Faculty Senate Resolution: Armstrong State University as a “Sanctuary Campus”

WHEREAS Armstrong State University affirms its core values “in an environment that embraces diversity and cultivates student success.”

WHEREAS the Senate and our academic community and peers across the country are concerned about the repeated threats against immigrants during and after a divisive presidential election.

WHEREAS the Association of American Universities (AAU) has long asserted the importance of diversity to the missions of universities.

WHEREAS our Office of Equity, Diversity & Inclusion’s “primary aim is to foster an environment in which all members of the Armstrong community are treated equitably, [and] contribute fully to the university's mission.”

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](https://www.ice.gov/doclib/secure-communities/pdf/prosecutorial-discretion-memo.pdf%29)

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 a “Sanctuary Campus” to signal their continued commitment to protect all its members regardless of their immigration status.

THEREFORE, Armstrong State Faculty Senate requests that the university administration take the following actions, to the extent legally possible:

1. Develop a protocol to make ASU a *Sanctuary Campus*, in order to protect the safety and security of our students, faculty, staff, and the broader community.
2. Protect student privacy by restricting the release of information about students’ immigration status to law enforcement agencies, including ICE.
3. Instruct campus police to refrain from collaborating with ICE for the purposes of immigration enforcement.
4. Refuse access to campus to federal immigration officials for the purposes of immigration enforcement, except in exigent circumstances.
5. Implement campus-wide training in de-escalation intervention techniques, including for ASU campus police.
6. Commit to providing adequate mental health services for our students, including mental health professionals who have competency in working with politically marginalized communities.