

**The University of Michigan
University Senate
Motion #041725-4**

Resolution Urging the University of Michigan to Protect International Students, Faculty, and Staff from Unwarranted Detention

Whereas the United States Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) has in recent days detained international students and employees at Columbia University, the University of Alabama, University of Minnesota, Tufts University, Brown University, Georgetown University, Cornell University and other institutions; and

Whereas these students were legally studying in the United States, and several of them hold green cards; and

Whereas several of these detentions appear to have been motivated by the government's interest in punishing pro-Palestinian activists on university campuses; and

Whereas, in January 2025, the Department of Homeland Security directed that university campuses are no longer exempt from immigration law enforcement; and

Whereas there were 8,625 international students enrolled at the University of Michigan in Fall 2024; and

Whereas there were 1,918 international faculty and staff employed at the University of Michigan in Fall 2024; and

Whereas the University of Michigan offers some legal support for international students (in the form of a retained counsel immigration program that provides a free 90 minute consultation for students), but no similar program exists for faculty and staff;

Be it resolved that the Faculty Senate of the University of Michigan urges the President and the university administration to adopt, insofar as legally possible, a policy of non-compliance with ICE; and

Be it resolved that, insofar as legally possible, the University of Michigan will not share information or data that would allow ICE to identify, locate, or apprehend University of Michigan students, faculty, and staff; and

Be it resolved that the University of Michigan empower and instruct all units to establish, as places of sanctuary, a room or rooms that are legally outside the reach of ICE agents; and

Be it resolved that the University of Michigan provide recommendations of best and safest practices for international students, staff and faculty who must travel outside the US, to minimize the chances that they will be denied entry; and

Be it resolved that the University of Michigan establish a program of legal support for international staff, students and faculty. In the event of visa revocation and / or possible immigration detention, the University shall provide the affected student, faculty, or staff member with immediate legal representation by specialized immigration counsel; and

Be it finally resolved that the University of Michigan make accommodations to ensure that students who are obliged to flee the country can complete their degrees in a timely manner, even if their visas are revoked, and are given continued access to funding and tuition support.

Movants:

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Results: Yes 2744; No 203; Abstain 141- Motion PASSED

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