



**Student Government Resolution 120.006**

**A Resolution Documenting Student Government Efforts to Support International Students  
in the Summer of 2020**

**Sponsored by Katie Alexander, President of the Student Association; Josh German, Vice  
President**

WHEREAS,

- The Student Government is the official governing body of the Student Association and exists to represent the present and long term best interest of the Student Association in the formulation of University policy and in the fulfillment of the University mission; and
- On Monday, July 6, 2020, the Student and Exchange Visitor Program (SEVP) under U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement announced modifications to their accommodations for international students from the spring 2020 semester; and
- These modifications would have forced international students studying in person at Truman to return to their home country if the University transitioned to online learning mid-semester; and
- The Student Government first-read a resolution “Denouncing SEVP Guidance for Fall 2020<sup>1</sup>” that was intended to express support for the international student community and petition the federal government to repeal the policy modifications; and
- The SEVP repealed their policy modifications before the Student Government was able to second-read and pass this resolution; and
- Similar challenges to the international student community may occur in the future; and
- Documenting our efforts to support the community will enable future administrations to respond in a more timely and informed manner;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE STUDENT GOVERNMENT,

- Documents our efforts to advocate for the international student community in the summer of 2020; and

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<sup>1</sup>[https://docs.google.com/document/d/1-eeICbvcl-XX8zkFU1KYrt2hUUE\\_ODkokGro0AC3P4/edit?usp=sharing](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1-eeICbvcl-XX8zkFU1KYrt2hUUE_ODkokGro0AC3P4/edit?usp=sharing)

- Recommends that future administrations advocate on behalf of our international student community if their place on campus is similarly threatened in the future; and
- Will develop a partnership with the Center for International Students to help the community with ongoing issues both from and beyond the COVID-19 crisis.

THE STUDENT GOVERNMENT OF TRUMAN STATE DIRECTS THAT

Additional copies of this resolution will be disseminated to The Center for International Students, Truman Media Network, and the University Archives.

Passed 8-1-2, August 30, 2020.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Katie Alexander". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal flourish at the end.

Katie Alexander, President of the Student Association