

"Resolution to make CUNY a *Sanctuary University* and Hunter College a *Sanctuary Campus*."

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SECTION I

WHEREAS the Hunter College values "learning in the liberal arts and sciences as a cornerstone of individual development and a vital foundation for a more just and inclusive society," and stresses "the significance of human diversity."

WHEREAS the Senate and our academic community and college and universities across the country are concerned about the recent increase in hate crimes and inflammatory language around the United States.

WHEREAS there have been repeated examples of threats against women, LGBTQAI-identified individuals, specific ethnic and religious groups, Latino/as and immigrants during and after a divisive presidential election.

WHEREAS proposed immigration policies of the incoming presidential administration could undermine the safety and security of members of our educational community and their families, particularly those students and staff without the privileges of US citizenship.

WHEREAS two internal 2011 memos indicate that U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement officers are subject to certain restrictions upon entering college campuses, and should avoid persecuting high school and college students.

<https://www.ice.gov/doclib/ero-outreach/pdf/10029.2-policy.pdf>

<https://www.ice.gov/doclib/secure-communities/pdf/prosecutorial-discretion-memo.pdf>

WHEREAS enforcement actions covered by the policy include arrests, interviews, searches, and surveillance for the purposes of immigration enforcement.

WHEREAS a large number of universities and colleges throughout the country are declaring themselves to be "Sanctuary Campuses" to signal their continued commitment to protect all their members regardless of their immigration status.

SECTION II

THEREFORE, the HUNTER College Senate, requests that Hunter College, the Chancellor, and the university administration take the following actions:

1. Develop a protocol to make CUNY a *Sanctuary University* and Hunter College a *Sanctuary Campus*, in order to protect the safety and security of our students, faculty, staff, and the broader community.
2. Ensure that the identities of undocumented members of our community continue to be protected.
3. Refuse all voluntary information sharing with ICE (U.S. Department of Homeland Security Immigration and Customs Enforcement) and CBP (U.S. Customs and Border Protection) across all aspects of the University.
4. Instruct campus police to refrain from collaborating with ICE for the purposes of immigration enforcement.
5. Refuse ICE physical access to all land owned or controlled by the University.
6. Commit to providing adequate mental health services for our students, including mental health professionals who have competency in working with politically marginalized communities.
7. Increase administrative support to Student Affairs to assist Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) students and other students who lack the protections of citizenship on a strictly confidential basis. This should include counseling DACA students on their educational situations and advertise that such counseling services are available on a strictly confidential basis. It should also include providing for students and other members of the CUNY community immigration-related information and facilitating access to legal counsel. This could be done easily by establishing close working relationships with agencies that do offer such counsel and actively making referrals as needed. Free or low-cost legal support should be made available not just to students with DACA status, but also to undocumented students and to others who are out-of-status or facing different immigration problems.
8. Implement campus-wide training in de-escalation intervention techniques including for CUNY campus police.
9. Implement a forum for ongoing feedback from students, faculty and staff about campus climate and additional future actions to protect the safety and dignity of the CUNY community.
10. Take these measures during the current semester so that DACA students can be assured of institutional support.