

Resolution 7:

In Support of Making Cornell a Sanctuary Campus

Abstract: This is a resolution declaring the GPSA's collective support for a petition made public on Friday November 18, 2016 calling for Cornell administration to declare Cornell University a "Sanctuary Campus" in the wake of claims made by U.S. President-elect Donald Trump and his advisers concerning potential immigration policy. According to the petition, as a sanctuary campus, Cornell would declare its intent to not cooperate with US Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) efforts to locate members of the Cornell community and commit to guaranteeing funding for DACA students.

Sponsored by: Jesse Goldberg, Humanities Voting Member

Whereas, Cornell students, faculty, staff, and alumni have circulated a petition to make Cornell a sanctuary campus¹;

Whereas, nearly 1,000 Cornell students, faculty, staff, and alumni have already signed and shown their support for the Cornell petition;

Whereas, such petitions are also circulating at over 100 other colleges and universities across the country²;

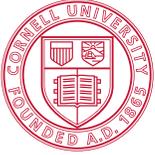
Whereas, more than 90 college and university presidents and chancellors from across the U.S. have already signed a statement calling for the continuation and expansion of the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) program^{3,4};

Whereas, following the United States presidential election on November 8, 2016, there has been an increase in the frequency of recorded events of discriminatory and hateful action against people of color, queer people, immigrants, Muslims, and other historically marginalized people on and off college campuses across the U.S.^{5 6 7};

Be it therefore resolved, that the GPSA as a body fully endorses the petition, "Make Cornell a Sanctuary Campus";

Be it further resolved, that the GPSA calls on Cornell administration to respond directly to issues of safety and community as they specifically affect historically marginalized communities rather than through generalized comments about "students of all identities"⁸;

Be it finally resolved, that the GPSA calls on Cornell administration to respond directly to each of the specific requests in the petition that it has not already addressed and formally declare Cornell a "Sanctuary Campus."



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¹ [Link to the Petition](#) (deactivated since initial draft of this resolution)

² [Link to an article](#) published in *The Chronicle of Higher Education*

³ [Link to an article](#) published in *Insider Higher Ed*

⁴ We note that neither Cornell's Interim President nor President-elect has signed this letter as of November 21, 2016.

⁵ [Link to an article](#) published in *USA Today*

⁶ [Link to an article](#) posted on *Medium.com*

⁷ [Link to an article](#) published in *The New Yorker*

⁸ Language in quotation marks taken from Cornell Vice President Ryan Lombardi's November 9, 2016 email titled "Post-election message1 from VP Ryan Lombardi."