

Interinstitutional Faculty Senate of Oregon

Resolution in support of Sanctuary and Public Universities in the State of Oregon

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1.1 Whereas international students across the country, including in Oregon have had their visas revoked by the current Department of Homeland Security (DHS), and DHS is pressuring universities to disenroll students whose visas have been revoked; and students facing visa revocation are given fifteen days to determine whether to leave the US, a.k.a., “self deport;” and

1.2 Whereas the current federal administration’s policies of mass deportations, threats of targeted deportations, and forced removals of noncitizens, international, and undocumented students and scholars have spread terror and fear in our university communities; and

1.3 Whereas Oregon has been a Sanctuary State since 1987, committed to protecting the well-being, respect, and fundamental rights of all Oregonians; and

1.4 Whereas [in 2021, the Oregon State Legislature passed HB 3265, the Sanctuary Promise Act](#), reaffirming the state’s commitment under law, since 1987, to avoid use of state and local resources toward federal immigration enforcement activities. HB 3265 ensures that “public bodies and Oregon law enforcement agencies cannot deny services and benefits... or inquire about immigration status” and prohibits local law enforcement and state entities from “gathering and sharing information with federal immigration authorities” or otherwise aiding or assisting federal immigration enforcement activities; and

1.5 Whereas the Interinstitutional Faculty Senate consists of elected faculty from all public institutions of higher education in the state of Oregon.

2.1 Be it resolved that the Interinstitutional Faculty Senate calls upon Presidents, Provosts, and other relevant administrators of Oregon’s public universities to work together and make explicit that, to the extent possible and legal, institutional resources will be used to protect immigrant, undocumented, and international students, faculty, staff, and visiting scholars whose wellbeing and continued affiliation with Oregon universities is at risk due to aggressively unwarranted federal immigration enforcement activities.