**February 1, 2017**

**A Resolution of Dissent Regarding**

**United States Immigration Policy**

**WHEREAS, Youngstown State University seeks to foster the understanding of global perspectives as well as advance the cultural life of the city, region, and world; and**

**WHEREAS, the core values of the University include:**

* **Conduct that is rooted in integrity, mutual respect, and civility;**
* **Belief in the dignity and worth of all people;**
* **Appreciation of, and respect for, differences among the human race;**
* **The celebration of diversity that enriches the University and the world;**
* **Collegiality and cooperation that deepens the cultural environment;**
* **Active engagement in the greater good of the collective whole — be it the University, the city of Youngstown, the state of Ohio, the region, or beyond; and**

**WHEREAS, the United States government recently established policies that run diametrically counter to the University’s mission and core values; and**

**WHEREAS, these policies not only significantly impact the University’s international students, faculty, and staff in a deeply negative manner, but also are a callous affront to the historic ethnic culture embedded within the greater Mahoning Valley;**

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Academic Senate of Youngstown State University hereby expresses its profound disapprobation for these and any immigration policies that discriminate against persons, based on their national origin or religion, who merely seek to live and work in a safe environment; and**

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Senate strongly encourages the federal government to sensibly develop and implement an immigration policy that protects our nation without sacrificing the fundamental principles upon which our country was founded and by which it has prospered for over two centuries.**