



Associated Students Incorporated

CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY, SAN BERNARDINO

RESOLUTION REGARDING INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

Adopted by the Associated Students, Inc. Board of Directors on July 21, 2020

- WHEREAS,** California State University San Bernardino (CSUSB) Associated Students Incorporated (ASI) is a part of the California State University (CSU) system which is over 487,000 students in the California State University (CSU), including the 16,222 international students within the CSU; and
- WHEREAS,** the mission of CSUSB's ASI is to serve, empower, and advocate on behalf of the students at California State University, San Bernardino through the representation of student interests and needs, the inclusion of students in the decision-making process, the execution of premier events and services, and the provision of opportunities for students to be productive leaders of the campus community and beyond; and
- 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
- WHEREAS,** on May 12, 2020 CSU Chancellor Timothy P. White announced that all 23 CSU campuses will be offering courses in the Fall 2020 semester primarily in a virtual instructional format¹; and
- 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 planned on publishing the procedures and responsibilities in the Federal Register as a Temporary Final Rule²; and
- WHEREAS,** these modifications stated that nonimmigrant F-1 and M-1 students attending schools operating entirely online, would not be allowed to take a fully online course load and remain living in the United States, as the US Department of State would refuse to issue visas to students enrolled in these fully online schools ; and
- WHEREAS,** the admission application deadline for other universities has passed and CSU students would not have an opportunity to transfer to other universities in compliance with the past ICE directives; and
- WHEREAS,** forcing students to travel back home is also forcing International students to put their health at risk since traveling is exposing them to COVID-19 and 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"³; and
- WHEREAS,** on Tuesday, July 14, 2020, the United States Federal Government rescinded the modifications for international students registered for the Fall of 2020 that would have prevented international students from taking all their coursework online⁴, and

¹ [CSU Chancellor Timothy P. White's Statement on Fall 2020 University Operational Plans](#)

² [SEVP modifies temporary exemptions for nonimmigrant students taking online courses during fall 2020 semester](#)

³ [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Travel: Frequently Asked Questions and Answers](#)

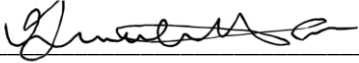
⁴ [Inside Higher Ed: Government Rescinds International Student Policy](#)

- 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 cause undue harm and difficulty to students due to travel bans⁵; and
- WHEREAS,** the stress of the journey during this current pandemic would cause undue stress and damage to students’ mental and physical health as well as conflict financial burdens; and
- WHEREAS,** if students were forced to go back to their country, many of those students would not have access to resources like the internet, time zone differences, or specific resources needed for online courses, when students do not have access to these basic needs it can have a grave impact on their academic progress; and
- WHEREAS,** the CSU Graduation Initiative 2025 aims to graduate as many CSU students as possible, following this ruling would greatly detract from these efforts due to the disconnect from on-campus resources; and
- 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 released by the Department of Homeland Security, access to such resources will be hindered and inaccessible; and
- WHEREAS,** Title IX addendum B regulations would preclude the CSU from addressing Sexual Misconduct with the proposed regulations and policies within Title IX, leaving international students unable to report and create a further barrier to pursue current investigations; and therefore be it
- RESOLVED,** the Associated Students, Inc. calls upon the Chancellor's office to use the CSU’s legal resources to assess what legal flexibility we have in supporting our students in preventing any deportations for CSU students; and be it further
- RESOLVED,** the Associated Students, Inc. calls upon the Chancellor's office to use the CSU’s legal resources to look for legal precedence to challenge any future ICE orders in District Courts; and be it further
- RESOLVED,** the Associated Students, Inc. calls upon Chancellor Timothy White to explore the creation of a system-wide policy for fulfilling the F-1 visa requirements so international students stay in the country; and be it further
- RESOLVED,** the Associated Students, Inc. calls for the implementation of stringent social distancing measures for students, staff, and faculty if in-person classes are added; and be it further
- RESOLVED,** the Associated Students, Inc. calls for the streamlining of counseling services specific for international students during the clarification process of the revised modifications; and be it further

⁵ [Pew Research Center: Most countries in the world have imposed partial or complete border closures to foreign nationals due to coronavirus outbreak](#)

RESOLVED,

that this resolution be distributed to Donald Trump, Thomas Homan, CSU Chancellor Timothy P. White, each of the 23 CSU Presidents, Chair of the CSUSB Faculty Senate Beth Steffel, Chair of the CSUSB Staff Council Alfredo Barcenas, CSUSB Vice President for Student Affairs Paz Olivérez, CSUSB Associate Vice President & Dean of Students Daria Graham, CSU Academic Senate Chair Robert Collins, CSU Vice Chancellor Leovan Cleve, Chair of the U.S. House Judiciary Committee, Chair of the U.S. Senate Judiciary Committee, Chair of the U.S. House Immigration and Border Security Subcommittee, Chair of the U.S. Senate Border Security and Immigration Subcommittee, US Senator Kamala Harris, US Senator Diane Feinstein, US Speaker of the House Nancy Pelosi, CA Governor Gavin Newsom, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement.



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