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Importance of Immigration to Higher Education

We, the McNeese State University Faculty Senate, in order to show support for our international students and faculty, do hereby resolve to urge the Federal Government to refrain from erecting artificial barriers to travel.

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Resolution

Whereas, traditionally the immigration of students and faculty between countries has been liberally allowed by the United States as well as many other countries; and,

Whereas education is embodied in traditional American values, including the right to obtain knowledge, expressed by America's Founding Fathers in the First Amendment of the Constitution of the United States;

Whereas the immigration of students and faculty has increased interaction between the peoples of the world, bridging the differences between people and bringing the world closer together; and;

Whereas the immigration of students between countries enables them to freely choose the best education for themselves and to study with students and learn from faculty of other countries, which benefits both the students and the world; and

Whereas the immigration of faculty between countries enables them to freely choose the best forum for their skills in teaching and research, and to collaborate with faculty and students of other countries, improving education and research and thus benefitting the faculty, students, and the World; and

Whereas the immigration of faculty and students between countries provides major contributions to all aspects of society, including scientific, cultural, and technological contributions;

Therefore, be it resolved that the McNeese State University Faculty Senate urges the Congress and President of the United States to recognize that the immigration of students and faculty for the purpose of freely associating with other students and faculty is valuable and consistent with traditional American moral values, and, that banning such immigration in the absence of actual material facts justifying such a ban is both inconsistent with traditional American moral values and ought to be opposed.