

Faculty Senate Resolution in Support of International Students in Response to Changes to the U.S. Student and Exchange Visitor Program (SEVP)

(Approved by Senate, 7.10.20)

Whereas the University of Denver deeply values a broad diversity of global experiences and perspectives, and;

Whereas international students at the University of Denver contribute uniquely and crucially to the intellectual and social life of our academic community, and;

Whereas changes to the U.S. Student and Exchange Visitor Program (SEVP) announced on July 6, 2020 directly impact international students studying at DU on F-1 visas, potentially threatening to disrupt their ability to continue to participate fully as members of the DU community.

Therefore, the Faculty Senate calls on DU to uphold the following values in response to the challenges posed by changes to SEVP:

1. DU recognizes the invaluable contributions that international students make to our campus community.
2. DU supports international students at DU and will make every reasonable effort to avoid disruptions in their studies as a consequence of changes to SEVP.
3. DU is committed to offering pertinent support and guidance for all international students as they navigate new SEVP rules.

Additionally, we strongly encourage DU, on behalf of our international students, to join a “friend of the court” brief in support of the current lawsuit filed by Harvard and MIT against the Department of Homeland Security and Immigration and Customs Enforcement for violations of the Administrative Procedure Act.

We also take this opportunity to voice our support for our international faculty and for all members of DU’s international community who may be disproportionately impacted by this most recent turn of events.