**Faculty Senate Resolution on President Trump’s Executive Order on Immigration**

Whereas, it is the duty of the SMU Faculty Senate to “[e]xercise leadership to achieve and maintain a high quality of intellectual life for the University” (Faculty Senate Constitution, Art. V, sec. 2(a)); and

Whereas, SMU’s campus must be a place in which students, faculty and staff feel safe and unthreatened by discrimination, whether that discrimination comes from within the campus or from sources external to the campus; and

Whereas, SMU is an academic enterprise that benefits from talented men and women from around the world and from a diverse set of religious backgrounds; and

Whereas, Southern Methodist University (SMU) will not discriminate in any employment practice, education program, education activity, or admissions on the basis of race, color, religion, national origin, sex, age, disability, genetic information, or veteran status (SMU Statement of Nondiscrimination); and

Whereas, on January 27, 2017, the President of the United States issued an Executive Order that restricts entry into the United States by people from Iraq, Syria, Iran, Libya, Somalia, Sudan, and Yemen for ninety days, suspends entry by Syrian nationals indefinitely, and reduces entry by refugees thereafter (White House Executive Order, Jan. 27, 2017); and

Whereas, President Gerald Turner has indicated that SMU will look for ways to support any of its international students whose families may have been affected by this executive order (A message to the SMU community from President Turner, January 29, 2017); and

Whereas, SMU faculty, staff, and students, and their families face undeserved hardship and discrimination as a result of this executive order; now, therefore, be it

*Resolved*, that the Faculty Senate of SMU condemns the Executive Order of January 27, 2017 as antithetical to the values of Southern Methodist University for unreasonably restricting entry to the United States based on national origin and religion; and be it further

*Resolved*, that, unless legally compelled to do otherwise, SMU should respect the privacy of its faculty, staff, and students by not sharing their immigration status; and be it further

*Resolved*, that the faculty and administration of SMU should do whatever possible to embrace and support its international faculty, staff, and students as equal members of our outstanding community.