Sanctuary University Resolution F2016-R3

WHEREAS, an unignorable number of students at the University of North Texas is concerned regarding their safety, privacy, and continuing educations at UNT in light of the 2016 presidential election, subsequent presidential cabinet appointees, and congressional appointments,

WHEREAS, the following universities have already enacted policy changes to protect their students: Portland State University, Oregon State University, Connecticut College, Tufts University, Wesleyan University, University of Massachusetts Amherst, Trinity College, Reed College, Middlebury College, California State University Bakersfield, California State University Channel Islands, California State University Chico, California State University Dominguez Hills, California State University East Bay, California State University Fresno, California State University Fullerton, California State University Long Beach, California State University Los Angeles, Humboldt University, California State University Maritime Academy, California State University Monterey Bay, California State University Northridge, California State University Pomona, California State University Sacramento, California State University San Bernardino, San Diego State University, California State University San Marcos, San José State University, California Polytechnic State University, Sonoma State University, California State University Stanislaus, St. Mary’s College, Columbia University, Yale University, and Stanford University

WHEREAS, students at the University of North Texas contribute to the diversity, cultural richness, and enrichment of the university as a whole,

WHEREAS, the academic statuses of students, particularly international, students of color, and undocumented students, have been called into question and even threatened during the course of the 2016 federal elections,

LET IT BE RESOLVED THAT, the University of North Texas pursue policy changes to make the university officially and publically a “sanctuary university,” thereby ensuring and protecting the safety, privacy, and academic status of all students,

LET IT FURTHER BE RESOLVED THAT, “sanctuary university” status include enactment of the following policies: non-cooperation/non-voluntary assistance with deportations and raids from Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) or other law enforcement agencies, excepting those deportations and raids mandated by federal legal action (e.g. a direct federal court order) or clear, exigent circumstances (e.g. a terrorist threat on campus); support for students who fall under Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) programs, including nondiscrimination, scholarships equivalent to Federal aid, and legal support,

LET IT FURTHER BE RESOLVED THAT, a copy of F2016-R3 be sent to the Graduate Student Council, Student Legal Services Office, Faculty Senate, Staff Senate, University President, Vice Chancellor, and Board of Regents.
Respectfully Submitted,

Senator Tiffany Miller
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In Witness thereof, I hereby certify the Student Senate of the University of North Texas Student Government Association has approved this document and is referred to the office of the President.

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Speaker of the Senate        Date

President of the Student Government Association

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Vice President of Student Affairs        Date