020 semester primarily in a virtual instructional format; and
5. WHEREAS: The US Department of Homeland Security (DHS) and the Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) agency released modifications on July 6th, 2020, regarding the Student and Exchange Visitor Program (SEVP) exemptions for nonimmigrant students taking online classes for the Fall 2020 semester, and plans to publish the procedures and responsibilities in the Federal Register as a Temporary Final Rule; and
6. WHEREAS: These modifications stated that nonimmigrant F-1 and M-1 students attending schools operating entirely online, will not be allowed to take a fully online course load and remain living in the United States, as the US Department of State will refuse to issue visas to students enrolled in these fully online schools; and
7. WHEREAS: The admission application deadline for other universities has passed and CSU students would not have had an opportunity to transfer to other universities in compliance with ICE directives; and

8. WHEREAS: The CSU Graduation Initiative 2025 aims “to increase graduation rates” while “eliminating opportunity and achievement gaps” for students, yet the modifications released by ICE would have detracted from the students ability to access available resources due to limitations; and
9. WHEREAS: According to the Pew Research Center, “Most countries in the world have imposed partial or complete border closures to foreign nationals due to Coronavirus outbreak” meaning current traveling restrictions would have caused undue harm and difficulty to students’ ability to travel; and
10. WHEREAS According to the Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), “Some healthcare systems are overwhelmed and there may be limited access to adequate medical care in affected areas. If you choose to travel internationally, your travel plans may be disrupted, and you may have to remain outside the United States for an indefinite length of time,” and
11. WHEREAS: The forceful journey during this current pandemic would have caused undue stress and damage to the mental and physical health of students, financial burden, and hinder students’ academic progress; and
12. WHEREAS: Mandating students to return to their home country may limit access to resources such as the internet, timely access to online classes due to time zone differences, or specific resources needed for success in online courses; and
13. WHEREAS: Students may not be able to attend classes in their home countries due to censorship, lack of access to technology, or hostility that endangers their well-being and safety when studying subjects sensitive to their home countries; and
14. WHEREAS: Additionally, international students have an already invested livelihood in California through paid leases, drivers’ licenses, and prepaid insurance, etc; and
15. WHEREAS: International students pay fees for on campus services such as; Materials, Services, and Facilities Fee, Health Services Fee & Health Facilities Fee, Instructionally Related Activities Fee, and under the directives previously released by the Department of Homeland Security, access to such resources would be hindered and inaccessible; and
16. WHEREAS According to researchers at EducationData.org, in 2019 international students contributed \$6.8 billion to the California economy, 53% on higher education, 19% on accommodation, 12% on dining, and 10% on retail; and
17. WHEREAS International students studying at US colleges and universities contributed \$41 billion to the economy during the 2018-2019 academic year; and

- 18. WHEREAS:** As student leaders, we recognize that during these unprecedented times, the health, safety, and education of our 16,122 international students should not be jeopardized as a result of the current political climate.
- 19. RESOLVED** Although the previously mentioned July 6th, 2020 ICE directives were rescinded on July 14th, 2020, Associated Students Inc. demands that similar directives not be put in place to put the lives of international students in danger; and it be further
- 20. RESOLVED:** Associated Students Inc. demands the Chancellor's Office to use the CSU's legal resources to determine the legal flexibility we have in supporting our international students in preventing any forceful removals from the United States if ICE reimposes similar guidelines to those released on July 6th, 2020; and be it further
- 21. RESOLVED:** Associated Students Inc. calls upon the Chancellor's office to use the CSU's legal resources to ensure that CPT and OPT employment programs for F-1 students can continue unhindered by future ICE guidelines; and be it further
- 22. RESOLVED:** Associated Students Inc. stands with our international students throughout this situation, and we pledge our advocacy to them; and it be further
- 23. RESOLVED:** That this resolution shall be distributed to CSU Chancellor Timothy P. White, Stanislaus State President, Ellen Junn, Vice President of Student Affairs, Christine Erickson, Provost and Vice President of Academic Affairs, Kimberly Greer, Dean of University Extended & International Education Helene Caudill, Academic Senate Chair, Keith Nainby, Director of the Warrior Cross Cultural Center, Carolina Alfaro, and the student-run newspaper, The Signal.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Directors of the Associated Students, Inc., at a regularly held meeting on August 11, 2020.

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