



**JOINT SENATE RESOLUTION
FSR 2020-2021-03 / SSR 2020/2021-00X**

I. Resolution Name:

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE INTERNATIONAL STUDENT POPULATION AT UCO

II. Stated Resolution:

WHEREAS the University of Central Oklahoma Faculty Senate and Staff Senate stand with our international students, faculty, staff and community members whose livelihood has been tremendously impacted by COVID,

WHEREAS we are acutely aware of the restrictions on their travel back and forth to their home communities and nations during the current pandemic,

WHEREAS we are acutely aware of UCO's support for the international students to remain on campus eliminating the need to travel back and forth to their home communities and nations during the current pandemic,

WHEREAS we understand the educational, financial, and personal hardships our students have experienced during a time where on campus job opportunities have been eliminated, support from home has diminished, and limited options exist to alleviate these issues,

WHEREAS we recognize in combination with the recent pandemic, current U.S. policy shifts and fluctuations have created additional challenges for students regarding their status as students and future opportunities to learn and study in the U.S.,

WHEREAS international students' presence on our campus and classrooms provides a diverse and dynamic learning atmosphere which creates a rich educational experience for all of our students,

WHEREAS encouraging and facilitating international student enrollment and engagement at U.S. institutions and communities creates a dynamic economy and talent pool for the U.S.,

Be it RESOLVED we condemn any federal or state policy change, shift, or adjustment which removes, eliminates, or delays international student's enrollment opportunities at UCO and other U.S. colleges and universities,

Be it RESOLVED we denounce any effort to limit student's access to learning opportunities or enrollment at UCO, particularly through online learning if, in the interest of the safety of our students, we are required to deliver courses through online/virtual platforms,

Be it RESOLVED we encourage UCO administration and departments to enhance and prioritize on campus job opportunities which are often filled by international students who by the nature of their VISA have no other option of employment,

Be it RESOLVED that we, as Senate governing bodies, remain committed to serving our international student population, ensuring their experience at UCO is one of support, guidance, and encouragement,

Be it RESOLVED that we will be proactive in engaging with university, local, state, and federal leaders in guaranteeing UCO and the U.S. remain an educational destination for the world.

IT IS SO RESOLVED.

This Resolution was submitted for Consideration to the UCO Faculty Senate on September 10, 2020 and UCO Staff Senate on _____, 2020 by:

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***Recommended for Approval by the
UCO FACULTY SENATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
UCO STAFF SENATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE***

IT IS SO APPROVED by the Faculty Senate on 8 October 2020.

IT IS SO APPROVED by the Staff Senate on _____ 2020.



JENNIFER BARGER JOHNSON
UCO Faculty Senate President

SCOTT DEBOARD
UCO Staff Senate President