

AU Faculty Senate Resolution Opposing US Government Executive Order of January 27 Related to Travel Restrictions to and from Several Countries

American University's faculty seek to promote the free movement of ideas and people around the world. We share this mission with most U.S. universities and hence condemn the U.S. president's executive order issued on January 27 that sought, in part, to bar individuals from targeted nations from entering the U.S. and further restrict entry of refugees to the U.S., but has had other far reaching adverse effects.

We appreciate the efforts by American University's administration to defend and support our community members affected by the executive order, and to learn how we can continue – despite the setbacks the federal government seeks to pose to our academic community and all others – to promote cultural exchange and understanding, as well as the production of “deep knowledge” through research and scholarship by the world's best and brightest, bar none.

The Faculty Senate of American University stands resolutely in opposition to the executive order and pledges to do whatever it can to preserve the emphasis on celebrating the diversity of our community, the invaluable virtues of globalization and internationalization, and the humane and dignified treatment of refugees and immigrants of all faiths and beliefs at American University, and at universities throughout the U.S. We ask the administration of American University to continue its vigilance and advocacy for students, faculty, staff, and colleagues abroad who are affected by the executive order, and that it continue to join with us in publicly opposing the adverse impacts of the U.S. president's executive order.