University of Delaware Graduate Student Government
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Sponsor: Senator Nathan Thayer (Geography)

Resolution in Support of International Students, Faculty, and Other Members of the University of Delaware Community

WHEREAS, on 27 January 2017, President Donald J. Trump issued an executive order barring immigrants from Iraq, Syria, Iran, Libya, Somalia, Sudan, and Yemen from entering the United States of America for at least ninety days following the issuing of said order; and

WHEREAS this executive order barred the entry of all refugees into the United States for at least the next four months; and

WHEREAS federal district courts, an acting attorney general, and other immigration and legal experts have questioned the constitutionality of the President's executive order; and

WHEREAS this order has the potential to adversely affect the personal and professional lives of international students, faculty, and other members of the University of Delaware community; and

WHEREAS such a blow to these community members would harm the quality of research and the educational integrity of the University of Delaware, as well as directly contradict the values stated in Section 3 of the Preamble to the University of Delaware Graduate Student Government Constitution,

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Graduate Student Government objects to this executive order, particularly its xenophobic implications, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the GSG and its members stand in solidarity with the refugee, the immigrant, the displaced, and anyone else who suffers or is discriminated against due to their race, nationality, citizenship, religion, sexuality, or gender identity, including—but not limited to—those members of our university community adversely affected by this executive order, regardless of any future legal challenges or decisions.