Sponsorship of ‘Know Your Rights’ Event

1. WHEREAS, Recent conflict and strife between the United States and the Republic of Iran has led to concern over future diplomatic relations and the status of Iranian nationals residing in the US;

2. WHEREAS, The University of Wisconsin – Milwaukee (UWM) prides itself on diversity and inclusion, and on its significant population of international students; and Iranian nationals make up nearly 11% of the international graduate students at UWM;

3. WHEREAS, International students are understandably less likely to be well-versed in US Constitutional rights than domestic students; and some students have expressed concern over whether they will be permitted to re-enter the U.S. should they return to their home country for breaks or holidays;

4. WHEREAS, Student Association (SA) members have taken initial steps to organize an informational seminar (focused toward international students, but open to all students) concerning their rights under the US Constitution, in collaboration with the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU);

5. WHEREAS, UWM’s University Counseling Services (UCS) is in the process of organizing a “Safe Space” gathering for students affected by international conflict; and UCS has expressed interest in collaborating with SA on a shared space and time for this event;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Student Association represents the interests of international students and domestic students equally, and stands in solidarity with any students in distress.

THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That SA shall sponsor the ACLU “Know Your Rights” event in collaboration with UCS’s “Safe Space” event; that a budget of no more than $500.00 shall be available for promotion & marketing of both events, speaker expense re-imbursement, and light refreshments for the event – at the discretion of the Treasurer; and that all necessary SA contacts and resources shall be disposed in support of these coordinated events,

THEREFORE, BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, That SA’s support of this event shall be publicized through any and all marketing and media avenues available; and that this resolution shall be disseminated to the University Administration, the Graduate School, Office of the Dean of Students, Norris Health Center, and Office of International Education.

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Legislative History

Jan 26, 2020 – Introduced by Senator Heintzkill; Cosponsored by Senators Bavisotto and Kirsanov.
Jan 26, 2020 – Passed by the 2019-2020 Student Association Senate.
This legislation will be sent to: - Input all parties involved in the creation of or named in the Legislation.