

## **FACULTY SENATE**

### **Resolution on the Importance of Immigrants and Visitors to Community Diversity and University Success**

**WHEREAS**, our university community is richer because of its diversity of students, staff, and faculty from around the world, including those from predominantly Muslim countries; and

**WHEREAS**, we have a responsibility to speak up against injustice and intolerance, especially when it emanates from those with authority in this country; and

**WHEREAS**, our research endeavors greatly benefit from, and often rely upon, our ability to attract the best students, staff, and faculty from around the world; and

**WHEREAS**, through the education of students from around the world, the U.S. education system plays an important role in spreading American values and fostering a strong network of those that share them;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that we the Faculty of Virginia Tech strongly express our opposition to the executive orders made by President Donald J. Trump that target refugees, green card holders, and other temporary visa holders and permanent residents, which include our current and future students and colleagues; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that we call upon our elected officials, including President Trump and our Congressional representatives to rescind those orders and implement immigration and homeland security policies that protect the nation's borders while not unduly discriminating against particular ethnic and/or religious groups, or inhibiting the country's ability to engage in the best scholarship and education possible; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that we call upon both the university administration and Commonwealth of Virginia officials to do everything within their power to assist and protect our students and colleagues.