

Resolution to Establish Western Illinois University Task Force on Campus Policies to Support Immigrant Students

- Whereas,** Western Illinois University (WIU) welcomes and supports students without regard to their citizenship or immigration status and will continue to admit students in a manner that complies with our nondiscrimination policy and without regard to a student's race, national origin, religion, citizenship, or any other protected characteristic, and WIU is committed to providing an environment in which all admitted students can pursue their studies and careers and graduate successfully; and
- Whereas,** Federal law protects student privacy rights, and state statutes provide broad privacy protections to all students, faculty, staff, and other employees of Western Illinois University; and
- Whereas,** Ensuring that WIU is safe and inviting for all students and their families will facilitate the physical safety and emotional well-being of all students in the University and is paramount to a student's ability to achieve; and
- Whereas,** This safe and inviting environment, as well as the learning environment and educational setting, may be disrupted by the presence of Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) agents or other immigration agents who come onto University property or conduct activities in and around WIU campuses to remove students or obtain information about students or their family members for the purposes of enforcement; and
- Whereas,** Students' abilities to achieve may be undermined by the removal of their family members during ICE raids and arrests, and WIU should have in place policies and procedures to protect and provide emotional counseling and legal support for such students, and relevant faculty, staff, administrators, and other employees should be trained on such procedures; and
- Whereas,** Involving campus police in enforcing federal civil immigration law could create the perceptnft5()ohe6p88(n)

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: that the WIU Faculty Senate urges the administration of Western Illinois