

1 Title: **RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF IMPROVING PROTECTIONS FOR**
2 **UNDOCUMENTED STUDENTS, FACULTY AND STAFF OF THE UNIVERSITY OF**
3 **WASHINGTON**

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14 WHEREAS GPSS and the UW Administration together take pride in the arrival of its most racially
15 diverse incoming class¹, and believes that the university's commitment to create a just and inclusive
16 learning environment must remain a top priority; and

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18 WHEREAS UW's launch of the Race and Equity Initiative in 2015 underscored the need to address
19 structural inequalities to work toward the broader goal of inclusion and equity², while the UW Diversity
20 Blueprint has expressed the diversity goals of attracting and retaining a diverse student body and
21 cultivating an inclusive climate³; and

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23 WHEREAS President Ana Mari Cauce has pledged continued protection of undocumented students⁴ and
24 asserts the University of Washington status as a sanctuary campus⁵, yet has neglected to produce a
25 written statement expressing the non-compliance of the University of Washington with potential actions
26 by the Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) Office; and

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28 WHEREAS, President Donald Trump has issued an executive order to block federal funding from
29 sanctuary cities⁶, threatened to abolish the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) and Deferred
30 Action for Parents of Americans (DAPA), and repeatedly threatened to deport millions of undocumented
31 immigrants⁷; and

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33 WHEREAS the recent executive orders issued by the White House have created substantial direct
34 impacts, conflicts and distress among immigrant communities, and the White House has significantly
35 expanded ICE enforcement activities⁸, while protection from deportation to individuals previously
36 protected by the DACA program has been threatened⁹; and

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39 WHEREAS these executive orders unduly target marginalized and underrepresented peoples who

¹ <http://www.seattletimes.com/education-lab/uw-freshman-class-more-in-state-students-more-diversity/>

² <https://www.washington.edu/raceequity/>

³ https://www.washington.edu/diversity/files/2017/01/17_DiversityBlueprint-010917.pdf

⁴ http://www.dailyuw.com/news/article_0e0a7b7e-b528-11e6-abbe-2348652a1f41.html

⁵ <http://www.washington.edu/president/2016/11/17/safe-welcoming/>

⁶ <https://www.whitehouse.gov/the-press-office/2017/01/25/presidential-executive-order-enhancing-public-safety-interior-united>

⁷ https://www.washingtonpost.com/national/federal-agents-conduct-sweeping-immigration-enforcement-raids-in-at-least-6-states/2017/02/10/4b9f443a-efc8-11e6-b4ff-ac2cf509efe5_story.html?utm_term=.c227fcb81367

⁸ <http://www.vox.com/2017/1/25/14378474/trump-immigration-order-wall-deport-sanctuary>

⁹ <http://www.npr.org/sections/thetwo-way/2017/04/18/524610150/first-dreamer-protected-by-deferred-action-program-is-deported>

40 contribute to the diversity of our campus, the state, and the nation, based on their religious affiliations or
41 ethnicity, and as such, these actions by the executive branch directly conflict with the goals and
42 principles stated by the UW Administration; and

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44 WHEREAS faculty and students of UW, as well as the workers of UW and the UAW 4121
45 Student Union¹⁰, have called upon UW leadership to increase protections of undocumented individuals
46 on UW campuses at the local level, including a public statement detailing a plan of action in the event of
47 ICE presence; while Mayor Ed Murray and the City of Seattle^{11,12} and the American Association of
48 University Professors¹³ have called for the same actions at the national level; and

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50 WHEREAS these events illustrate that the UW Administration has a responsibility to protect its students,
51 faculty, and staff from federal agencies intimidating, investigating, and/or detaining undocumented
52 individuals on campus, and is morally and institutionally accountable if they fail to take every possible
53 action in protecting these individuals,

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55 THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GRADUATE AND PROFESSIONAL STUDENT
56 SENATE OF THE UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON:

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58 THAT the UW Police deny any ICE agents access to areas of the UW campuses in which students have
59 an expectation of privacy without a warrant signed by a judge, including, but not limited to, all on-
60 campus housing and dining areas, classrooms, labs and student gathering spaces¹⁴; and

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62 THAT the UW Administration deny ICE access to any data containing sensitive information on students,
63 faculty, and staff, and restrict any such information sharing on such individuals, to the fullest extent
64 possible, between ICE and UW Police under the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA)¹⁵;
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67 THAT the UW Administration provide a public statement of non-compliance describing the intent to
68 refuse cooperation with potential enforcement actions by ICE, as well as establish a zoning of campus
69 areas detailing sensitive locations where individuals' privacy is protected and ICE access will be
70 restricted and providing a map describing these areas as a resource to students, faculty and staff¹⁵; and

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72 THAT the UW Administration continue its commitment to provide financial aid to undocumented
73 students by allowing qualifying DACA and undocumented students to pay in-state resident tuition;
74 providing support to students whose undocumented status prohibits them from federal aid, via the Husky
75 Promise; and ensuring alternative structures for funding of these students in the potential event of the
76 dissolution of financial support to sanctuary campuses by the federal government¹⁶, as well as changes to
77 the education budget by the Washington state government; and

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79 THAT the UW Administration take a stronger role in bolstering and protecting current and existing
80 programs, such as Leadership Without Borders, which inform undocumented individuals of their
81 rights and the academic and financial resources available to them, foster a supportive environment
82 for undocumented students, provide mental health resources for undocumented students facing

¹⁰ <http://www.uaw4121.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/12/UW-Union-Coalition-Sanctuary-Campus-letter.pdf>

¹¹ <http://www.seattletimes.com/seattle-news/politics/nyc-chicago-mayors-join-seattles-ed-murray-in-support-of-sanctuary-cities-for-immigrants/>

¹² <http://www.seattletimes.com/seattle-news/politics/seattle-wont-be-bullied-will-fight-trumps-order-mayor-says/>

¹³ <https://www.aaup.org/news/atmosphere-campus-wake-elections#.WKC6RhCSWu6>

¹⁴ <https://today.law.harvard.edu/wp-content/uploads/2017/02/Sanctuary-Campus-Toolkit.pdf>

¹⁵ <https://www2.ed.gov/policy/gen/guid/fpco/ferpa/students.html>

¹⁶ <http://depts.washington.edu/gpss/wp-content/uploads/2016/08/02.22.2016-Senate-Meeting-Minutes-.pdf>

83 emotional stress under current the current climate of federal immigration actions, and promote and
84 develop training to educators and institutions on how to protect undocumented students and develop
85 Undocumented Student Programs¹⁷; and

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87 THAT President Cauce and the UW Administration work with the UW Attorney General's Office, the
88 Samuel E. Kelly Ethnic Cultural Center, the International Student Services Office, the UW Law Center,
89 and other pertinent entities to provide designated staff and legal support for undocumented and
90 international members of our community; and

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92 THAT copies of this resolution be posted on the GPSS website and sent to President Ana Mari Cauce,
93 Provost Gerald Baldasty, the UW Office of Minority Affairs and Diversity, each member of the Board of
94 Regents, the ASUW presidents on each campus, and every Dean that oversees graduate or professional
95 students.

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¹⁷ <http://depts.washington.edu/ecc/lwb/trainings-education/>